It has been another great fortnight at SHPS with many incursions and excursions happening. The highlight for me, as a dad and as the Acting Principal was the Father’s Day breakfast. We had a wonderful turnout with many dads, grandfathers and even uncles turning up on the day. It was a lovely community morning and I would like to thank all of the dads for making time to attend this special morning. If you were one of the dads who attended, I hope that you managed to spend time engaging with your child, exploring the learning zones, seeing examples of their work, or playing one of the many activities that were happening in the yard. Thank you to the dads who initiated/coordinated the games outside – it was inspiring and pleasing, to see the connections and joy that these activities brought to both the students and the dads participating.

Any event requires a great deal of organisation and coordination both leading up to the event and on the day of the event. This event was only possible through the work of the Parent’s Association. I would like to thank the co-presidents, Kelsey and Kelly, and the members of the Parent’s Association, along with the Year 5 mums for their work in organising the breakfast. The P.A. was also responsible for organising the Father’s Day stall, so a big thanks again for their work in making the stall, with the wonderful variety of gifts, possible for our students. I know that many of the students are looking forward to tomorrow night’s P.A. disco. Please talk to your child/ren about appropriate behaviour for this event (particularly about no running in the stadium during the disco).

Our P.A. and these events are all run through volunteers, they manage to create a wonderful community spirit through these events and we appreciate all that they do. As they are coordinating a number of suppliers, stock delivery, purchases etc. final numbers are required by the deadline so that they can organise these events effectively to ensure success on the day. The deadlines set are the deadlines. If you have missed the deadlines please do not attempt to bring in late forms and payment, as they cannot be accepted.

If you are anything like me, then you will have missed a deadline or a cut-off time at some point in your life. While this can be disappointing, we learn to live with the consequences if this happens. The feeling of disappointment is often enhanced when we feel that we have let our children down. Can I encourage you to not beat yourself up if this happens, but to discuss this with your child and let them know that this time they have missed out and that the situation can’t be changed. You may need to help them deal with their feelings by discussing it with them. I would encourage you to discuss the meaning of resilience with your child, along with strategies that they can use to develop and grow their resilience.

If you are planning on taking an early holiday with your child/ren before the end of term, please don’t forget to let the school know, either through the website or the Skoolbag app. You may also choose to send in a letter with your child/ren.

The last day of term will be a ‘Footy Colours’ day, students are invited to wear their footy colours to school. This day is a gold coin donation with all monies raised donated to a charity that the Junior School Council will nominate supporting research into childhood cancer.. Please don’t forget that the last day of term has a 2:30pm dismissal for students.

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