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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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# Upcoming Events

There are no scheduled upcoming events for the school community. Welcome to our first Aveley Informer for Term 2, 2020.

We opened our doors for the commencement of Term Two on Wednesday with 56% of our students turning up to school. Yesterday saw an increase to 60% and today we had 58% of students at school. Given the excellent control of the Covid-19 virus here in WA, we are expecting a further increase at the commencement of next week.

The return of students to our school has been calm and everyone (including staff) was excited to get back to effective engagement with teaching and learning programs and students were delighted to catch up with their friends.

To provide the best opportunities for all members of our school community, staff have continued to work tirelessly this week. As you would appreciate, with some additional support provided by the school, managing both modes of learning (at school with teacher support and at home with parent support) required ongoing adjustments. This is how we all learn. We have a go (after doing some research and using our knowledge of best practice), we modify (presentations and expectations) and then assess how things went. With a clear goal in place, we then go through the cycle again. We have learnt a great deal this week and we look forward to continuing to refine the modes of delivery to ensure we are providing the best opportunities for all students.

Alongside the steep learning curve to manage teaching and learning expectations, staff have continued to work through technical and connectivity issues. They have all done an amazing job. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank all staff for their unrelenting focus on catering for all of our students during these unprecedented times.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Reporting to Parents - Semester One

- The Department of Education (DoE) has now advised schools that in Semester 1, 2020 there will be **no requirement** to report on student achievement for Pre-primary to Year 10 using a 5-point (E – A) scale.
- Teachers will be providing reports on students' general progress to date. Further information will be forwarded to schools from the DoE shortly. This information will then be communicated to families.
- Recognising that learning has been disrupted over first semester, the final grade for each learning area at the end of the year will best indicate a student's achievement.

#### Printed work packages

• As a reminder, until further notice, completed work packages are to be dropped off and new work packages picked up in the front office each Monday morning.

## EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM

## School Drop off & Pick up.

- Kindergarten & Pre-primary students are to be dropped off and picked up outside classrooms. Parents are to ensure appropriate social distancing measures are adhered to. Parents must not enter the classroom.
- Students in Years 1 6 are to be dropped off and picked up by families at a prearranged location, off the immediate school site. A 'Kiss & Drop' routine is encouraged.
- This arrangement will remain in place until further notice.

## <u>Attendance</u>

• Our school will continue to monitor, record and follow-up attendance at all times. Families are expected to notify the school if their children will not be learning (either at home or at school) on a particular day.

## Cleaning

- We will continue to support our students to maintain required hygiene practices including physical distancing where possible.
- Sanitizer is now available for use in each classroom.
- An increased cleaning regime has now been implemented in our school. This includes ongoing cleaning of high contact areas and cleaning of playgrounds after break times.

## Health & Wellbeing

- If your child is sick, they must not come to school. You must keep them at home and away from others.
- Please remind children to tell an adult if they are feeling unwell.

#### Where to next?

We will be reviewing our decisions (in the best interest of our students) from day to day. The State Government will be reviewing ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. This will be communicated to families in a timely manner.

## NEW! Triple P - Parenting in a Pandemic - Podcast Series

A new podcast series has been launched on 'Parenting in a Pandemic'. It provides the following information for parents from Triple P International:

- Introducing parenting in a pandemic (around 1.5 minutes)
- Episode 1: There's no playbook for parenting in a pandemic (about 12 minutes)
- Episode 2: Creating routine and predictability in uncertain times (about 12 minutes)

To listen, visit: pfsc.psychology.uq.edu.au/parentinginapandemic

Please continue to keep our school informed of your decision to send your children to school, or not. Stay safe.

## ANZAC DISPLAY

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank our Visual Arts Specialist, Shaaron Cullen, for coordinating our ANZAC display at the end of Term One. It looks outstanding.









## SNACKING AND LUNCHBOXES

Whether learning at home or learning at school, working with your children to pack their lunchbox at the start of the day (or the evening before) for each day is a helpful lifelong skill for them. This may be an ideal opportunity to introduce this expectation in your family.

## A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for keeping active kids alert and focused as well as providing them with the nutrition they need every day.

