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SCHOOL UPDATE SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you have had a chance over the holiday break to enjoy some time together without having to balance learning from home and other demands. We have enjoyed the ease of LGA's restrictions which will pave the way for some positive changes in Term 4.

As our school is in an LGA still under stay-at-home rules we will continue to learn from home for the start of Term 4. Student booklets will be available for collection from **TUESDAY 5th October via kiss and drop gates**. Gates will be open from 8:30am until 3:30pm daily. You are able to return student booklets for marking etc at this time.

While we are planning for our return to face-to-face learning our teachers are in the final stages of completing their COVID-19 vaccinations. Until then we will operate with only 3 staff on site to minimise interactions between staff, students and community. We too are excited about the upcoming freedoms but encourage all our families to continue following the restrictions to ensure a safe return for our students and staff. We are still under the NSW Health stay at home orders.

Return to school roadmap for Term 4

In Term 4, where stay-at-home rules are still in place, but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staggered approach for prioritised cohorts, with restricted mingling and on-site activities.

In the **majority** of schools, students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe Level 3 plus settings on school sites in the following order as announced on 30 September:

- Week 3 From 18 October 2021: Preschool, **Kindergarten and Year 1**
- Week 4 From 25 October 2021: **Years 2 and 6**
- Week 5 From 1 November 2021: **Years 3, 4 and 5**

Support students and classes TBA [seeking further clarification]

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on any updated information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health.

For those families who have children across year groups we know it will be challenging to keep some at home while others are back on site.

But to recap the message above – we need this time to prepare our school and operations for having all our students back, so we request that you only send your children to school in line with the set plan.

Learning from Home

For families continuing to supervise learning from home, the learning from home Department Web-page has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further support your child's learning, if needed.

Thank you again for your understanding and support during what is going to be both an exciting, but also a time that will present new challenges over the coming term.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher via Class Dojo [from Tuesday] or the school if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for the return to face-to-face learning or if you have any concerns about the return to school.

We are spending the first weeks back at school finalising our COVID-safe plans for a return to face-to-face learning and we will to share these plans with you in the coming weeks.

Stay safe.

Kind regards

M Wilson
Principal