

## Parent Update #7

### New Information for Parents.

### Government Phase 3 COVID 19 initiatives.

Due to the State government relaxation of some Social Distancing requirements, **as of Monday 8 June** the following restrictions will be relaxed and changes made:

- Parents (**essential only – no visitors or extended family**) will be allowed back on to school grounds. This will be for drop off and pick up of students only and there will be **NO PLAYING ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL** due to cleaning requirements that remain in place.

Staff are requesting that where possible, drop off at the gates remains the strategy particularly for Kindy, Pre Primary and Year One students, as we have seen an enormous and positive increase in the independent skills of your children. It has also enabled faster starts to instruction in the mornings due to the improved routines and parents not lingering. Your assistance is requested here.

- Pre Primary pick up in the afternoons will revert back to the Sunray Avenue Early Childhood gates.
- The School Board has approved the retention of the staggered drop off and pickup times for Kindy and Pre Primary students due to the significant benefit to the car parking situation and remediation of traffic flow issues. Parents of early drop off and pickup children are reminded to exit the car parks as soon as possible in order to create spaces for the next group of parents. Mrs Atherton's PP/ year one class will also continue to align to the Pre Primary schedule.
- All gates will be locked at 2.55 pm each afternoon to support the continued Government Social Distancing requirements.
- Parents meetings with teachers may now recommence – aligning to Social Distancing protocols. Teachers will book appointments with parents on a needs basis and parents may book appointments if you have concerns via Seesaw or the Front Office.
- Home Readers will once again be made available to students and will be cleaned upon return to school.
- Daytime cleaning of all high contact surfaces by our specialist team will continue.
- Most sports activities will recommence however we will continue to attempt to observe non-contact, Social Distancing requirements. Sports carnivals will be of a modified nature in an attempt to support Social Distancing strategies.

## **In Term Swimming for Aspiri Primary School.**

The outcome of our Parent Survey in regards to participation in the In- Term Swimming program at Aspiri Primary School indicated positive (over 90 %) support for this initiative.

As a result, our school will participate in the Interm Swimming program in 2021- as this is the first available opportunity to book spaces in the program. We have identified term 4 as a possible timeframe for participation, however this is subject to spaces being available at local venues and confirmation by the authorities. Other timeslots throughout the year may be offered as alternatives. Given the outcome of the survey offered to all parents, it is an expectation that **ALL** students (PP to year 6) will participate in their allotted times – no excuses.

## **Semester One reports to families –Reminder**

With the arrival of COVID 19 back in March, teaching and learning programs have looked markedly different. Therefore, it has required changes to reporting to parents in terms of student progress in Semester 1. Pre-primary to Year 6 reports will still be completed using the Department of Education template, however, given the lack of quality data available for semester one, the Minister for Education has advised schools that there is no requirement to report student achievement using the A-E grades.

We will be:

- Using the standard Education Department template as required.
- Reporting across all learning areas taught this semester but not providing a comment for all learning areas.
- Providing comments in English and Mathematics in relation to your child's progress this semester and specialist areas will provide an outline of the curriculum undertaken so far.
- Completing the ABE (Attitude, Behaviour and Effort) checklist for each student.
- Completing an overall general comment for your child.

**Reminders:**

- If your drop off or pick up time is the earlier of the two, please leave promptly to create more available spaces in our carparks for later pickups.

**A Directive from the Director General of Education remains in place:**

**Unwell Students.**

Due to the ongoing concerns around the COVID 19 virus, the current Department of Education directive remains that, if your child displays any signs or symptoms of illness, you must keep them at home.

If a student displays any signs of illness at school, parents will be contacted and expected to collect them immediately.

**Driving in Carparks.**

**Well done parents. This is improving!!**

**PLEASE** take all care and responsibility when using the carpark and access and exit points. We are dismayed to hear reports of parents driving through the carpark using mobile phones. This is illegal and dangerous. You are putting yours and other families' children at great risk.

When using the carparks be on high alert at all times and be patient and courteous. This sets a good example for your children.

In addition, do not park on or near any marked pedestrian crossings or "no parking" zones. This will be monitored in the coming days and those not supporting this request will be required to move on.

**Please do not use Rossiter Avenue as a drop off or pick up opportunity. IT IS ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS.**

### **Students on bikes**

We have become aware of some students riding bikes and scooters to school who are taking extraordinary risks by not wearing helmets.

We are committed to the absolute safety of our students at all times and the wearing of helmets makes absolute sense. We would like your support in this matter.

Please ensure your child has – and wears a helmet if they are riding on or around our roads. The extreme consequences do not bear thinking about for the sake of a \$30 helmet.

### **Due to the continuation of Social distancing requirements by the Government of Western Australia, the following arrangements remain in place:**

#### **Before School Drop off**

- **Kindergarten and Pre Primary, the staggered drop off and pick up times will remain in place until further notice.**
- **Before School Arrival - Not Before 8.30am**
- **Where possible parents please continue to drop Kindergarten and Pre Primary students at the gates, not the classroom. Teachers have determined that your child no longer requires this support.**
- *Gates will be locked by 8.50 am. All students who are late must enter via the Front Office. Staff will escort them to classrooms.*

## **After School Pick Up**

**Times remain the same. Note the pickup point change for Pre Primary.**

### Kindergarten:

- Students to be picked up at **2.45 pm** from the Early Childhood gates.

### Pre Primary:

- Students to be picked up at **2.30pm** from the Early Childhood gate.

### Year 1:

For students in Teaching Block 2, students will be at the gate where your child entered the school in the morning on the southern side of the Administration block. This will commence at the normal school finish time of 2.40pm. Ms Beeson and Ms Blyth's classes will continue to be released at the small side gate adjacent to their classrooms in order to ease overcrowding and support Social distancing requirements.

Mrs Donohue's and Ms Alberton's year one classes will continue to be picked up at 2.40 pm at the gates on the other (Northern) side of the Admin block on Sunray Avenue.

### Year 2 - Year 6:

Students will be dismissed from classrooms at 2.40 pm and exit via the closest gate to their classroom.

## **Attendance.**

As of Monday, May the 18<sup>th</sup> all students are required to attend school as normal (apart from those identified by the school for exemption).

The school will record and follow-up attendance as per normal from now on. Please continue to advise the school if your child is absent on any school day.

See you at the gate,

Noel Morgan, Principal, Aspiri Primary School.