

Dear Parents,

We are now 6 weeks into the term and we know that we will be facing remote learning for the remainder of term 3. It is encouraging to see our students engaging in online learning this term. The school relies heavily on the support of parents during this period of remote learning. Whilst this is challenging and inconvenient, we appreciate your commitment to assisting your child in maintaining a regular learning routine.

In this second phase of remote learning, students will continue to use the same platforms as before - Seesaw for Grades Prep to 2 and Google Classroom for Grades 3 to 6. This term our remote learning program in Grades 4 to 6 has been further supported by video conferencing sessions on Webex. This is a safe and DET approved platform that allows teachers to connect with students to create a virtual style classroom.

We are now in a position where we will be extending this to the rest of the school. The Grade 3 teachers have started Webex meetings with their grades this week. All going to plan, we will have Grade 2 teachers' trialling Webex next week. Grade 1 and Preps will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

With the added Stage 4 restrictions it has meant that we have drastically reduced the number of staff onsite with the majority of staff working from home. We encourage parents and students to continue emailing any questions in relation to learning to their classroom teacher via Compass. If you are having difficulty with Compass or the remote learning platforms please send an email to Mr Narracott at, ict@cppshome.net. He will contact you to help fix any issues.

COVID 19 Advice for Parents, Carers and Guardians

With the uncertainty that surrounds coronavirus there are many questions that families have about how it impacts their life at home and school. The most up to date coronavirus information relating to schools can be found on the Department of Education website. Please follow this link www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/coronavirus-advice-parents.aspx for further information.

2021 Enrolments

Prep enrolments for next year are now being taken. Children must celebrate their fifth birthday by 30th April 2021 to be eligible for school. Due to our enrolment restrictions, we are unable to accept prep enrolments from families who live outside the Cairnlea estate. Parents are required to supply the following information when enrolling:

- Proof of residence in Cairnlea
- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Immunisation certificate

2021 Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website at www.cairnleaparkps.vic.edu.au

School Improvements

Over the term holidays and through the first 6 weeks we have taken the opportunity to get playground works done. These were identified as a requirement after we had a safety audit of our 3 playgrounds. Both the Prep and Senior Playgrounds have had the rubberised soft fall replaced and topped with new synthetic turf. The flooding that used to occur on the bat tennis courts has been fixed with the installation of new drains and the levelling of the surface.

The surrounds of the new carpark area have been cleaned up by putting pine mulch in the garden beds and planting of 16 ornamental pear trees. We have put fresh clean sand into the junior sandpit and the long jump area.

The back flow to the water service coming into the school site has been repaired as we had a nasty leak developing.

A new split system has also been installed in room 34.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for the work you are doing with your children. Our remote learning is working because you are committed to ensuring your children are accessing our learning platforms.

Stay safe,
Mark Mills
Principal