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Term 2 Dates

Thursday 23 April

Collection of work at home packages for students staying at home learning
09:00-11:00 Thursday 23 April

Monday 27 April

ANZAC Day Holiday

Tuesday 28 April

Pupil free day for teachers

Wednesday 29 April

First day for students attending school. Please bring back your pencil cases!

Paint a Rainbow free dress days are still on Wednesdays!

Week 1 yellow, Week 2 violet, Week 3 red, Week 4 green



From the Principal

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you during the school holidays to let you know about the arrangements for our school for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances. I thank those who have already let their teacher know through Seesaw or other means.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable with their regular class teacher;



- For those children learning from home, this will be through online or hard copy packages provided to you from school. Packages can be collected from school this Thursday 9-11am for those choosing work from home for the first two weeks;
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week by phone and/or online;

The State Government is providing \$43 million to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs and taps are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before play times.

While physical distancing of 1.5m will be encouraged, the reality of this in a school setting with up to 80-90% attendance expected may not be achievable.

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

Drop off and gate procedures

In keeping with the requirements of schools limiting adults on site parents are asked to drop children at gates. We realise this is a big ask for many and we have put in place staff to welcome students at all gates.

All gates will be locked after hours, with staff manning them when they are open.

Staggered arrival and pick up times are encouraged (although families can choose within these times)

- **ECE** North gates will be unlocked at 8:45
 - Kindy arrive 9:00 to 2:45
 - PP arrive 8:45 to 2:55
- Kindy and PP having early pickup times, will coordinate and organise classes to be waiting on grass or outside for easy parent access and pick up.
- We will try to set up back car park and ECE car park as additional 'Kiss and Drop' point for parents.

- ECE parents wanting to walk their child to the gate are asked to park at the North side of the ECE carpark.
 - **Yr 1- 6** 8:30 - 3:00 – normal times
 - **Year 1** children will be walked to gates so please let your teacher know which gate they will go to and each year 1 teacher will walk year 1 children to the appropriate gates for a 2:45 collection to reduce numbers at 3:00.
 - The Hall Road gate will be open at 8:15 or when the first bus arrives. Ms Horo will collect bus students.
 - Other gates will open at 8:25 with a staff member manning each gate to welcome students.
 - Parents who arrive late will need to drop children at the gate by the hall and if possible call the office on 9968 1800 to let us know your child is arriving.
 - A sign on each of our gates will state their opening time and school phone number for parents or visitors to call.
 - Gates will be locked around 9:15am and reopened from 2:45 to 3:15.
 - Parents needing to sign children out are asked to call ahead and we will have your child ready to leave and be collected from the Hall gate at the ETA.
 - **Special Needs students** will be met at the gate by their education assistant at 09:00. We have been contacting these parents prior to school starting.

Adjusted school procedures include:

- The Canteen is closed Week 1 at least.
- School grounds remain closed after hours
- Changes to Daily fitness
- Sports equipment managed by teachers
- Breakfast club modified but available
- Eating breaks are modified with staggered play and eating times,
- Students are asked to have a drink bottle as drinking from drink fountains is not recommended.
- The school library will re-open in Week 2 for classes to borrow
- Yoga may start Week 2, on lawn, with no mats, depending on weather.
- Craft activities will be determined later.

Students are asked to have ICT devices only if absolutely necessary.

Kind regards

Lis Turner and the staff at Waggrakine