



St Anne's Primary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

COVID 19 update

The Chief Health Officer and CEWA has advised that schools should limit the size of school gatherings of students and staff across year levels to minimise the number of students or staff impacted by the presence of a positive case. This has a direct effect on a number of activities and events within the school and until further notice and information from CEWA and the Chief Health Officer the following school events are cancelled:

- Class and MJR assemblies
- School Liturgies
- Class Meetings
- Play café
- Whole school Feast day celebrations

Coordination and running of P and F and School Advisory Council meetings will be discussed and determined with the Executives of each group as to how we manage this moving forward.

I am still awaiting further information regarding swimming carnivals and outdoor events.

Ash Wednesday celebrations will be discussed with Father Jess and determined as to how this will look in our school.

PARENTS ON SCHOOL SITE

According to the new CEWA directives:

- Parents will be permitted on school sites for drop-off and pick-up in outdoor locations only; consequently, parents should not be visiting classrooms.
- Gatherings of parents on school sites should be avoided. At pick up and drop off times, if students are old enough, we strongly encourage parents have their children walk to exit gates and meet parents. If you are dropping off to classrooms, please do not drop off until 8.15am when classrooms are open. If picking up, please wait in the carpark until the bell and then proceed to collect students. Parents are not permitted to gather on school grounds including verandas or playgrounds.
- A parent should only attend the school office in the event of a significant pastoral or welfare issue related to their child. (Please note - for now until informed otherwise, if signing in late or collecting your child for early pick up the processes will remain the same via the office).
- Wherever possible interactions by staff with parents should take place over the phone or via email/online.
- Parent-teacher interviews should occur online or over the phone.
- **Mask wearing for parents will be expanded to outdoors where physical distancing can't be maintained in regions with existing mask mandates.**

As soon as we have updated information from CEWA and the Chief Health Officer we will advise you of the recommencement of events. Information regarding class meeting documentation in lieu of face to face meetings will be sent out this week.

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Previously, our efforts to provide a safe and healthy school environment over the past two years have been successful because of the generous support of parents and community members and your understanding of the importance of maintaining the safest environment for all community members. We are hoping that you continue to afford the staff and our children your support. The children are all following hygiene practices and the school has extra cleaning in place.

Please remember that we may need to change procedures at times, due to the Chief Medical Officer's guidelines, and school circumstances. Flexibility will be the key. All key information regarding COVID updates will be disseminated directly to our families when it becomes available.

On behalf of the staff, we thank you for your continued support of the health and safety measures we have in place to support the safe education of your children as we continue to navigate the unpredictability of COVID.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Darrin Croft
PRINCIPAL

8th February 2022