

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to Term 4

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some of the warmer spring weather and that the children have taken the opportunity to catch up with others in their friendship bubbles.

### Off-Campus Learning

The Off-Campus Learning Program will continue for all year groups at the start of the term.

As was the case last term, every day will start with an 8.35am Zoom with the home class teachers who will be issued with the timetable of learning for the class. Face to face teaching will again be conducted via Zoom throughout each day and children will access their learning activities through Seesaw and Canvas.

During this time we are very excited to be holding two wonderful school events. The first is International Day on Friday 8 October which will be followed with the Virtual Primary School Athletics Carnival on Friday 15 October.

International Day will provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to extend their intercultural understanding and knowledge. Children are encouraged to still dress up in culturally significant clothing that represent their heritage or the language they are learning at school. Children should wear their house colours on the day of the Athletics Carnival.

We then look forward to welcoming Kindergarten and Year 1 children back onsite on Monday 18 October. What a great day that will be! Years 2 and 6 will follow on 25 October, with all other year groups returning on 1 November.

### The Term ahead

Term 4 is a term of celebration and this Term 4 will be no exception. The return of students to school will, in itself, be a cause for celebration.

The end of the year events for Kindergarten to Year 2 and Farewell for Year 6 are being planned to be memorable occasions as usual.

We are looking forward to the Year 6 Independent Research Task presentations which will allow students to present their passion for deep learning in a topic of their choice.

Upon their return to school, students will participate in some carefully considered assessment tasks which will be designed for our teachers to further their understanding of what students know and can do in each of their Key Learning Areas. The information we receive from student responses will enable us to design teaching and learning activities for 2022. We will also be able to incorporate this data into the Semester 2 reports you will receive in Term 4.

### Drop off and collection arrangements

We will be advising parents and carers of specific times for drop off and pick up closer to the return to school for each year group. In the morning, please drop your child off and move away from the school quickly. Please keep the main entrance of the school clear and do not mingle with others.

At the end of the day, please display in your car your sign with your child's name and remain in your vehicle. Kindergarten and Year 1 parents and carers collecting their child in person must wait near the mosaic wall. All other parents and carers should wait to the west of the Early Learning exit on Kelly Street.

## Roadworks

Roadworks are currently taking place around the school. This will mean that there may be delays in the arrival and pick up times of children. We ask for your understanding and cooperation while these roadworks are completed over the coming weeks. The roadworks will provide safer road crossings for our children on Mountain Street and Kelly Street.

## Cohort bubbles

On their return to school, children will remain in their cohort group for home class (including music, PE and Bibliotheque lessons) and their language groups.

## Recess, lunch and playtimes

In accordance with the current Public Health Orders, children will remain in their cohorts for staggered recess and lunch times. Class teachers will take the children outside for additional movement breaks across the week.

## Canteen

The canteen will operate from Monday 18 October. Unfortunately, due to restrictions of people on campus, parents and carers will not be able to "just pop in" to make an order in the morning, and morning tea or lunch orders will need to be made in advance. Canteen orders can be made through the [Flexischools](#) link.

## Activities on hold

Some aspects of Sport and most aspects of Music (singing, bands, ensembles and choirs) are currently on hold. We are finalising our plans for these activities and will then share the arrangements with you once finalised.

## Masks

Parents and carers are reminded that wearing a mask is highly recommended for all primary children.

I hope this broad outline provides some support for you as we prepare for the return of children to school in the coming weeks. We can anticipate that there will be updates to these arrangements and parents and carers will be informed of them as they occur.

Please refer to the weekly *Spotlight* newsletters each Friday for specific details of the return to school for the children.

We are all absolutely committed to ensure a safe and successful transition back to school for all children in the Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Bird  
Head of Primary School