

eNEWS

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS TO INFORM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Dear parents and community members,

We hope that you are enjoying the break and are making the most of this time with your family. This is a special edition of the newsletter which aims to ensure parents/caregivers feel well-informed about the commencement of Term Two and the alternative learning arrangements that have been put in place.

The term officially commences on Wednesday 29th April. A School Development Day will be held on Tuesday 28th April to support schools in their preparation for the return of students.

State Government's Overview of Term Two

Below is the State Government's broad outline of the learning arrangements for the start of Term Two and attached is a letter to parents from the Chief Health Officer, Dr Andy Robertson, outlining the current basis for decisions around schools.

- All public schools will remain open and parents may choose to send their children.
- Children at school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable, though not necessarily with their usual teacher or in their usual class.
- Schools can provide online support for teaching and learning at home if possible.
- Where online resources cannot be provided by the school, generic packages developed by the Department of Education will be provided.
- For those students learning from home, contact will be made each week by the class teacher via phone or the WebEx conferencing tool.
- Parents and carers of children with complex medical needs are encouraged to seek medical advice prior to sending children to school.
- Extra funding will be made available so that cleaning can continue throughout the school day.

Currambine Primary School's Approach to Term Two

Our staff will offer a program for students at school, students at home and students who move between the two venues. The nature of alternative programs may change depending on the number of students attending school and the availability of staff to produce online resources.

Parents will be aware that we surveyed our school community regarding attendance and we expect over 50% of students will be attending on the first day.

Of course, given the present circumstances, we should be conscious of managing the health of our staff and our students. If your children are unwell we strongly encourage you to keep your children at home.

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Alternate Home Learning Program

Our Home Learning Program is available from two platforms. Parents and students may log on to Connect, using their 'P number' and password, and go to their class library to access the learning materials. Alternatively, parents may go to the "Parent" tab on our school website to access Online Learning materials. The password is "CPS".

Each year level has been provided with a guide for parents to support you in helping your children with the Home Learning Program. Completing the program that has been prepared for your children will ensure they continue to progress appropriately with their learning journey.

The Home Learning Programs have been developed by the teaching staff and reflect the program that is being offered at school. Should the level of attendance increase to the point where all staff are required to be teaching a larger cohort of students, packages developed by the Department of Education will be provided to parents who choose to keep their children at home. We expect that this will occur when 75% of students are in attendance.

I would remind parents of my comments in the previous eNews. There is no right or wrong approach to learning at home, you need to shape the day and the activities to suit the needs of your family. There is no wrong or right amount of work, only what works for your family. Staff will be in contact with families and students on a weekly basis.

Work Package Pick-up Schedule

For parents who choose for their children to continue to learn from home, most learning materials can be downloaded from your child's Connect class or the school website. Some extra learning materials for some grades need to be collected from school. If your child's year level is not mentioned please don't be concerned, it simply means no extra materials were required for the alternative learning program this week. The pick-ups will be from the front of the school in the car-park with a Kiss and Drop style of operation.

Kindergarten

Tuesday 28th April
9.30am to 10.30am

Pre-Primary

Tuesday 28th April
10.30am to 11.30am

Years One, Three, Five and Six

Wednesday 29th April
9.00am to 10.30 am

Years Two and Four

No Work Packages are required for Week One

Teacher Contact with Students

Our families will know how much we value the sense of community in our school and in these challenging times we do not want to lose this. Positive supportive relationships between students and teachers, and between parents and staff is essential to school success. We want to ensure we maintain these relationships. Teachers and Education Assistants will be making contact with families to talk with students, seek feedback and check-in on how their learning from home is progressing.

We have some protocols around contacts with students which includes;

- In Week One, parents not attending school will receive an email from their classroom teacher to check-in. The email will invite you to email the teacher if you have any concerns. The teacher will indicate the time and days they will be making parent contact with families at home.
- Phone contacts are likely to be around three to four minutes in duration.
- Parents should remain in the room while teachers are speaking with children via phone.
- Teachers will contact students via the home phone, parent mobile phone or the WebEx conferencing tool.

Classes at School

As we are expecting over 50% of students to attend on the first day back at school, children will attend their usual classroom and participate in the usual program.

Two new cleaners will be employed by Wednesday, the recruitment process is currently being undertaken. Our existing cleaner in charge will also be increasing his hours so that he can work with the new cleaners. Cleaners will be on site from 8.30am to 3.00pm and will be cleaning playgrounds, toilets and high-touch surfaces such as doors, light switches, computer keyboards, desk tops, taps etc. This cleaning is additional to the usual cleaning which occurs outside school hours.

Please note that the canteen will be closed until student attendance reaches 75%. This is to ensure enough orders are placed to pay for goods and wages.

