

# Return to School Parent Update

19 May 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for your support, patience, care, and effort throughout Term 2 Remote Learning. As you will be aware, planning is taking place for our gradual return to school for all students. To support this planning schools have been given a Curriculum Day on **Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May**. This is a state-wide pupil free day. A reminder that no students are required at school (or to engage in remote learning) on this day.

**Next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** School will resume for students in year Prep to Year 2. However, school will look quite different from when we were all on site.

To support with maintaining good health, it is important that **all unwell students stay at home**. Parents and carers of students with complex medical needs should seek advice from their medical practitioners to support decision making about whether on site education is suitable.

As per current DET advice school assemblies, excursions, camps, and non-essential large gatherings will be postponed.

As per Department advice, we are encouraging parents to observe physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or around the school. If parents do need to attend the school, we ask that you notify the front office via phone and enter via the front gate as per information from the call.

For student drop off and collection we are seeking parent support by utilising the below pick up and drop off points:

Prep	Year 1	Year 2
Dropped off and collected at the <b>Front Office Gate</b> . Preps will then be supported to make their way to their classrooms around the outside of the building with staff support.	Dropped off and collected via the <b>Soccer Field Car Park</b> . Year 1 students will then be supported to make their way to their classrooms entering via the music room gate.	Dropped off and collected via the <b>Pirate Ship Gate</b> . Year 2 students will then be supported to make their way to their classrooms.

## Important Points

- Monday May 25: Curriculum Day
- Thursday May 28: Curriculum Day
- Years Prep, 1 & 2 start on Tue May 26
- Years 3-6 start on Tuesday June 9
- All students have a designated entry gate
- Parents are to remain outside school grounds
- All students must bring a drink bottle every day



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If you have multiple children in the range of Prep – 2 please ensure your children enter via the eldest child's drop off and pick up point. **Students will be admitted onto the school grounds at their specific gates from 8:30am.** You will also collect your child from the same gate at the end of the school day (3:30pm).

## **Students in Year 3 to 6 will not return until the 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

Students will be in separate areas of the yard during Recess and Lunchtime and **all students are required to bring a drink bottle to school** as the drinking taps will not be in operation.

We appreciate your support and patience at this time as we navigate a new way of working together on site.

Kind regards,

**Jodie Bray**

Principal – Hillsmeade Primary School