



# MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **NEWSLETTER**

*1<sup>st</sup> June 2020*

*“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,*

*Congratulations to our Foundation to Year 2 children on their return to onsite learning last week. The children have adjusted well to the changes in the daily routine including sanitising and washing of hands throughout the day and changed break times. The children’s participation in various focus groups has been great to witness as they engage once again with their peers and teachers.*

*Thanks to our families for their cooperation in relation to the adjusted pick up times. This worked well last week with less traffic at pick up time. Parents are reminded of ‘social distance’ 1 .5 metres is the requirement. Social distancing is in place for the safety of all in our community. Please do not gather around the gates but move on once you have collected your child/ren.*

*Parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds and asked to email the school or ring the school 7303 1200 should they require contact with the school.*

*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.*

*Kind regards*

**Chris**

### ***This Week’s Happenings***

***Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June***

*Staff Professional learning ~ Inquiry*

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

***Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

***Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

## ***Public Holiday ~ Queen's Birthday***

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June is the Queen's Birthday Public holiday. There is no school on this day.

## ***Book Returns***

Families are reminded to return borrowed books that may be at home. We will begin an audit of books in the next week.

## ***Headphones***

Children are asked to bring their headphones back to school when they return.

*Please note the items listed below were highlighted last week and are placed here once again for clarity.*

## ***Return to Onsite Learning***

Children in Year 3 – 6 are to return to onsite learning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 – 6 children are to engage in remote learning each day.

## ***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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:info@moherteresa.catholic.edu.au)

Please inform families you know wanting to make Foundation enrolment for 2021 of this process.

## **Term Two**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Feast of the Trinity

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 – Year 6 return to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Term 2 concludes

