



# UPDATE



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, March 23**

**Last day Term 1**

**Tuesday, April 14**

**Pupil Free Day – no students at school**

**Wednesday, April 15**

**First day of Term 2 for all students – subject to Health Advice**

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

### End Term 1

Following the announcement by the Premier, Daniel Andrews regarding the closure of schools, Term 1 has ended today.

The school holidays for all Victorian government schools have been brought forward to begin tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24. It is important that we all understand the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison's direction that students need to stay home to implement strict social distancing.

Children of essential service workers will be able to attend a care and supervision program at the school from Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – Friday, March 27, 2020 from 8.50 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Examples of essential services may include health, police, corrections and emergency services workers.

### Camp Australia

Today is the last day for Camp Australia for this term.

### First Aid

Parents have been contacted today if their child has medication in our sickbay. With our current situation, medication has been difficult to purchase.

Please contact the school to arrange a convenient time to collect your child's medication.

### Canteen

A very big thank you to all the families who supported our school canteen to run down as much of its stock to reduce food wastage. Mrs Lisa Stumpo was overwhelmed by the number of families who responded to our request to help.

### Pupil Free Day – Tuesday, April 14

Teachers will be using this day to prepare for the possible transition to remote learning in the event that schools need to remain closed beyond the school holidays. **No students are to come to school** Victorian Chief Health Officer (CHO) will advise on whether the transition to flexible and remote learning and support should commence on the first student day of Term 2 (Wednesday, April 15) closer to that date.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our staff who have worked very hard over the past term during these trying and unpredictable times. I would also like to thank all of the members of our community who have been supportive and patient during this time.

These school holidays will be very different to our usual holidays. We won't be going away camping or meeting friends at the local park. We all need to look after our health. We need to help others by staying at home and practice good hygiene and social distancing to stop the rapid spread of this virus.

We all need to be sensible, calm and patient.

Thank you all again for your continued support and outstanding efforts during this time.

*Raquel Tweedley*