



# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN



Principal's Newsletter

## THE WEEK THAT WAS (AND WILL BE)...

by Paul Page

It has certainly been somewhat of a quiet week at The Latham School this week. This was undoubtedly one of the weeks where the iceberg metaphor plays out with a calmness on show, whilst all the tumult and toil happens beneath the surface!

Staff have worked very hard ensuring that reports have been completed, checked, verified, printed and sent out before Monday's deadline - thank you for all of the hard work on this.

On top of this has been the preparation for the forthcoming Science Fair (25th February) - there are some fantastic innovations being created by the students from Year 1 upwards. We are all really looking forward to Tuesday where the students will have the opportunity to showcase their upcycled projects.

We have also been undertaking a tightening of time-keeping with students' arrivals and departures and, in doing so, now understand better the need to ensure that timings are adhered to for the safety of our students. Many thanks to all of the parents who have supported this for a long time and across this past week.

On a final note, a lot of work has been completed towards the finalisation of ISET, our very own Expo in Dar - please spread the word far and wide and visit the schools present at the Little Theatre on Saturday 7th March.

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## DROP-OFF & PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY

Across this week we have been trying to better understand the need for timings to be adhered to at The Latham School. The particular focus has been the dropping off and collection of students.

It is clearly stated in the Parent Handbook that students may not enter school premises before 7.15am and should be collected (unless attending a paid-for activity) no later than 3.30pm. The reason for this is simple: child safety.

Before and after these times, there are no staff available to supervise children on site. As safety is the number one priority in any school, we must ensure that these timings are always adhered to. If it is the case that you are unable to make these times work for you, then I would strongly urge you to consider making use of the school bus service (details available from reception) as this will guarantee a timeous drop off and collection of your child.

Late arrival has also been measured, and it is clear that late students have a detrimental effect on the work taking place in class, and also place the late student in the difficult position of needing to catch up.

I urge all parents to ensure that children are in school at the correct time and collected at the correct time.

*'In Our Time, Let Us Do Good'*