The Uniform Shop will remain closed however, you are still able to place orders easily and conveniently. Simply drop your completed order form (either get one from the office or print the document via the [website](#)) and drop it into the P&C box in the office. On Friday mornings, your order will be processed and you will receive a text message advising that the order is available for pick up from the office.

It is preferable that students bring their own individual water bottles to school that can be filled from the fountain as necessary. This will reduce the need for students to drink directly from fountains.

Drop-off and Pick-up Arrangements

State Government advice has indicated we should limit the number of adults coming on the site. To manage limited parent attendance on the site, we will have two "Kiss and Drop" processes operating across the front of the school.

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary

We will have a strong focus on managing our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children who are used to having a parent or carer drop them off and pick them up. A Kiss and Drop area will operate behind TA 18 and 19 (transportable at the front of the school) exclusively for students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary and their siblings each morning. The younger children can be dropped off from this area, with staff on hand to ensure the children get to the right space to wait for school to start, to the right classes and are closely monitored for their safety. Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children will be supervised on the ECE play space before school.

The afternoon pick-up procedure for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children will commence at 2.20pm to ensure we limit the impact on traffic flow. The school will arrange for siblings of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary to be picked up at the same time. Pickups will be made in person by a parent/caregiver.

Children in TA 18 and 19 will be picked up from the gate next to TA 18.

Children in TA 16 and 17 will be picked up from the gate next to TA 17, near the Year One Two playground. Children from TA 13, 14, 15 will be picked up from the gate next to the Pre-Primary toilets.

Years One to Six

The normal Kiss and Drop will operate for students in Years One to Six in front of the Administration Building as usual. Parents will also be able to park, remain in their car and drop-off/collect children as usual.

Before school, children in Years One to Three will be supervised on the Astroturf, as usual, students in Years Four to Six will wait outside the Undercover Assembly Area. This will allow for smaller groups of children and appropriate social distancing. All students will be supervised in the mornings.

We encourage parents whose children walk or ride home to remind their children to immediately leave the school grounds and head home. If you are picking up your children, it would be terrific if you could arrange to meet them at a specific school gate to save you entering the grounds.

While we are minimising the presence of adults onto the school site we want parents to know that when you need to attend the school you are, of course, most welcome to do so, should you need to collect materials, speak with a member of staff or collect a child.

“Welcome to Term Two” Video and Drive-through

Our teachers have been working very hard to prepare for Term Two and have put together a video for the students. To view the video, please visit the website below and use the password “CPS”

<https://www.currabineps.wa.edu.au/parents/online-learning-resources/>

In keeping with the theme of keeping our community connected, on Tuesday 28th April from 2.30pm to 3.00pm our school staff will be hosting a welcome to Term Two Drive-through on Ambassador Drive. The staff will be out the front in rainbow colours (rainbows are the promise of good things to come), waving and saying “hi” to families who choose to hop in their cars and join us in welcoming Term Two.

Thank you to all families who drove by the school on the last day of Term One to say “happy holidays”. Our staff very much appreciated this gesture and enjoyed seeing the children and parents for a quick visit

with appropriate social distancing.

New Associate Principal

The selection process to appoint a new Associate Principal has been completed and Mrs Jessica Veness has been appointed to Currambine Primary School. I am sure the community will join me in welcoming Mrs Veness back to our school community after some twelve months away acting in the role of Deputy at two other schools.

Mrs Veness will commence on Monday 11th May. Until Mrs Veness takes up her appointment, I have asked Mrs Beckingham to step into the role of Associate Principal.

Works Around the School

We have had a number of works happening over the school holidays to enhance our school environment including;

- Carpeting of the School Library and Cottage. A special thank you to Mike Bush and extended family, Josh Ilhein, Rob Wilson, Rob Williams, Craig Northcott and Nathan Humphries for helping with the removal of all furniture from the library and the subsequent return of the furniture post the completion of the carpeting. This support was very much appreciated.
- Repairs to damaged roofing, down-pipes and guttering and the replacement of the verandah and fence outside the canteen, which were all damaged in the severe storm last term.
- Upgrades of the toilets in Block One, Two and Three have commenced and will continue into the term which includes industrial cleaning, some tiling, painting, improved lighting and new tap fittings.

Together Towards Tomorrow

The commencement of the term will come with challenges given the present circumstances, which are shifting regularly and involve some uncertainty. In such times, the key to moving forward successfully is focusing on the welfare of those around us. For the Currambine community, we have always done this well and we will continue to do this into the future.

We will ensure the best for our students, be they at home or school, we will support our families and the choices they make and I know our families will support our staff and the leadership team at the school as we work to ensure the best for all in our community.

In these time we need to be embodying our school motto and that means ensuring we include and care for everyone in the coming weeks and months. I look forward to seeing lots of families and the drive-through welcome back event on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm.

Geoff Smith

Principal