



AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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COVID-19: PARENT UPDATE (25.03.2020)

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the information forwarded home to families earlier this week, the position of the Department of Education has not altered. The advice to schools is that we will continue to stay open until the end of this current term and that, in an effort to reduce the risk and possible transfer of the virus, families are able to make the decision to keep their children at home. If you are choosing to keep your children at home, families are asked to email the school, (Aveley.PS@education.wa.edu.au) to notify us of the intended start and end dates of your child's absence. At this stage, given such uncertainty, the suggested end date is the end of Term 1, being Thursday 9 April.

With the significant and ongoing reduction of student numbers attending our school (60% of our students are absent today) and the expectation of our Department for schools **to make preparations for the continuity of the teaching and learning program in the event of significant disruption to student learning**, including temporary school closures, the following arrangements are currently being put in place. These changes will commence on Monday 30 March.

- The provision of a **Teaching Team** to prepare content and roll out of an online Learning Program for all students. Families who do not have access to online learning facilities at home will be provided with printed copies of activities.
 - The **Teaching Team** will be made up of one teacher from each year level and a specialist teacher. This will include, Kim Collins, Sarah Stutt, Rachael Rhodes, Mary-Lyne De Vries, Kaila Lester, Helen Smith, Steph Williamson, Meghan D'Arcy and Chris Spencer. The team will be led by our Deputy Principal, Kylie Davis.
 - To ensure adequate provision of programs to all families, students and families are asked to complete a survey to indicate the suitability of your online access at home. Students will complete a survey at school.
 - The upskilling and implementation of the online learning platform, **Connect** will be rolled out for staff and families. Watch this space.
- **Teaching Team** classroom teachers will be reallocating their students to alternative classrooms (in the same year level). The social and emotional needs of students will be considered when making these placements. The reallocation will be until the end of Term 1. Students and families will be notified of these changes tomorrow.

To support us in preparing for an online Learning Program, we are asking parents to please answer a quick, 1-minute survey regarding their internet/device access at home. Please use this link to answer the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MR9SXBS>.

CANCELLATIONS. The following events, as planned for Term 1 and Term 2, have been cancelled.

- The APS ANZAC Service
- The EISA Summer Carnival
- All assemblies for Semester One.
- In Term Swimming (planned for Term 2)
- School Photos (planned for Term 2)
- Instrumental Music
- House Cross Country (planned for Term 2)
- NAPLAN (planned for Term 2)
- EISA Winter Carnival (planned for Term 2)
- Icy pole Friday ... the last day is this Friday 27 March. Strict hygiene measures will be in place.

Additionally, the Year 6 CAMP is postponed until much later in the year and the last day for our school canteen is this Friday 27 March.

Please be assured that we have a clear focus on supporting all of our students the best we can. Our proactive approach in ensuring the provision of the online learning programs is paramount and we will endeavour to be ready, if it is required, by the commencement of Term 2. The learning programs will be in line with our school's current whole school plans and moving forward, teachers will manage their students as a class, as they have earlier this year. Content and care will be the same, delivery may be different.

We appreciate your time and support in these challenging times and encourage you to read the regular updates that we send out.

If you have any concerns, then please don't hesitate to contact the school on 6296 5466 or at aveley.ps@education.wa.edu.au .

On behalf of our school community, we wish you well, stay strong and stay safe.

Kind regards

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