



31st July, 2020

Dear parents/carers,

The second week of remote and flexible learning draws to a close and it is pleasing to see the continued work from both our teachers and students. The teachers have continued to work hard each day to ensure an effective and engaging learning program is offered both on site and through remote learning. In these ever changing and stressful times it is paramount that teamwork and support for one another continues to be our main focus.

Please find below a few updates and further information as we continue the remote learning journey together.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance requirements have not changed. Students are expected to be at home accessing the remote learning platform Seesaw each day and completing the tasks as set for them by the school. Recently we have had a surge in requests for students to attend school. Whilst we understand the challenges faced at home with parents doing the best they can we need to remind you that in order to best protect the school community we will not be allowing students to attend unless absolutely necessary.

From next week we will be contacting families to reassess their attendance and parents will need to consider that we cannot have your child at school all day every day. We will be adhering to the Department guidelines and ask that parents consider alternative arrangements, such as family and friends.

Department guidelines are below:

- children of parents who cannot work from home,
- any student with a disability and
- vulnerable children, including: children in out-of-home care, children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm, children identified by the school as vulnerable

Please remember that the health and safety of the students, staff and community must remain our highest priority.

SEE SAW CONNECTION

This term the school is connecting with students through the use of Seesaw for their daily activities and learning. All students who have asked for a device have been provided with one either from the school or the department of education. As a result we do not see any reason for students not to connect online at some stage throughout the day. If you need a device please email the school.

We understand that parents who are working from home may find it difficult to navigate both their work commitments and the schooling expectations. We will do all we can to support you in this regard. It is important that you contact the classroom teacher through the Sentral parent portal if additional assistance is needed.

If your child is attending on site we ask parents to remind students of the expected behaviours and appropriate use of devices. Students found to not be following school expectations will not be allowed to use a device and will need to complete paper based learning.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Meetings will be on Wednesday 12th August. They will take place over the phone between 2:30pm and 7:00pm with a focus on remote learning and moving forward. Bookings are now open via Sentral. Please log into the Sentral Parent Portal to select your time:

<https://cranbourneparkps.sentral.com.au/portal>

Please login with the email address and password you used when you created the account. If you do not yet have an account please go to:

<https://cranbourneparkps.sentral.com.au/portal/register>

And sign up, once signed up you can call the school on 5996 1142 to get your child/ren's access key to link them to your account. This information has also been emailed out previously so you may be able to find it in your emails, if not, we are happy to help.

Please note, teachers might be calling from a blocked/ private number.

CAMP

A letter is being sent to all families regarding camp. Unfortunately, like most schools in the area, all excursions and camps have had to be cancelled in line with advice by the Department of Education. The school will issue full refunds to those that have paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. For families that have paid through CSEF, no action on your behalf is needed. This money will be reallocated for future activities and events.

2021 ENROLMENTS

The school has started its planning for next year. If you have a child who is due to start at school next year we ask that you contact the school office on 5996 1142 and discuss your enrolment with Chris Peterson. Please note there are some changes to the enrolment process and you will be able to refer to the school website for further details – the website will be updated next week.

Parents will now need to provide proof of residence in order to enrol and an interview with the principal will be required. As per DET requirements parents will also need to provide an original birth certificate and immunisation certificate of the child in order to enrol. These documents will need to be provided prior to the interview taking place and an enrolment being accepted.

We welcome enrolments at all year levels, the same process will apply for all new enrolments.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club food packs will now be available from just outside the office 8:40am-9:30am every Monday. We encourage families that are in need to come and collect a food pack. The packs generally contain a box of cereal, fruit cups, milk and various cans (spaghetti, backed beans etc.) Fresh fruit has also been provided and we encourage all students to eat fruit whilst at school and take some home as well.

TEACHER AVAILABILITY

Staff are continuing to work beyond normal hours in order to provide the best program for your children through online and on site attendance. When staff are on site supervising they will not be available to connect with the grade. This will generally be about once every two weeks and on these occasions the teachers will let the students know via Seesaw.

Please note, the work completed on these days will be viewed and approved by the teacher on the following day, but feedback may not be given.

OFFICE HOURS

The office hours are currently 8:40am – 3:20pm. Please note the phones and office may be unattended for short periods of time when the office staff are on break or in meetings due to having minimal staff on site as per the Government's direction.

We encourage all parents to email the school or phone to make an appointment rather than arrive unannounced. There is hand sanitiser at the door and all visitors will be required to sanitise before speaking with the staff.

BUILDING WORKS

You may notice work is being carried out around the school. Recently we have employed a groundsman to complete daily activities such as weeding, fencing, minor repairs to buildings and general maintenance jobs around the school. We welcome Dale to the team.

Over the coming weeks you will notice further works taking place with the removal of trees and other works. We ask all students to keep their distance from these areas and safety measures will be put in place at all times.

As always, we will continue to keep you updated as information comes to light.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Carlson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal

Michael Youngs
Acting Assistant Principal