

16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following recent information regarding COVID-19, the school has received advice from the NSW Department of Education in regard to safe practice at school.

Actions we are taking to manage the spread of COVID-19 include:

- Regular and thorough washing of hands. Class teachers are continuing to model correct handwashing procedures and encouraging students to wash hands regularly throughout the day. Soap is available in the toilets and classrooms.
- Sneezing into the elbow. Teachers are modelling this practice. Students using tissues are encouraged to dispose of them immediately and wash hands.
- Stay at home if you are unwell. Students and teachers should stay at home if they are unwell. Parents of students who come into sick bay unwell will be contacted immediately.

Social Distancing – on the advice of the NSW Department of Education the following actions have been taken:

- School assemblies, excursions and events will be cancelled until further notice. This includes our fortnightly assemblies and Harmony/Grandparents Day and Easter Hat Parade. Students will still receive merit awards in class and may still bring in their awards for bronze, silver and gold awards.
- PSSA sport and swim school have been postponed until further notice. Further advice regarding Swim School payments will be available in the next few days.
- Students are encouraged to stay in their own personal space.

School Attendance

Schools in NSW are open and students are expected to attend. Whilst we understand parents' concerns in the current climate, the advice from the Department of Education is that any child who is well but not attending school will be recorded as having an unjustified absence.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

C. Butler
Principal