

# Bidwill Events

Term 4 Week 3: October 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Last week saw the end of an era for two of our long-standing staff members. Gail the “lollypop lady” (pictured) has safeguarded the Luxford Road crossing for 18 years and retired from this position on Friday. Gail is much loved by the students and families of our community and she will be sorely missed.

Another of our long-standing staff members, Mr Julian Cole, also finished up on Friday last week after almost 16 years as an English teacher and head teacher Administration.

All the best to both Gail and Julian for the future, and huge thanks for your service to the Bidwill community.

We’ve had a successful start to the HSC exams for Year 12. With English and several other subjects now done, students can focus their study time on their other subjects. While the library is closed for other students during the exam period, we welcome Year 12s to access school resources to assist with their studies, including finding somewhere quiet to study or making an appointment with their teacher.

We have some happy news for Year 7, with our annual Swim School going ahead in Week 7. The PDHPE faculty is working on a Covid-safe plan and will provide information on this important tradition very soon.

We also have some clarity on Year 10 celebration events for later this term. Our Year 10 Student Advisers and HT Wellbeing have surveyed the year group and met with the SRC representatives about holding a Formal under Covid-safe conditions. Somewhat surprisingly, our students voted overwhelmingly *against* attending a Formal. Instead, they have voiced a desire to organise a day at the end of the year where students can celebrate the end of Year 10 in a fun and active way. More details will be provided soon.

We will also be acknowledging the end of Year 10 by holding a graduation assembly towards the end of the term. We will be filming the event and providing the film to parents and carers online. However, due to Covid-safe measures we will be limiting the event to students and a small number of organising staff.

Have a great week

Sincerely,

Jason White (Relieving Principal)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## This week

- Year 12 HSC Exams continue
- PCYC *Fit For Life* program starts

## Further Ahead

- Last day of HSC Exams at Bidwill Campus – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Sign out day for Year 12 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 12 Graduation – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 11 Reports handed out – Week 4
- Yearly Exams for some 7-10 courses - Weeks 4-6
- Year 7 Swim school – Week 7 – 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Last day of Term 4 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December
  
- Students return to school for 2021:
  - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January for Years 7, 11, 12
  - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February for Years 8, 9, 10