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Welcome to Term 3

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new principal and let you know that I am very excited about my new adventure working with and for the community at Leura Public School. I live in the beautiful Blue Mountains with my husband and three children. I have over 15 years' experience as a teacher and school leader and I know how important it is that our students have access to a strong, inclusive and excellent public education system that promotes lifelong learning so our students can meet their full potential. I am a passionate leader who brings fun, enthusiasm and the love of learning with me to Leura Public School.

I hope that the school holidays have been safe and restful for you and our students. I am looking forward to the next few weeks and months as I get to know the staff, students and community. I am excited to find out about all the fantastic things about Leura Public School. I have met some of our wonderful students and staff and I have been impressed by their warm welcomes, beautiful manners and the many acts of kindness so far. I really love the work done on the Sculpture Trail and Kitchen Garden and can see so much dedication, love and care for our school by the whole community and the P and C.

Term 3 resumes for our students on Tuesday 21st July 2020 and we look forward to a fabulous term ahead including preparation for Education Week during Week 3. The Department of Education has provided schools with some updated advice during the holidays as a result of the recent and unfortunate events in NSW and Victoria.

Firstly, we would like to thank all our parents for their incredible diligence around student illness at this time. As we know, students should never be at school if they are sick and we thank you for always being supportive of this and arranging care for your children if they need to remain home from school. In the current climate our school is being extremely cautious around student illness and any student with symptoms such as coughing, runny noses and headaches are being sent home. Please also let the school know immediately if anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19 as the school is required to report all tests to an internal incident reporting line. We will need to know when your child was tested and where. Please also contact the school with the results of the test. We so appreciate your support with this process.

As you would be aware the border between NSW and Victoria closed as of 12:01am 8 July 2020. All staff and students returning from Victoria after this time must have a permit to enter NSW and are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. With the exception of staff and students who reside in a border town, all other staff and students who have been in Victoria in the 14 days before the commencement of school should not attend school until they complete the 14 days self-isolation period since they left Victoria. NSW Health has requested anyone who has been in Victoria and is unwell or has flu like symptoms arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Please assist us by notifying the school if any of these are relevant to you.

Finally, I would like to say that I am looking forward to meeting our students and families over the coming weeks and months and am really looking forward to a fun and fabulous term of learning.

Kind regards,

May Ptolemy

Principal