



Murrumburrah Public School

NEWSLETTER: 4 May 2020 ~ Term 2 Week 2

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Dear Families,

While you've been away, we have been busy getting the school ready for you to come back! Many of the classrooms have been painted, some rooms have new carpet and new blinds, the Kinder/Year 1 room as a new concertina door. The school grounds have never looked better and are ready for you too.

The news of the lockdown restrictions easing has filled us with hope that this will happen soon. We are all so keen to see all the students return and to have them fill the playground and the classrooms with chatter and laughter. This of course, will only happen if we all continue to do our bit and maintain social distancing and frequent hand washing.

Like all public school across NSW, we continue to operate in **Phase 0 this week** - *the school is open for those families who need it*. The feedback families have given us about the Learning Packs is much appreciated. Thank you! As you can appreciate, teachers invested a considerable amount of care and time to have the Learning Packs meet the needs of students and families and it was just great to hear how much you appreciate their efforts. Mrs Ford continues to support teachers in this process and the School Learning Support Officers have worked tirelessly to put the packages together.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Lucy Saunders and Mrs Alison Guy, in keeping learning support going for those students who need it. Strong links with Royal far West has provided wonderful opportunities for students to continue with speech and OT from home.

Next week, from May 11 we move to **Phase 1** - *students are encouraged to attend one-day per week*. Some families have opted to continue to keep their children at home and continue with home learning. That is fine...students will continue to be marked on the roll as 'flexible', whilst there is evidence that they are engaging in the learning each day.

It is very important that **students bring their Learning Packs to school with them** on the days they attend. They will then take the packs home with them. Wherever possible, families are asked to pack food and drink that students can access independently. Ideally students should also have shoes they can manage independently.

To maintain social distancing during morning drop off, families are required to drop their children at the school gate and keep moving. During afternoon pickup the duty teacher will walk students to the gate or to your vehicle. Buses will run as normal.

From my desk...

Clare Crawford



Resources for Parents and Families

This resource provides information and strategies for parents to provide ongoing support to their children in the days and weeks after a traumatic event.

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/educators/resources/school-recovery-toolkit/>

Parents, as well as their children, can be affected by a crisis in different ways. This Community Trauma Toolkit provides support strategies and resources to access during and after a traumatic event.

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/educators/resources/emerging-minds-trauma-toolkit/>

The Red Cross resource has some useful tips for parents of young children to build skills for recovery after a crisis event.

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/educators/resources/support-resources-for-emergencies/>

With many students learning at home, parents and carers can find some great tips in this online safety kit from the eSafety Commissioner.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/blog/covid-19-online-safety-kit-parents-and-carers>

Parents will find some practical advice for talking to their children about COVID-19.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-how-to-talk-child.html>

Visit the Department of Health for accurate advice about COVID-19.

<https://www.health.gov.au/>



**WE
ARE
HERE**

**NEXT
WEEK**

NSW Department of Education

PHASE 0

PHASE 1

At all times

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

Learning from home

Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the department's [Learning from home hub](#).

Schools are open for families who need it.

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.
- Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Keep your child/children at home if possible.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

A managed
return to school

Guidelines for families

Birthday wishes this week!



PISTA

Wishing Archie Potts, Sam Stone, Tilly O'Connor,
Darcy West, Landen Vasquez and Thomas
Woodhead the happiest and healthiest birthday!



The staff at Murrumburrah Public would like to thank parents and carers for your support and respect for our profession during this very tricky time. Your kind words encourage us to keep going! We are uplifted by your efforts to keep the learning going and keep the community safe and well. Thank you for observing the social distancing in our school and reminding your children about hand hygiene too.

**WASH YOUR PAWS
FOR 20 SECONDS**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

**AT LEAST 1 ADULT
KANGAROO
APART**



1.5 METRES



Today you will receive a message on the Class Dojo app from your child's teacher letting you know which days your child/ren will come to school during Phase 1. To let us know you have received the message, please 'like' the post in the Dojo app.



Celebrations all round for Miss Campbell



Under normal circumstances there would be lots of hugs and handshakes for Miss Campbell to acknowledge her accreditation with the Department of Education. However a toe-tap and a wave was the best we could do to congratulate Georgie on the important milestone.

We would also like to wish Miss Campbell a very happy birthday for Saturday when she celebrated another important milestone, turning 30!

We look forward to celebrating 30 ½ in November!



...P&C NEWS...

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is now available online!!!

To purchase, please click on the link below.

<https://murrumburrah-public-school-pc-uniform-shop.square.site>

Please ignore the pick up date set for your order, due to limiting the number of parents on school grounds, if you live locally we will endeavour to drop your order to your front door. You will receive an email or text to let you know once your order is ready and when we can deliver etc.

Canteen

At this stage our canteen is temporarily closed until we receive clearance from our school and the Department of Education to re-open it.