



TPS Bulletin

Term 1 Week 8

24 March 2020

Welcome to Week 8.....

A huge thankyou this week to our amazing staff member Karen, who does a fantastic job keeping our school clean and our grounds looking beautiful. Karen has been working diligently in order to keep our staff, students and community safe during these extraordinary circumstances. Please be assured that we are well equipped to manage ongoing hygiene and cleaning protocol to the highest possible standard.



From the Principal.....

Welcome to Week 8

In view of the ever-changing situation surrounding COVID-19, I wanted to take this opportunity to update and inform you of the short and medium term 'proactive' measures we are putting in place on the advice of the Department of Education. We are receiving regular information and updates several times a day from the Education Department, whom are working closely with the Department of Health, to assist us in minimising the risk to students and staff.

We are giving extra attention to our health and hygiene measures and promoting activities and behaviours that reduce the spread of *any* germs in schools, including:

Emphasising and teaching good hand and sneezing/coughing hygiene.

Providing hand sanitiser for each classroom and ensuring children sanitise their hands when entering school and at regular intervals, and:

Cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces regularly.

Although we are a small school, we have decided to cancel or adjust some events, in line with the Department of Education's recommendations and the Department of Health's Social Distancing guidelines. To this end, it is necessary to make some changes to the way in which parents operate within the school.

Students to be collected from the foyer of the school.

Parents (and all adults) can only access the office area.

There will be no parents in or around the classrooms.

Assemblies will be attended by students and staff, parents asked not to attend.

(Recipients of Merit Awards will be photographed and parents will receive a copy.)

Excursions and Incursions will be cancelled until further notice.

Sporting events have been cancelled until further notice.

We understand that children and families may be feeling disappointed with these decisions, but we feel that these measures will support the effort to minimise risk to our students and staff during this time. We will continue to update you with information as the situation evolves through text (for short notices) and email and/or notes home for more complex information. **Please ensure that we have full contact details.**

Maintaining ongoing education for all students is of paramount importance to us at school.

State Premiers and Chief Ministers have agreed that at this time schools will remain open through to the end of the current school term to support students whose parents choose to send them to school. While we understand the reasons behind some parents making the decision to keep their children home, teachers are not expected to provide work packages as their priority is to ensure the students in the classroom are provided with ongoing learning. Parents have an obligation to ensure their children are provided with an education program and we will do all that we can to assist them in addressing this requirement, however this may not match lessons that are taught in the classroom. The Department has provided a website <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/resources-for-parents> to support parents in presenting work for their children.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to teach and support our students.

I understand you may have lots of questions and concerns, so please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can support each other through this term.

John Budeselik Incursion Thurs 26th- Cancelled

Assembly - this Thursday 26th

Please note - This will be a closed assembly for staff and students only. Merit award winners will be photographed for parents and caregivers. If your child is absent and receives an award, the award will be sent by post.

Student of the Week!

JAMES B

Congratulations!



Some classroom happy snaps today!



Coming up...

- ⇒ Thursday 19th March - Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Thursday 26 March - Whole School Assembly 9am Yr 3/4 classroom presenting - NO PARENTS ATTENDING
- ⇒ Thursday 26 March - John Budiselik - CANCELLED
- ⇒ Thursday 9th April - Final Day of Term 1

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL OF THEY ARE UNWELL

