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## **Week 3 Update**

Dear Parents and caregivers,

### *Congratulations!*

Thanks to your support all our students will be returning to face-to-face learning starting Week 4 (25 October 2021). We can't wait to have our classrooms buzzing with excitement and filled with smiling faces!

I am sure that you are feeling many emotions about your children returning. Let me assure you that it is completely normal to be feeling everything from: excited that you will have some time to yourself to anxious about your children remaining safe at school, to sad about what you might "miss" when they are at school.

In fact, it is also completely normal to feel all these emotions within a single minute!

We have received some great feedback from the *Parenting Anxious Kids* presentation from Michael Grose - I am hoping to distribute a recording of the presentation shortly for those who may have missed it.

## **School wide COVID safe measures**

To ensure our return is as safe as possible, we have the following COVID safe measures in place:

- Students will remain within their stage group while at school (Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3). For this reason, each stage will be allocated an area of the playground that they will need to stay in during break times.
- NSW Health strongly recommends that students wear masks while indoors. Masks are mandatory indoors for staff and adults. Please note that this advice was modified to be in line with the Public Health Order from 18.10.21.
- Students or staff who display any symptom of COVID-19 will be sent home and not permitted to return until they are symptom free and can provide a negative COVID test or, where a COVID test is not available, are symptom free and have isolated for 10 school days. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- To promote good ventilation windows and doors will remain open in all classrooms.
- Whole school events (e.g. assemblies) as well as our Headstart transition program will remain on hold.

- All pedestrian gates to the school will be locked during school hours- please call 4325 2181 to contact our office staff.
- The vehicle access gate of the main carpark will be closed from 2.00pm. This will mitigate the risks involved through having cars enter and exit the school at the same time as students are being collected.

### Allocated student areas for before school, recess, and lunch (from 25 October 2021)

Equipment / Sandpit	(Mon/Wed/Fri)- Kindergarten
	(Tues/Th) - Stage 1
Stage 1 Oval / COLA	(Mon/Wed/Fri) - Stage 1
	(Tues/Th) - Kindergarten
Handball / Oval	Stage 2
Tennis / Go cart concrete area	Stage 3
Commemorative grass area	Support Classes (recess, eating and lunch only) NB// Support students in classrooms for before school

### Student Pickup from 25 October 2021

As parents will be unable to collect siblings from the hall at the same time (due to students remaining in stage groups) we highly recommend that you arrange for a meeting place outside of the school for you to collect students in Stage 2 or 3.

Students who are walking home, meeting their parent at a location outside of school or catching the bus home will remain in class until 2.45pm. All other students will be dismissed as per the table below:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Area</b>
2.35pm	Support	Veronica Close
2.40pm	Kindergarten	Veronica Close
2.30pm	Stage 1	Hall
2.40pm	Stage 2	Hall
2.40pm	Stage 3	Bus Gate

### Canteen

The canteen will be operating from 25 October 2021 on a reduced menu and by order only (recess and lunch). There will be no counter service, and the shutters of the canteen will remain

down. To order, please write your child's name, class and order on a paper bag or envelope and enclose an appropriate amount of money.

Orders will be collected from classrooms each morning. Food will be delivered to class teachers to distribute at recess and lunch.

Please note that students are not to approach the canteen.

### **Information about COVID-19 cases at school**

The department has updated its pages with detailed guidance for parents and carers about what will happen should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 at school and students are identified as a close or casual contact.

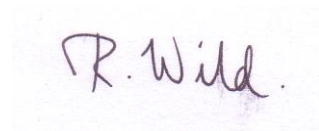
NSW Health will notify the school if there is a positive COVID-19 case who has been infectious while at school and we will in turn notify parents and carers. Contact tracing will be undertaken as it is in all other venues. The action we take will in relation to the operation of the school will depend on how many people the person has been in contact with. In some cases, this may mean that the school may need to be made temporarily non-operational. Some staff and students may be asked to self-isolate as a precaution while contact tracing is completed.

### **No such thing as a “perfect plan”**

There is no doubt that despite our best efforts, modifications will need to be made to the above plan. These changes may even need to occur with very little notice to families. While we understand that this can be frustrating, we ask for your patience as unfortunately there is no “rule book” to follow in a pandemic.

Please follow the rules and procedures in place - we are trying our best to keep your children safe and look forward to the days that mask, social distancing and sanitiser are behind us.

Take care



Rebecca Wild.

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