



Covid – 19 Newsletter 5

Principal Message – Mrs Joanne Webster

20th May 2020

Dear Families,

Next week we begin our Stage 1 Return to School Plan. As communicated to you all last week, **Monday 25th May will be a School Closure Day** to enable staff to prepare for this transition. This means the school is **closed to all students** including those of essential service workers and vulnerable students.

In the first stage, students in **Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school from Tuesday 26th May.**

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite school will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26th May to Friday 5th June.

All other students (Years 3-6), will continue learning from home until their return on Tuesday 9th June.

Once a year level has returned, all students are expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to onsite schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

During Stage 1 and Stage 2 return to school, and up until the end of at least Term 2, adults including families will not be permitted on school premises, unless absolutely necessary. If you need to pay fees or purchase uniform, you may do so using credit card and over the phone. Please contact the office.

WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR P-2 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES?

1. Staggered start and finish times to the school day.

- Outlined on the table below are the start and finish times for school days for students. These have been allocated according to the House the student belongs to. This will support families to come at the one time. Children should know their house colour, with the exception of the Prep students. Teachers will email these to Prep families sometime today. If your child is unsure of their House colour, please contact the office on 931 18872.
- The small and large gates on Westmoreland Road will be the entrance and exit to the school for students each day.
- Willey street school entrance is for staff and adults including families. Student are not to enter or exit through these gates.
- In the mornings, a drop off zone will be set up on Westmoreland Rd for families to drop their children off. This will be manned by staff. **Parents will not be permitted to park here.**
- At the end of the day, parents or families will need to park, and pick up students as detailed on the below tables.
- There will be **NO STAFF SUPERVISION** of the car park. So, if you choose to use this, you will need to walk your child to the gate on Westmoreland road.
- Families who allow their children to walk to school are also required to comply with the times outlined.
- Signage will be posted at entrance to support you with this.

Mamo House: Gold	
8:30am	Enter by Small Westmoreland Gate
2:45pm Wednesday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate
3:15pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate

Mahoney House: Red	
8:30am	Enter by Large Westmoreland Gate
2:45pm Wednesday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate
3:15pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate

McKay House: Green	
9:00am	Enter by Small Westmoreland Gate
3:00 pm Wednesday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate
3:30pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Small Westmoreland Gate

Mackillop House: Blue	
9:00am	Enter by Large Westmoreland Gate
3:00pm Wednesday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate
3:30pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday	Pick up from Large Westmoreland Gate

2. HYGIENE PRACTICES

- The students and staff will be asked to hand sanitise or wash their hands with soap upon entry to the school.
- Students will hand sanitise or wash hands prior to going out for lunch and recess play and also upon re-entry to the learning spaces.
- Students are to bring their own bottles of water and will not be permitted to drink from the water fountains. The fountains can be used for refilling bottles.
- All learning spaces will have a large bottle of hand sanitiser. Some children may be allergic to this or be experiencing rashes or dry hands, they will be asked to wash their hands
- Sneezing or coughing practices into the elbow will continue to be reinforced.
- Each day learning spaces will be thoroughly cleaned and aerated.

3. LUNCH AND BRAIN FOOD BREAKS

Students must bring their own lunch and brain food. **NO PARENTS WILL PERMITTED TO DELIVER LUNCHES TO THE SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. LUNCH ORDERS WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL 11th JUNE, 2020.** There will be no over the counter sales for all of Term 2.

4. WINTER UNIFORM

All students are to wear Winter uniform upon their return. Full school uniform is to be worn. Sports uniform only on Physical Education days. The uniform may be purchased from the office. Uniform order sheet attached.

5. RETURN OF SCHOOL DEVICES

All iPads are to be returned to the school on Tuesday 26th May for Prep to Year 2 students. The return of books and stationery given is also required on this day.

6. UNWELL STUDENTS

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, we ask you to keep your child home if they are unwell. **This means if your child has runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea etc, they should NOT be at school.**

7. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Students at before school care will enter the school as they normally do, through the Pioneers Hall. At the end of the day they will make their way to after school care.

In the second stage, of our return to onsite school, all other levels, **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will return to school from Tuesday 9th June.** Much of this information will remain the same. The next few weeks will give us the opportunity to trial some of these processes and have them adjusted and refined once all students return.

Again, I thank you in advance for your partnership and support. Very grateful for this.

PREPARING TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FLYER

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer from our School Psychologist Sarah Judde, outlining how you may support your child to return to school, given for some they will have been away for up to nine weeks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who may have had a birthday this week!!

PRAYER

Prayer for the Ascension

O God of earth and sky,
as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven,
so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places.
Though he is hidden from our sight,
enable us to abide in him
by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,
until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation.

Amen

Who?	What?	Where?
Gaston	farm	Farm bushland.
Freckles	garden	rain outdoor
Daley	Farm animals	
Golded girl	bushland	
Aunt jane		
When?	Why?	How?
on a raining day. afternoon dark	The goat got scared from the light lighting	goat went to sleep because he had a tent

