

Hi all of Year 1 and Year 2 Parents and Students,

Next week everyone will be back one day a week! YEAH!!!!!!! We can't wait to see all your smiling faces :)

Some of you haven't been at school for OVER 6 WEEKS - so I'm just letting you know that some things have changed just a little bit.

Please be prepared for a few hiccups in the next week, as all the "Welcome Back" students and parents will be new to all this information.

It will also be the first time the teachers will have "their class" back in over 6 weeks. Someone will forget a book, someone will forget how they are getting home, but together we will work it all out :)

MORNING DROP OFF BEFORE 9.00am

If you drive to school or walk to school between 8.35 and 9.00am, you will notice teachers at the Kiss and Drop Zone. The teachers are there to help get the kids out of the car/collect the kids from you and escort them into the school grounds. Due to government advice, parents have been encouraged NOT to enter school grounds. Our Kiss and Drop morning routine has really helped parents with maintaining social distancing and it's also a very fancy way to start the day (with your own personal valet service!)

MORNING DROP OFF AFTER 9.00am

If you arrive at school between 9.00 and 9.30am, please send your child straight to their classroom. No need to go to the office, just straight up to class.

RECESS at 10.30am

Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 are having an earlier recess. Please make sure that you pack recess food, a water bottle and a hat. If you have ordered canteen recess, it will be delivered during this time.

Please note - there is NO canteen "walk up". The children can NOT bring money to school for the canteen at the moment. All recess snacks need to be ordered online through Flexischools (choose the recess option). This early recess is helping students have more space and helping the teachers to maintain social distancing. (3-6 have their recess after K-2 have gone back inside).

LUNCH at 12.20pm

Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 are having an earlier lunch break. Please make sure that you pack lunch food, a water bottle and a hat. If you have ordered canteen lunch, it will be delivered during this time.

Please note - there is NO canteen "walk up". The children can NOT bring money to school for the canteen at the moment. All lunch meals/snacks need to be ordered online through Flexischools (choose the lunch option). This early lunch is helping students have more space and helping the teachers to maintain social distancing. (3-6 have their lunch after K-2 have gone back inside).

CRUNCH and SIP at 1.30pm

Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 are having an extra afternoon break for Crunch and Sip. Please make sure that you pack fruit and/or vegetables, a water bottle and a hat. Our running around/play time at lunch is shorter than normal (we need to go back inside and let the 3-6 kids come out and eat). So, we have invented a Crunch and Sip break where the kids eat their fruit/veggies and then they get to run around/play to make up for their lost play time. This break is like 2nd half lunch (lots of playing and running but we also get to eat again!)

HOME TIME COLLECTION

This is probably the biggest difference for teachers, because we HAND DELIVER ALL CHILDREN to their parents/OOSH/bus at staggered times. Parents are NOT encouraged to come onsite and wait near classrooms to collect their children. We are walking the children out to you/their collection meeting point. There are a few options for Home Time Collection:

1 = Bus (the children will be walked to the Bus Shelter at 3.00pm)

2 = OOSH (the children will be walked to OOSH at 3.00pm)

3 = Kerry Close or Back Oval (the children will be walked to the gate near Kerry Close at 3.00pm. Some children are met by their parents at this gate. Other children walk home)

4 = Meet my older sibling on the 3-6 side of the playground (the children will be walked over to the 3-6 playground at 3.00pm)

5 = Red Letterbox/Kiss and Collect. If you used to meet your child near the Ausplay/outside their classroom/in the school grounds, this pick up is probably best for you. You can collect your child by

a) Driving up to the Kiss and Collect Zone and a teacher will help put your child into your car or

b) Walking up to the red letterbox and collecting your child from a teacher

*If your child is in Year 1 and has NO siblings, we will bring them to the Red Letterbox at 2.40pm

*If your child is in Year 2 and has NO siblings, we will bring them to the Red Letterbox at 2.50pm

There are about 60 students coming to school each day, across Year 1 and Year 2, starting next week - so that is a lot of organising to get kids to the correct collection points at the correct time. Some people filled in a Google Doc last week to let us know how you will be collecting your child. But we are unsure for the majority of students.

Please can you email Mrs Graham - kim.graham3@det.nsw.edu.au and let her know which option would suit your family best at collection time for your child on their designated colour day. Please put your child's name in the subject field. Thanks

**If you have students across multiple grades, please also include in your email if they will be collected at the younger siblings pick up time (1.40pm = Year 1; 1.50pm = Year 2) or at the older siblings time (Years 3-6 are 3.00pm).

STUDENTS WHO ARE COMING TO SCHOOL FOR THEIR COLOUR DAY AND EXTRA ESSENTIAL WORKER DAYS

When you email Mrs Graham, please let her know if your child's collection will be THE SAME each day or DIFFERENT across days - and what the collection points are for what days.

ORGANISATION FOR LEARNING AT SCHOOL - 1 Day a Week Children

If your child is coming to school on their designated Colour Day, they need:

- *sports uniform
- *recess, lunch, Crunch and Sip
- *water bottle
- *hat
- *home readers to swap
- *library books to swap
- *mentals book
- *writing book
- *work that they have a question about

ORGANISATION FOR LEARNING AT SCHOOL - More Days a Week Children

If your child is coming to school more than just their designated Colour Day, they need:

- *sports uniform (on their Colour Day and on Friday - they can wear whichever uniform they like on other days)
- *recess, lunch, Crunch and Sip (every day)
- *water bottle (every day)
- *hat (every day)
- *home readers to swap (only on their Colour Day)
- *library books to swap (only on their Colour Day)
- *mentals book (we usually leave it at school)
- *writing book (we usually leave it at school)
- *work that they have a question about
- *Checklist (please print this out and bring it in on the first day of their week)
- *Learning Pack (please print this out and bring it in on the first day of their week)

Well that ended up being quite a long message!

But there is so much information to get out to you

I'm sure some parents will be excited that their children are coming back, some may be a bit teary - but I'm most certain that you will all be able to "hear the quiet" at your house while your kids are at school

We miss all of our parents too - and we are here to support you

AND - See you next week

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