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NEWSLETTER

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*“In loving one another through our works we bring an increase of grace and a growth in divine love.”
Mother Teresa*

To All In Our Learning Community,

We look forward to welcoming our Foundation to Year 2 children tomorrow. Year 3 – 6 do not return until Tuesday 9th June. They will continue to engage in remote learning.

As you will note in the newsletter there are many points repeated from last Wednesday’s newsletter. If you have not had a chance to review these please make some time to do that.

Children will be met and welcomed at the gates by staff and directed to their learning spaces. Parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds and asked to email or ring the school 7303 1200 should they require contact with the school. Please spend some time with your child explaining to your children that adults are not able to enter the school however they are safe to be at school. As outlined by the chief health officer, Brett Sutton we do not want adults congregating in or around schools. Please let your child know which gate you expect them to exit at the end of the day so we can direct them to that gate at dismissal time.

Our school routine will be changed to include the essential practice of sanitising and/or washing hands throughout the day. Our break times will also change to assist with eating times and washing hands prior to and after eating.

Our school practices are for the health and safety of all in our community. Your support and patience is appreciated during this time but particularly during drop off and pick up time which will be quite different for the children.

Thank you to everyone in our learning community for your ongoing support and care of one another at this time.

We are all excited to see our Foundation to Year 2 children return tomorrow BUT our Foundation – Year 2 team are really excited as Foundation to Year 2 parents will know they have been dancing all weekend!

Kind regards

Chris

This Week’s Happenings

Monday 25th May

Staff Professional learning onsite ~ Pupil free day

Tuesday 26th May

F – 2 return to onsite learning

3 – 6 remote learning

Wednesday 27th May

F – 2 onsite learning

3 – 6 remote learning

Thursday 28th May

F – 2 onsite learning

3 – 6 remote learning

Friday 29th May

F – 2 onsite learning

3 – 6 remote learning

Return to School

Children in Foundation to Year 2 are to return to school tomorrow Tuesday 26th May 2020

Children in Year 3 – 6 are to return to school on Tuesday 9th June 2020

End of school dismissal. Note the adjustments.

- Families whose last name is between A – K are required to collect their children between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.
- Families whose last name is between L – Z are required to collect their children between 3.30pm and 3.45pm.

Your cooperation with the dismissal at the end of the day is appreciated and required. Social distancing of adults around our school is a priority as is the safe departure of children in a timely manner.

Please ensure your child/ren knows what gate you will expect them to leave from as they will be directed to that gate every day for school dismissal.

The organisation of staffing for supervision for these times has been increased to ensure the above procedures are followed.

Uniform

All children are required to wear their winter uniform. There will be no requirement to wear the sports uniform this week.

Student Absence

All Foundation to year 2 children are to return to onsite learning from Tuesday 26th May. Non-attendance is marked as an absence. Children in Year 3 – 6 not emailing their teacher/s will be marked absent also.

Please notify the school via Skoolbag App of illness and/or absence.

Cleaning

During the past weeks a small number of children and adults have been onsite. During this time our contract cleaners have continued to clean our school. This cleaning regime has and will continue to include:

- Cleaning and disinfecting for infection control
- Touchpoint cleaning and the importance of frequency
- Avoiding cross-contamination through hand hygiene, changing gloves, the correct use of the coloured cloths (e.g. blue cloths for common areas) and the correct laundering of cloths
- Maintaining dispensing units and sanitisation stations

Cleaning staff through their training have had ongoing reminders about distancing, hand/mouth hygiene and staying home when sick.

Our school has numerous large sanitiser dispensers and every learning space has a number of small pump bottle sanitizers. Supplies of both sanitiser and hand soap to meet our needs are on site.

Hygiene practices

As children and staff return to school learning opportunities will be provided to ensure all possible health practices are in place for the safety of all.

All members of our learning community will be required to sanitise their hands upon entry and exit. Hands will be washed with soap and water prior to eating.

Time will be allocated for the supervision of handwashing and eating.

Drink Bottles

All children are required to have their drink bottle at school each day. It is not possible for children to access drinking taps at this time.

Unwell children /staff

All unwell children and staff must stay home.

Entry to school grounds

Visitors to our school grounds will be limited to essential school services e.g. school psychologist and maintenance workers.

Parent helpers will not be permitted onsite or any visiting authors or teachers.

The gates to our school will be locked. Please ring the school (7303 1200) if you require assistance.

Whole School Prayer

We will not gather for whole school prayer in term 2.

School Routine

The school routine will involve some changes to recess and lunch breaks to enable each learning group to have access to the play areas in isolation to others. This will mean F -2 break time; Year 3/ 4 break time and Year 5/ 6 break time. This arrangement will be evaluated in accordance with health advice in term 3.

The sanitising of hands will occur before and after the use of computers, maths equipment and physical education equipment.

Adventure playground/ Sandpit

The Adventure playground and sandpit will not be accessible at this time.

Foundation Enrolments 2021 ~ Now Open

Our Foundation enrolments 2021 will begin this week with the 2021 enrolment form on our webpage. <https://www.moherteresa.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/enrolment-form/> Families with a Foundation child to begin in 2021 are asked to complete the enrolment form and return it with the accompanying documentation. This can be emailed through to info@moherteresa.catholic.edu.au Please inform families you know wanting to make Foundation enrolment for 2021 of this process.

Term Two

Sunday 31 st May	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 7 th June	Feast of the Trinity
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 3 – Year 6 return to school
Friday 19 th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Friday 26 th June	Term 2 concludes