A healthy lunch box should include:

- \* <u>Fruit</u> at least one serve of fresh seasonal fruit. If you don't have fresh fruit, canned (in natural juice) is a good substitute. Dried fruit is high in sugar and should be avoided.
- \* <u>Vegetables</u> vegetable sticks, salads or a mix of raw (with dip) or grilled vegetables.
- <u>Dairy</u> one serve of milk, yoghurt or cheese supports optimal growth and development in children. If your child can't tolerate dairy provide a suitable alternative.
- \* <u>Protein</u> lean meat or poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, legumes/beans, or nuts and seeds.
- \* <u>Grain foods</u> wholegrain and high fibre varieties are best.
- \* <u>Water</u> the best drink to keep children hydrated.

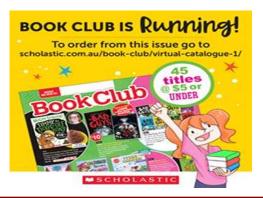
Quick Tip: Remember, children who help plan and prepare their own lunch are more likely to eat it. Your child might like to try out this fun, 'check out the Interactive Lunchbox' website: <a href="https://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/html/index.html">www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/html/index.html</a>

Thank you to families for your ongoing support and understanding as we continue to navigate our way through these unprecedented times. Please contact our school if you require any clarification around our day to day operation and/or expectations.

## BOOK CLUB VIRTUAL CATALOGUE & ORDERING TERM 2 - ISSUE 3, 2020

- 1. Term 2 Book Club catalogues are digital only (no paper catalogues) this term for the first time ever during these unprecedented times. To access and purchase from the latest Issue, please go to <a href="https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/">https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/</a>
- 2. Once you have made your final selection, click anywhere on the page to redirect you to the Scholastic LOOP website or go to the Scholastic LOOP app to place your order. LOOP orders are linked to your school in an easy, safe online process. Registering for LOOP will also keep you up-to-date with all of the latest Book Club news, information on exciting new releases, and our exclusive Book Club special offers.
- 3. Our Book Club Organiser will then take care of the rest! Once everyone's orders are submitted, the Scholastic team get to work packing your child's order. **Orders must be submitted by 18, May 2020**.
- 4. Your child's order is then delivered to the school/classroom, ready to take home and be eagerly read.







## **AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C**

We would like to welcome all our students and their families back for term 2.

We know the most recent break was very different to normal and that the start of this term is very different to what we are use to but we just want to let you know we are altogether in this and our school community is fantastic. The support we have received from fellow families during this trying time is greatly appreciated and we hope to be back to normal as quick as possible.

## **COOKIE DOUGH**

Thank you to all the families that supported our cookie dough fundraiser last term even through all the uncertainty that we are experiencing. We will look at collecting the cookie dough sometime during week 2 and once it has been sorted into the appropriate orders we will work on an appropriate way for these to be collected while abiding by social distancing rules. Please



bear with us, once we have worked out the best way forward we will send you all out an e-mail with further information.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book have restructured so that they are no longer selling hard copy books. All purchases are now are a digital Membership. The bonus is that it no longer operates from June to June, it will be available to use as soon as you purchase it. Use the link provided to purchase your entertainment Membership now; https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/91183e

## SCHOOL BANKING

As much as we would like to get back to school banking with you all, we are still yet to hear from Commonwealth Bank when our most likely return date will be. For now we will remain closed, but please keep an eye out in the newsletter and also the P&C's Facebook page for further updates.



#### CANTEEN NEWS

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Our Canteen will remain closed for the first 3 week of this term. At the end of week 3, Helen, the P&C committee and Ms Murray will have a conversation in regards to when the canteen will re-open and in what capacity it will operate. Please be patient as we want to make sure that our priority is the safety of students and canteen staff.

When the canteen does re-open, we will have a few new rules put in place. All recess and lunch orders can ONLY be purchased through the Flexi-school's APP ONLINE. For the whole of term 2 we will NOT

be accepting any cash orders. Please feel free to email the P&C if you have any question regarding this.

## MOTHERS DAY STALLS

The COVID-19 situation has cancelled many school events and unfortunately the Mother's Day stalls scheduled for this term have been cancelled for this year. We thank you for your understanding.

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