

16th March 2020

Good Afternoon Parents

Yesterday we had a directive from our Director General Lisa Rogers. This morning I met with the admin team.

Here are some of the changes that you need to be aware of.

All children must wash their hands or use sanitiser before eating. We will be discussing good hand hygiene and putting it into practice. We have contacted the Department of Education and hope to receive more hand sanitiser as soon as possible. In the meantime, if parents would like to donate a bottle to class that would be wonderful. Children will also be encouraged to use their own individual sanitisers when needed.

Please keep sick children at home. Infection does spread so we need to err on the side of caution.

International Travel

Yesterday, Sunday 15 March, the Prime Minister introduced measures placed on international arrivals into Australia. This means a mandatory 14-day self-isolation requirement will be placed on all international arrivals into Australia effective from midnight.

The Smartraveller level advice for all Australian's travelling overseas has been upgraded to a level 3 – 'reconsider your need for overseas travel' at this time. In addition to this, some countries remain at a level 4 – 'do not travel'.

Regardless of the destination, age or health of the traveller, if the overseas travel is not essential, the Australian Government has asked people reconsider.

Mass Gatherings

In schools with more than 500 students, the Director General Lisa Rodgers is asking us to cancel full school assemblies, and arrange staggered lunch breaks where these don't currently occur and reschedule other large in-school student gatherings and events.

As such all Harmony Week activities have been cancelled. The office will be in touch with regards to payment made for incursions.

The family picnics are also cancelled. Canteen orders made for the picnic will be cancelled and refunded, Wednesday and Thursday Harmony Week lunches will still go ahead.

Children will still participate in class Harmony Week activities in class and are encouraged to dress in their multi-cultural clothes on Friday.

Also cancelled are weekly assemblies, all sporting events, and the Anzac Day service.

We will also have staggered lunch and recess times as well in line with the Director General's direction.

I will be in communication as soon as I hear more from the Department of Education.

Kind Regards
Bea Bouska
Principal