

# Principal's Report

21<sup>st</sup> May, 2020

Dear Parents,

Well the good news is we are starting to bring students back to school in a staged response as directed by the Department of Education and Training. In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, will return to school from **Tuesday 26th May**.

- Schools will not be providing remote learning where parents elect to keep Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students at home.
- Special arrangements can be made for children providing their long term absence is based on medical advice.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25th May will be a pupil-free Curriculum Day, there will be no remote learning tasks to be done for that day.

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will return to school from **Tuesday 9th June**. All remote learning for Grades 3 to 6 will finish from this date.

For those students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will continue during the two-week period from Tuesday 26th May through to Tuesday 9 June.

The current process of filling out the On-site Supervision Request Form indicating the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period. All requests need to be received by 11:00am on the Friday prior.

## **Transitioning Back to School**

We all need to adapt back to in-school learning. We need to make the transition as smooth and as successful as possible. One of the main things that will help your child to transition back is knowing there is someone there who is looking forward to seeing them. We are all looking forward to catching up and reconnecting with school friends and class teachers.

There needs to be a clear understanding that it is intention to keep everyone safe and well. In order to achieve this we have planned several new measures in an attempt to make sure students, parents and other family members remain safe and healthy.

This is a critical time where the Cairnlea Park School Community needs to draw together to support each other.

Please note the following important information.

- **Students need to bring their own water bottle** for use at school as students are not to drink from the drinking fountains at this time. Students will be able to refill their bottles.
- **Students need to bring a packed lunch and snack**, the canteen will be closed until further notice.
- If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

## **Entry to School**

There are restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students. Until further notice parents cannot come onsite into the school yard.

To reduce the number of adults congregating outside the school at any one time, including parents and carers at peak times we have allocated specific drop off and pick up areas:

- **Prep students** and siblings in grade 1 or 2 to enter through the front gates on Carmody Drive.
- **Grade 1 students** and older siblings in grade 2 to enter from the south gate on Shepperd Way (Near grade 1 and 2 classrooms).
- **Grade 2 students** to enter from the western entry on Shepperd Way near the school gym or the oval gate on Furlong Rd.
- Students in **Grades 3-6** continuing with onsite supervision will need to be checked in through the office.
- Gates will be opened at **8:45am** by the yard duty teachers. Two teachers will be rostered on each gate.

### **Play Areas**

Different areas of the school grounds will be allocated to different year levels.

- **Prep** - prep playground and basketball court area.
- **Grade 1** – junior courtyard and art room area.
- **Grade 2** – senior playground and grassed area.
- All children will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before and after play times.

### **Enhanced Cleaning Through to the End Term 3**

Our cleaning contractor will be undertaking additional cleaning tasks and increase the frequency of our current cleaning arrangements.

This will see progressive cleaning throughout the day, with a focus on high-touch surfaces. In summary, it includes:

- an increase in the frequency of the regular cleaning beyond what is normally required,
- using detergent/ disinfectant to wipe areas including, but not limited to:
  - doors (door handles, handrails and guardrails)
  - kitchenettes including sinks
  - drinking troughs and fountains
  - student tables, chairs and lockers
  - electrical fixtures and appliances (switches, printers, photocopiers, fridges etc.)
  - bathroom areas (including toilets, washbasins, soap dispensers)classroom waste bins
  - teaching and non-teaching area floors (hard floors and soft floors).

In closing I would like to especially thank the parents/carers, students and staff for the way you have all adjusted and worked through an 8 week period. At times it has been lonely, tough and frustrating for everyone but your resilience has shone through. We still have a few hurdles to jump, but it appears as if we are starting to come out the other side. I am very proud to be Principal of such an understanding and supportive school community.

Kind regards,

Mark Mills  
Principal