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Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience and support while the situation regarding COVID-19 continues to evolve. Today, after carefully considering all of the advice from the Department of Education, Department of Health and the Australian Government, we have enacted a risk management plan for our school. This plan will be effective from the commencement of the school day tomorrow, Wednesday 18 March 2020, and is designed to best support and care for our students and staff through minimising the potential risk of transmission and hopefully restrict COVID-19 virus from our school community.

The following pointers outline the changes that have been made to support our students at our school, and cover a wider range of areas. Although these changes may appear to be significant, I expect that the community will endorse and support these directives, to drive the common goal of keeping our students and wider community healthy.

Effective from Wednesday 18th March 2020:

Recess and lunch

Students will be instructed to undertake hand washing procedures before eating. After playing outside students will wash their hands again. There will be a bell 5 minutes before the siren to indicate hand washing time.

School Cleaning

Included in the daily clean of the classrooms, the cleaners will be wiping down student chairs, as well as the door handles. The computers and iPad will be wiped down after use.

Assemblies

Unfortunately, to avoid static meetings in restricted spaces, all assemblies have been cancelled until further notice. For the time being, merit awards will still be presented to students: however, this presentation will take place in the individual classrooms with the Deputy or the Principal presenting them.

Harmony Day Celebrations 30 March 2020

It is very important for our community that students are given the opportunity to celebrate our rich multicultural community so we would like everyone to come to school either dressed in their traditional dress or in the colour orange to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday 30 March. The morning tea and parent classroom visits have been cancelled.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

If your child has any required documented planning (for example Individual or Group Education Plans), your classroom teacher will be contacting you in the coming weeks to organise a telephone conference to discuss the planning in place for your child. Please contact your classroom teacher via email should you require any further information about this or wish to arrange a suitable contact time.

Modcrosse & Cricket Carnival, School Excursions and Incursions

The Small Schools Association network decided yesterday afternoon that they will cancel the Modcrosse and Cricket carnival, due to the large numbers of students and community members across the schools predicted to attend the event, scheduled on Friday 3rd April. Any school excursions planned for the coming weeks have been cancelled, in addition to most incursions due to providers withdrawing their services. Any further information in regards to such events will be communicated to the year groups via the class teachers through Connect.

Student absentees and updating of details

As usual, please inform the front office and your classroom teacher if your child is to be absent and the reason why they are not attending school. This can be done via Connect or calling the school on 9375 1051.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information outlined in this communication, please contact either myself on lisa.gibson@education.wa.edu.au or the Deputy Principal, Donna Reid on donna.reid3@education.wa.edu.au. At this point in time, staff have been instructed to refer any questions or communication from families onto administration, we do not want to provide concerned individuals incorrect or dated information. It is essential that the most recent updates provided to the administration team and then communicated to our staff and families is consistent and correct information that you also receive to address any questions.

Once again, I thank you all for your understanding, patience and concern for our school community during this rapidly changing environment. Please be assured that we are acting upon all of the advice provided to us and placing each and every child that we care for as a priority in all of our decision making. I will update families again after 9:30 am on Friday 20 March.



Lisa Gibson
Principal
17 March 2020