



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY
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2020 Term Dates

Term 2	27 th April – 3 th July
Term 3	20 th July – 25 th September
Term 4	12 th October – 11 th December

Diary dates

1 st June	Pupil Free Day
7 th September	Royal Show school closure
18 th September	Science Carousel Day
23 rd October	Sports Day
27 th November	Pupil Free Day
7 th December	End of Year Family BBQ

Dear Families,

Welcome back! Term 2 has started well, thanks to the dedicated staff working in our school. It has been lovely to see students coming back to school, some of them after an extended break. It was a joy to see how excited they were to see their friends and educators and get back to the familiar routine. Approximately two thirds of the students were at school today.

Teachers have produced learning activities for those students who are learning at home. Zina Mansueto, one of our teachers, has delivered these to families today so those who have finished the work sent home last term have more activities to keep them learning! We appreciate the unique challenges faced by parents who are teaching at the moment and class teachers will be in touch to talk about any issues on a regular basis. However, do not hesitate to call me if you have any queries or concerns.

We continue to manage the current COVID-19 health emergency by:

- Strictly enforcing that students who are unwell, even with minor ailments, stay home. If

students become unwell at school, even with a runny nose, we will contact families to collect students as soon as possible. We will soon be given an infra-red thermometer which we can use to check students' temperatures if they seem unwell. Information about this is included on the attached letter.

- Not going swimming
- Not going on excursions
- Not allowing therapist visits to school
- Cancelling the Sports United program
- Increasing the general cleaning and sanitizing of the school environment, which now includes play equipment in the yard
- Supporting students with hand hygiene
- Asking families not to go to classrooms. Class staff will collect students who arrive after the class has left the hall. If you need to talk to your child's class teacher urgently let the office staff know and they will phone the teacher but we encourage contact with the teacher to be via email, SeeSaw or by phoning (outside of class hours.)
- Having staggered recess and lunch play times. This means that only half the school is in the yard or hall during these times.

I anticipate that these restrictions will remain in place for some weeks to come. I will let everyone know as soon as we are advised that restrictions can be lifted.

Thank you all for your understanding and co-operation in our efforts to keep our school community safe and healthy.

As the weather is cooling down for autumn, please can you make sure your child has a jacket or jumper to wear when they go outside. We try to have play times outside as much as possible, unless it is raining hard, to allow everyone to get some fresh air.

Lorna

Non-contact infrared thermometers

Information for parents and guardians

All Department for Education preschools and schools have a non-contact infrared thermometer to help keep children and young people, staff and visitors safe.

The thermometers have been purchased through SA Health.

Taking temperature is used as part of the assessment when a child or young person appears unwell, with signs of a fever.

Preschools and schools don't do universal testing of every child and young person attending. The Department for Health advises there is no benefit in universal testing.

What are non-contact infrared thermometers?

Non-contact infrared thermometers use infrared energy to detect thermal radiation coming from a person.

They are a quick and easy way to check temperature without the device touching the child or young person.

The thermometer is held 10 to 15 centimetres away from the centre of the forehead to check temperature.

When and where will the thermometer be used?

The thermometers will only be used to take your child or young person's temperature when they appear unwell and show signs of a fever.

Your preschool or school will have a designated area where temperatures will be taken. This will usually be the first aid or sick room.

Who will take my child or young person's temperature?

A designated first aid officer will use the non-contact infrared thermometer to take your child or young person's temperature. This person is skilled in using the device.

What happens if my child or young person has a temperature?

Children and young people that are unwell should not be at preschool or school. You will be contacted if your child or young person becomes unwell at preschool or school.

Staff will notify you if they have taken your child or young person's temperature, and what the reading was. If the temperature is over 38°C you must collect them immediately and take them to a doctor.

Your child or young person can return to preschool or school when they are well.

Further information

Contact your school or preschool for further information.

