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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season.

Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out. In the event of a Severe or Extreme Fire Danger Rating I am required to inform you via our School Website, Skoolbag app or School Facebook page and we will closely monitor fires in the area. These happen fairly frequently during the bushfire season.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. To assist me in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details.

When there is a fire in our area we will monitor the situation and keep you informed via School website, Skoolbag app, School Facebook page or SMS.

In the event of an Emergency Warning we will shelter in place or evacuate to a refuge as directed by the Rural Bushfire Service. Should this occur we will ask that no child is picked up until we are safely evacuated or sheltered.

Please read our Bushfire Emergency Plan on our School website or Skoolbag app.

Information for parents and carers provided by the department about these arrangements is attached.

Please contact the school on 4976 1318 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Notley
Principal