

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th October 2020

KEY REMINDERS

All updates will be sent on Xuno.

Please send water bottles as students cannot drink straight from taps.

All students must have a sunsmart hat for Term 4.

Please return all school resources and borrowed devices as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 12th October: all students return to onsite learning

Friday 23rd October: Public holiday – school will be closed

Monday 2nd November: Pupil Free Day – no students to attend

Tuesday 3rd November: Public holiday – school will be closed

Acting Principal
Jacinta Goldie

School Council President
Sarah Weston

School Supervision Times
8.40am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

'We are a child safe school and compliant with child safety standards. Child safety policies available on website.'



SUNSHINE
HEIGHTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

**All students return to onsite learning on Monday 12th October
We can't wait to see everyone again!!**

Just a reminder to families that we have one more Curriculum/Student Free Day and two Public Holidays for 2020:

- Friday 23rd October (Public holiday – school and Big Child Care closed)
- Monday 2nd November (Curriculum/Student free day – Big Child Care open)
- Tuesday 3rd November (Public holiday - school and Big Child Care closed)

Please note that Big Child Care will be operating **ONLY** on the pupil free day from 6:45am to 6:30pm. For bookings and information, please contact Big Child Care on 0432 802 045 or sunshineheights@bigchildcare.com.

Unfortunately, at this stage parents are not permitted on school grounds.

Welcome back everyone!

Firstly, can we say a huge thank you to all our families for all their support during Term 3 with remote learning. We have seen many of our students continue to thrive using Seesaw and this would not have been possible without your support. We understand that some students have found Seesaw and remote learning challenging and we will take this into account as we return to onsite learning next week.

For many students, next week may be challenging as they re-establish friendships and learn how to work alongside others in the classrooms. Please rest assured that our staff are well-equipped to support students with this transition. Teachers will work with their students to re-establish school routines and work habits as well as supporting them to re-build friendships both in the classroom and the yard.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone back here at school next week! If you have major concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing, please contact the school.


Drop-off and pick-up arrangements

The school has made arrangements to ease the congestion around the school gates during the mornings and afternoons. Can we please remind parents to maintain social distancing around the gate. It is a Department requirement that parents wear a mask when dropping and picking up students.

Students may be dropped off at **any gate** from 8:40am to 9:00am. Please do not drop your child off before 8:40am as the gates will be locked and the school yard unsupervised. Students will remain in the yard until 9:00am and there will be many staff members on duty, both at the gate and in the yard to support students if they are feeling anxious.


We will commence dismissing students from 3:00pm in the afternoon, starting with Preps. Older siblings will meet their younger brothers and sisters at the gate. Please see the table below for more information to ensure that you meet your child at the correct gate.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all parents for their cooperation with these arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

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Welcome and congratulations

Congratulations to David Cocks our substantive Principal who will be joining us in a couple of weeks' time. We look forward to meeting David and showcasing to him our wonderful school community.

Enrolments for 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for new Prep students. If you have a child due to start school next year, please contact the office for an enrolment form. Forms can also be downloaded from the school's website. If your child will not be returning to the school in 2021 could you please let us know as soon as possible as we are starting to make preparations for the following year.

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy – Parent and Student Survey

Dear families

We are currently updating our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and would love your input.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that we, as a school community of staff, students and parents, understand the behaviour expected of students while at school. When our children know what is expected of them it helps them to feel supported with their learning and also secure in their wellbeing.

Please answer these questions to help us understand what you and your child know about how our school supports and responds to student wellbeing and engagement

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWEPolicy>

Thank you from the Policy Sub-Committee

School Photos

At this stage the Department of Education has stated that school photos cannot go ahead. We are working closely with Advancedlife Photography as we await further information. A notice regarding this has also been posted on Xuno.

Grade	Morning drop off	Afternoon pick up time and gate
Prep grades		
Prep A	Students may be dropped off at any gate between 8:40 and 9:00am	3 pm - Gate near main office
Prep B		3 pm - Gate near After School Care
Prep C		3 pm - Gate on Lachlan Rd
Grade One and Two		
1/2A	Students may be dropped off at any gate between 8:40 and 9:00am	3:05 pm - Gate near main office
1A		3:05 pm - Gate near main office
1B		3:05 pm - Gate on Lachlan Rd
2A		3:05 pm - Gate on Lachlan Rd
2B		3:05 pm - Gate near After School Care
Grade Three and Four		
3A		3:10 pm - Gate near main office
3/4A		3:10 pm - Gate on Lachlan Rd
3B		3:10 pm - Gate near After School Care

4A	Students may be dropped off at any gate between 8:40 and 9:00am	3:10pm - Gate near main office
4B		3:10pm - Gate near After School Care
4C		3:10pm - Gate on Lachlan Rd
Grade Five and Six		
5A	Students may be dropped off at any gate between 8:40 and 9:00am	3:15pm - Any gate
5B		3:15pm - Any gate
6A & 6B		3:15pm - Any gate
*Please note: older siblings will meet younger ones at the designated gate.		

Showing student work

Thank you to Kayla Kagioglou from 6B for sharing her poetry which reflects the way many of us are feeling at the moment.

*Restrictions are lifted
 The world is gifted
 No more masks for us all
 As we stand proud and very tall
 After months and months of being locked away
 There is no more lockdown and that is here to stay
 No more rage of being locked up in a bird cage
 We finally found a roadmap so let's hope we don't get another slap*

Kayla Kagioglou 6B