



WAVERLEY MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"To learn is to grow"

UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY

17th to 23rd ~
'Education Week'
Remote Learning
Continues for all

25th ~ Curriculum
Day - all staff
return to school.
No remote or
onsite learning for
any students.

26th ~ Prep to 2
students return to
school. 3 – 6
students continue
remote (Google
Classroom)
programs.

JUNE

8th ~ Public Holiday
(Queen's Birthday)

9th ~ 3 - 6 students
return to school.

27th ~ School
Holidays

JULY

13th ~ Term 3
Begins



FUTURE DIRECTIONS EDITION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It feels like more than two weeks have passed since the last newsletter. I am sure it feels that way for many of you as well. The switch over to remote and flexible learning has been a challenging transition for us all, and I want to thank you for your continued support.



This week we received the wonderful news that schools will soon re-open. It will look a little different for a while as we put protocols in place to protect our school community. My number one priority for a safe return is in ensuring the health of my staff and students.

Over the coming week, specific measures for making the transition back to school successful for everyone will be announced. Strict adherence to these measures is going to be important so that school can continue to remain open and we can begin to normalise the learning program for our students again.

While we want to see the children's smiling faces back in the school as soon as possible, it is important we adhere to the dates for a return to school - as listed in the column to the left, in order to manage this transition gradually and with care.

Please continue to check in regularly with the Compass updates for specific guidelines. Some of these as indicated by the Department of Education are listed below. School specific protocols will be announced during the next few days.

OPENING SOON

Alison Lough

Return to School Guideline 1:

Once a year level returns to school, all students in that year level are expected to attend. Parents who choose to keep their children at home cannot expect the school to continue providing remote learning. The exception to this being students who are absent for medical/health reasons. Students or staff who are sick are not to attend school and must recover and rest at home until well enough to return to school.

CLEANING and HYGEINE



The Department of Education will ensure that schools are well stocked with soap, hand sanitiser and cleaning staff on site throughout the day to maintain a hygienic environment.

Students will be required to use hand sanitiser upon entrance and exit from their classrooms. Posters will be displayed reminding students about the importance of hand washing for at least 20 seconds, and not sharing food.



Return to School Guideline 2:

Parents of students requiring supervision on-site prior to their year level's return date, due to working in essential services, or another approved reason should continue to submit an application for attendance each week. Supervision will continue to be provided onsite for these students as they attend to their remote classroom programs.



Return to School Guideline 3:

Only students, staff and approved contractors (cleaners, maintenance etc) will be permitted on the school site. No parents will be allowed in buildings without pre-approval. P-2 students will meet their teacher at one of the external gates (to be determined) at drop off time and parents are asked to remain outside and practise social distancing from other adults. Students will be returned to the gate at the end of the day for collection.

When 3-6 students return, we will request that parents do not leave their cars at drop-off, and if walking to school, ensure a social distance of 1.5m is maintained between adults.



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

School Review

Every four years, all schools go through a review process. This is an opportunity for schools to celebrate their achievements, analyse their programs and approaches to teaching and learning and make plans for ongoing improvement. The review process sets the direction for the future of the school.

WMPS is due for review in Term 3 this year. We will be canvassing the community for opinions on different aspects of school life at WMPS during this process. Our first step, is to establish a strong Vision Statement, that encapsulates our desires for the students of WMPS.

It is important to me that the vision is developed by the whole school (parents, staff, students) and provides a clear direction and purpose for every member of the community. After the shared vision is developed, decision making and future directions can all be measured against the question "does this support our school vision"?



YOUR MISSION SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT!

1. Consider the questions to the right
2. Watch this video link - [Education in a changing world](#)
3. Print out (or collect a hard copy from school) the Vision Activity page from Compass and follow the instructions.
4. Return your completed page to school!



**CURRENT
HEADLINES
&
BREAKING
NEWS**



**NEW WEB SITE
COMING SOON**

**CHOOK SHED TO BE
BUILT AT WMPS
THIS TERM!**



**ADMINISTRATION
WING & LIBRARY
UPGRADE TO
BEGIN 26th JUNE**

**TEACHERS READ
THEIR FAVOURITE
BOOKS ON THE WEB!
[Click here to see!](#)**



When my child graduates from primary school:

- Who do I want them to be?
- What do I want them to know?
- What do I want them to be able to do?
- How do I want them to behave?
- What qualities do I hope they will have?
- Which skills will they have learnt?