

'From small things big things grow'

23 April 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Easter Bunny brought more than just eggs when he came to Western Australia - he also brought the welcome opportunity for us to reopen our school for face to face teaching.

As you are aware the Premier has informed the public that schools are to remain open and students are to be encouraged to attend school. Our Director General has made it clear that there is an expectation all staff are back working on site as of the beginning of Term 2.

It is reassuring all measures that have been taken to flatten the curve and the advice from the Chief Medical Officers of both State and Federal Government means the risk of COVID transmission in schools remains very low. I am very happy to be in a position to welcome all students back to school next week. We ask for your support in having a staggered restart to the Term.

Although we find ourselves in a positive situation, I am cautiously considering the necessary changes to our practise and processes. This staggering will allow us to navigate the challenges of teaching in a Covid-19 world. It is not to be taken lightly, as much of what we have long held as normal will need reviewing in the context of a different world we now live in. It is our intention to teach our students face to face as we believe we are best positioned to educate the children. Our focus is on the students who are attending school and we will work to ensure their success.

Our Plan

Our focus is on five main areas, not in priority order;

1. Safety for all
2. Teaching what matters (Health and hygiene, clear direction around curriculum concepts to be covered particularly in Literacy and Numeracy)
3. Health and wellbeing of children, staff and parents, managing workload and ensuring ongoing support.
4. Clarity around new policy and procedures in the school.
5. Clarity on new classroom practice and configurations of classrooms.

School start will be staggered – see timetable below.

The aim is to have everyone back at school by Friday. Each class will attend either Wednesday or Thursday. This means there is a day to reflect on what is working and what needs to be attended to – individually and collectively. This also allows each year level to view how they best integrate throughout the day.

Term 2 Week 1 Timetable			
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindy	Purple	Purple	Purple
	Lemon	Lemon	Lemon
Kindy students to have separate lunchbreaks and outdoor play times			
PP	H1		All
		H2	All
Year 1	C1		All
		C3	All
	C4		All
Year 2	C6		All
		C5	All
	C7		All
Year 3	T5		All
		T6	All
	T7		All
Year 4	C1		All
		C2	All
Year 5	T3		All
		T4	All
Year 6	T1		All
		T2	All

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday is a Pupil Free Day and will be used for preparing for the students return. Our staff will also be involved in additional training around teaching practice that supports social distancing.

Social Distancing Measures

- The School is closed to all parents; this includes the Front Office.
- Parents are to drop off and collect their children at the following places. Staff members will greet them at these points.
 - Kindy - students to be met at the external gate.
 - PP from Princess Road Gate – students to be met at the gate on the boundary of school.
 - Year 1 and 2 – students to enter from carpark gate and be met at the gate.
 - Year 3 – enter through south Tangney corridor doors. (all students in Tangney are to be dropped off at the roundabout or other off site location.)
 - Year 4 - students to enter the cube through the external door.
 - Year 5 and 6 – enter through rear Tangney door. (all students in Tangney are to be dropped off at the roundabout or other off site location.)

- Students will be supported in learning and practising behaviour that adheres to community expectations and the 1.5m recommended distancing in social situations.
- Playground equipment will be cleaned after each break.
- Cleaning of the school will also occur during the day.

I hope this provides you with sufficient information around our planning and that you feel comfortable and confident about Term 2 schooling. Please email me with any questions that you have.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind regards

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