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Dear Parents/Carers

Overnight we received communication from the NSW Department of Education who have been working closely with NSW Health. Schools have been asked to implement some state-wide operational guidelines. The following summarises the precautionary measures we are putting in place.

Excursions and Extra Curricula

From Monday 16 March all excursions and extra curricula activities will be postponed until further notice. This includes:

- Year 4 CARES
- Year 5 Graffiti Education
- Easter Hat Parade – we will work on a plan to still have the Easter bunny 'visit'
- Leaders ANZAC Ceremony at Penrith Paceway
- School ANZAC Ceremony
- Cross Country – exploring alternative organisational options
- Panthers on the Prowl
- Wiggle Giggle and Read
- Harmony Day
- Kids Literacy Quiz
- Performing Arts Groups – Dance, Drama, etc

Breakfast Club

This is cancelled until further notice.

Assemblies

No assemblies until further notice. Silver and Gold awards will be presented by the Executive in classrooms. We will hold all Honour Awards until such time assemblies resume again. This also means that all class assembly items are on hold too.

Break Times and Social Distancing

As we have over 500 students, we have had to stagger our break times.

- Kindergarten and Years 3, 4 and K6C
 - Recess - 11.00 until 11.30am
 - Lunch – 1pm until 1.30pm (Eating Time 12.50pm in classrooms)
- Years 1, 2, 5, 6, K6D and K6R
 - Recess – 11.30am until 12pm
 - Lunch – 1.30pm until 2pm (Eating Time 1.20pm in classrooms)

Students will **not** play outside in the mornings. All students are to head straight to their classrooms at 8.30am.

SRE/Scripture

All SRE classes have been cancelled until further notice.

Students on Overseas Holidays and Cruises

In line with the information from the Australian Government all travellers must self-isolate for 14 days on arrival to Australia, including Australian citizens and residents.



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Parent/Carer Helpers

We appreciate the important role our parents and community members have helping out with a range of activities. However, until further notice we are going to discontinue this to further manage our contact with the wider community.

Healthy School Strategy

From tomorrow we will implement a Healthy School Strategy that will involve:

- Introducing regular hand washing schedules
- Cough and sneeze etiquette lessons
- Sending home any child or teacher who presents with flu like symptoms
- Increasing ventilation in rooms – please ensure your child has a jumper in case they get cold
- Introducing an enhanced cleaning schedule to ensure desks and chairs are sanitised regularly

We encourage all students K-6 to bring their own pencils/pens during this time if possible, to help minimise the sharing of these items. When using shared equipment students will be encouraged to wash their hands.

Students with Underlying Health Issues

We have made contact with the families with children we have identified that may be more at risk from COVID-19 to make a plan on a case by case basis. If you feel this is your child and we have not contacted you yet, please contact the office to speak with one of the Deputy Principals.

Other

We will not be implementing any grade or stage based activities until further notice. School photos and Parent/Teacher Interviews are still going ahead at this time. I will communicate any changes to this in the coming weeks.

If a family member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, we ask that you notify the school. Self-isolation requirements will be discussed at that time on a case by case basis.

If your child/children is/are unwell, please do not send them to school and seek medical advice.

We will continue to keep you updated if there are significant changes or new developments and do encourage all parents/carers to remain personally informed themselves of the latest Government advice.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and calm during this time.

Natalie Mansour
Principal
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