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HEALTH INFORMATION UPDATE

Please see the attachment below from the Education Department of South Australia in regards to the Coronavirus and how it is currently impacting on the South Australian public school system.

Families seeking more information are encouraged to call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080, or visit:

www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-schools-and-early-childhood-centres

SCHOOL EXTERNAL REVIEW

Our school has been scheduled to participate in an External School Review (ESR) on Monday 6th April and Tuesday 7th April in the last week of school this term. All Department for Education schools are externally reviewed over a 3-4 year period, our last ESR was in February 2016 and the report is available on our web site. The directives from the last review were to:

1. Ensure all students progress every year, and retain higher levels of learning over time, by enabling them to demonstrate their achievement, against and beyond the SEA.
2. Build teacher capacity to make consistent evidence based judgements against achievement standards, by firmly establishing collaborative processes to support the moderation of assessment tasks and student work.
3. Strengthen differentiated teaching processes by making effective use of data, surveys and formative assessment information, to monitor and refine learning goals with students, and to use as the basis of feedback for growth.

We have been very focussed in addressing these directives as evidenced by the goals, targets, actions, challenges of practice and success criteria outlined in our 2019 – 2021 Site Improvement Plan and reported on through the 2018 and 2019 School Annual Reports. During the visit the External Review Team will be consulting with staff, students and parents.

SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN

Last Friday at school assembly we launched our major fundraiser for the year, the Crazy Colour Fun Run to be held on the afternoon of **Friday 3rd April**. The fundraising is being managed through the organisation, School Fun-Run. We will be using the funds raised to go towards the completion of the forest tree house in the adventure playground. We have set ourselves the target of raising

2020 DIARY DATES

Monday Afternoon Uniform Shop open 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday Morning Uniform Shop open 8.30 – 9.30 AM

TERM 1 – 2020

MARCH

Fri 13 Grounds Committee 10am
 Tues 17 Yr 1 Bugs & Slugs Incursion
 Education Committee 6pm
 Wed 18 Festival Choir Cluster at Col Lt Gdns PS 9am
 Thu 19 Finance Committee 2pm
 Fri 20 Assembly hosted by Rm 11
 Tues 24 Governing Council meeting 6.30pm
 24/3-2/4 3 Way Conferences
 Fri 27 Newsletter
 Tues 31 School Tour 9.30am

APRIL

Wed 1 Yr 4/5 classes to Monarto Zoo
 Fri 3 Assembly hosted by Rm20
 SCHOOL RUN/COLOUR RUN
 Sat 4 Westminster Challenge
 5 – 9 Yr 6/7 Canberra Trip / Adelaide Week
 Thu 9 Early Dismissal 2:10pm
 Fri 10 Good Friday

TERM 2 – 2020

Mon 27 Pupil Free Day
Tues 28 1st Day term 2

[Please visit our website to view more 2020 school calendar dates](#)

\$30,000 and we will really need your help. In recognition of over burdening families with fundraising, the Parent Association has decided not to sell chocolates this year or hold the annual Easter Raffle to enable this fundraising initiative to be more successful. Please remember however, families are not obliged to participate in the fundraising and all students can participate on the day.

CAR PARKING CHANGES

Work on the new playground is scheduled to begin from next week which will significantly reduce the parking capacity of the school car park, causing parking issues for an area which already at times cannot meet the demand.

To address these issues staff will be parking in the Laffers Rd school car park. Given the poor condition and limited



Respect

Responsibility

Creativity

Achievement



safe parking there will be no parking available for parents to use between 8am and 4pm on week days.

I understand that this will create a level of inconvenience for some members of our school community and I am seeking your patience on this matter. 'Kiss and Drop' zones are provided on Main Road, Laffers Road and Rokewood Avenue as indicated by signs. Staff are on duty at each of these locations at the end of the day supervising students until 3.30pm. To avoid congestion coming a little later at the end of the day or driving around the block when the Kiss and Drop zones are busy are potential solutions. Limited parking is also available on each of these roads. We seek your support in ensuring a safe environment at all times for our students.

