2023 March Absence Data

It is the term break which is a great time to rest and recharge. It is also a good time to reflect on your child's attendance at school.

Already, we are seeing that 14 students who have had between 15-20% of school days absent, and 36 students have had over 20% of school days absent. While some of these can be attributed to illness or overseas travel, students are still missing school and vital learning.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

What will happen now?

- Classroom teachers have a copy of their grade's March attendance.
- The Leadership Team have identified students that have had several days off.
- The classroom teachers will alert you if your child has had too many days off school.

We are also finding a **huge** increase in lateness to school. In the month of March **females accounted for 177 days late and males accounted for 224 days**! This means they miss vital learning instructions at the beginning of the day, and this can interrupt the flow of teaching and learning for themselves and the class.

We ask that families review their morning routines to ensure their children are at school on time. Some other strategies to help make mornings a bit smoother are:

- Setting a regular alarm.
- Waking up that bit earlier and allow for some extra travel time.
- Preparing lunch, the night before.
- Students packing their bag the night before as much as possible.
- Completely homework tasks in the evenings rather than mornings when it is busy.
- Laying out school uniform ready for the morning.
- Minimising television and device time in the morning.

Remember, going to school every day is the **single most important** part of your child's education.

3A had the most consistent attendance in March with 98% attendance. Overall Year 4 males had the lowest absences. Foundation, Year 4 and Year 5 students on average had the best attendance with 95%.

% of Absences for Whole School							
	NIL Absences	0% to 5%	5% to 10%	10% to 15%	15% to 20%	Over 20%	Total
Female	82	45	24	10	6	14	180
Male	85	50	24	12	8	22	201
Total	167	95	48	22	14	36	382
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