These staff/OSHC parking arrangements will commence from next Thursday 19 March 2020.

Please note, the Church grounds and old hospital grounds are not available for parent parking.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

The Department for Education is working towards all year 7 students starting in a secondary school environment from the beginning of 2022.

From our perspective we will be very sorry to see year 7 students leaving the primary school system. The maturity and leadership they bring to our setting will be greatly missed and we maintain a strong belief that there have been many benefits of having them included within the primary years of schooling.

With the move to secondary school in mind, this year we are preparing our year 4/5/6 students for the early transition to high school by:

- Year 4/5 classes having year 6/7 buddies in 2020

- Year 5 students participating in a year 5 PYP 'Expo' to support preparation for their 'Exhibition' in year 6 next year.
- Year 4/5 teachers' maintaining the mindset - year 5 students are in their second to last year of primary school and what opportunities do we have to support this?
- An emphasis on the opportunity for year 5 participation in the following year 5 to 7 extra curricula activities: Tournament of Minds, Debating, Eco Club, Festival of Music choir, SAPSASA – athletics, cross country, swimming, Year 5/6 percussion group and participating in hosting this year's Momoyama Elementary School visit.

2021 will be a very important year, at year's end we will farewell our year 7 students for the last time and farewell our year 6 students for the first time. We are aiming to make it a very special year for all graduates and the year will include:

- Year 6/7 PYP Exhibition
- Year 5/6/7 Momoyama Elementary School exchange to Japan
- Combined year 6/7 SRC executive
- Combined year 6/7 house captains
- Separate Year 7 Graduation
- Separate Year 6 Graduation

More broadly we will be developing a year 7 to high school transition plan, which will be one of the focal points for the governing council sub-committee in 2020. We are looking forward to fully preparing our students for the year 7 move to high school in 2022.



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Dear parent/caregiver

While there have so far been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Department for Education sites, it is important that we are prepared for the possibility.

For the safety of our community and the wider public, the Department for Education has implemented the following measures to support the containment of COVID-19.

Site closures

In the event of a confirmed case, the site will be closed for a minimum of 24 hours and we will contact you to come and collect your child immediately.

Closure will allow public health officials to identify and notify anyone who has come into close contact with the infected person and provide advice about who needs to seek treatment and/or self-isolate.

The site will also be subjected to a thorough clean and it will only reopen on the advice of health experts and when it is safe to do so.

Current advice on self-isolation and staying at home

The Department for Education has issued the following in line with the latest Commonwealth advice:

- Any child, student or staff member who has travelled in or transited through mainland China, Iran, South Korea or Italy must self-isolate for 14 days after leaving the high risk country.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- All returned travellers who develop symptoms (especially fever and cough) within 14 days of returning from anywhere overseas should seek testing for COVID-19, and self-isolate while awaiting test results.
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded from school/childcare/the workplace until they are medically cleared to return.
- Children, students and staff who have returned to Australia from anywhere else overseas and have no symptoms are able to return to school or work.

In addition, if your child is unwell with respiratory illness they should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

Travel and excursions

In light of current travel warnings from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, overseas school excursions to all countries except New Zealand are on hold until the end of term 2. This will be reviewed as more information comes to hand.

Current advice indicates that domestic travel and school trips and events such as sports days and swimming lessons can still take place.

Hygiene standards

Personal hygiene and the hygiene standards in our sites are critical to reducing the risk of infection and SA Health has asked that children are encouraged to:

- wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating
- avoid spreading infections to others by staying home if they are unwell
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue.

Please support us by reinforcing this message.

Australian government advice for parents and schools

If you would like more information about COVID-19 you can contact the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080, or visit:

www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-schools-and-early-childhood-centres

The Australian Government also publishes a daily alert with the latest medical advice and official reports, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>.

Yours sincerely



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