



NEWSLETTER



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Wednesday, June 3, 2020

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY, JUNE 8

PUPIL FREE DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Monday, June 8
Tuesday, June 9
Thursday, June 25
Friday, June 26

Queen's Birthday (public holiday) 
Years 3 – 6 students return to school
Pupil Free Day - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Last day Term 2, 2.30 p.m. finish

Monday, July 13
Monday, July 20

First day Term 3, 8.50 a.m. start
School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prep – Year 2 Transition Back to Onsite Learning

We all enjoyed welcoming our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students back to school last Tuesday. As they all said goodbye at the gates and entered the school grounds they were very independent. When they were greeted by their teachers, there were smiles and happiness throughout the whole school.

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers for their co-operation and patience.

From many conversations, I know you are very proud of your children too.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 3 – 6 students back to school on **Tuesday, June 9.**

We are confident they will have a smooth transition with the preparation and support of our staff.

Staff and students are not returning to a standard school environment. We have implemented a variety of strategies following the advice and guidance from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission within our school environment.

Three important key points to remember are:

1. Social distancing between adults of 1.5m
2. Practice good hygiene
3. Stay at home if you are unwell.

School Arrival & Departure

- Students enter and leave the school grounds via the gate that is closest to their learning area every day (see attached map).
- Siblings choose one gate and enter via that gate together.
- Students are dismissed at 3 p.m. with the exception of our Prep and Year 1 students. Siblings can meet each other on the oval and exit from the same gate they entered through in the morning.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to wait at a pre-arranged meeting place outside the school grounds. The footpaths are marked and signage is displayed so that the adults collecting children from the gates maintain social distancing.



- As our Year 3 – 6 students return to school next **Tuesday, June 9**, social distancing before and after school may be more challenging.
To ensure the safety of all of our students, we ask everyone to refrain from bringing dogs near the school gates at the beginning and end of the day. This is inline with our Responsible Pet Ownership Program and our Animals in School Policy.
- Parents/carers needing to deliver medication for students arrange to do so by calling our school office on ☎ **9741 2803**. A table will be set up outside the main office on the red bricks.
- Parents/carers must only enter the school grounds, when essential to do so via the front gate (McGrath Road) and by contacting the school by phone.

Good Hygiene

- Enhanced cleaning has been implemented for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3. This includes progressive cleaning of high touch points and other surfaces throughout the day.
- Students and adults wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly throughout the day. Where soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser is provided.
- **Parents/carers are encouraged to provide their children with hand towels to dry their own hands after washing them.**
- Non-contact sports will be encouraged.
- Hand hygiene will be practised before and after use of any sporting equipment.
- Students need to have their own water bottle. They are not permitted to drink from our drinking taps.
- **Students are not to be sent to school if they are feeling unwell or presenting with flu like symptoms: i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, etc.**



If students present with these symptoms at school they will be isolated from other children and the parent/carer will be asked to make arrangements to collect them and seek medical advice.

Attendance

- From **Tuesday, June 9** all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/ren home after this date, we can no longer support their learning from home.
- Students with complex medical needs should seek advice from a medical practitioner before returning to school.

Other

- Our Uniform Shop is not open for onsite purchases, however uniform items can be purchased by emailing or phoning an order and paying over the phone. Uniform items can be sent home with children.
- Our school canteen will remain closed for the remainder of Term 2. Students will need to bring their own snack and lunch from home.
- School banking will not recommence until further notice.

LOAN DEVICES



Families who loaned devices from our school during the remote and flexible learning period **MUST** return the device to school on **Tuesday, June 9**.

Year 6 Uniforms

- Last Thursday and Friday, members of our leadership team were busy hand delivering special Year 6 uniforms to students while they were learning remotely. It was a pleasure to see the joy receiving these deliveries brought to our students. It will be wonderful seeing them all being worn when the students return. **Please ensure that all new uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Reporting on Student Progress

- Barring unforeseen technical difficulties, on **Wednesday, June 24**, every child will receive an individual report on his/her progress during Term 1 and their engagement during remote and flexible learning in Term 2.
- These reports will look slightly different this year due to the unforeseen circumstances we have all had to adjust to. Further details will be sent home shortly, via COMPASS.
In addition to the hard copy report provided for each child, parents will be able to view their child's report online using their COMPASS login.
- Your child's own evaluation of his/her progress is also included as part of the report.
- In your child's report you will also be provided with details of his/her attendance for Term 1. The average number of days absent per student in Victorian government primary schools is currently approximately 14 per year. Our aim is that each Iramoo child will have fewer than 10 days absence for the full year.
- Another very important part of our student reporting process is our mid-year parent/teacher interviews that are held to discuss each child's progress in the first half year and to make plans for further improvements during Terms 3 and 4. This year, due to current circumstances, our teachers will be conducting these interviews via phone calls on **Thursday, June 25**.

- Parents will be required to book parent/teacher interviews online via COMPASS. Online bookings will open from **Wednesday, June 10** until **Friday, June 19** and will obviously be allocated on a 'first in' basis. Detailed information will be provided via COMPASS shortly.
Any parent requiring assistance to book their parent/teacher interview can contact our office between 8.30 and 9 a.m. from **Wednesday, June 10** and one of our IT staff will be pleased to assist.

Roll-A-Thon

Our annual Iramoo Roll-A-Thon has been traditionally held at the end of Term 2. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have postponed our Roll-A-Thon until the end of Term 3. This event is our major fundraiser for the year and all money raised will go towards further improvements to our school's playgrounds. Further details will be sent home during Term 3.



School Assemblies

For the time being, our Monday morning assemblies will be held very differently. Our students and staff who have been at school over the past week and a half have been working together trialling assemblies via Webex. We have had some aspects work well while others have not. Students have been key contributors in providing feedback and suggestions. We are making improvements each time we practise. Students will be in various classrooms around the school with their teachers while we all link in to a 'meeting' together.

School Photos

We are expecting our 2020 school photos to arrive within the next couple of weeks. As soon as they arrive they will be sent home.

Wyndham Council Parking Officers



Over the past couple of weeks, we have had Wyndham Council Parking Officers patrolling around our school before and after school in marked and unmarked cars. At times they have even been supervising some of our school crossings. These officers often witness people failing to obey parking and road rules, which can lead to members of our community receiving infringements. Please remember to drive safely and obey the road rules.

Thank You

We are all certainly enjoying being back to face-to-face teaching. Having all of our students back at school on **Tuesday, June 9** will certainly bring life back into our buildings.

We thank our whole community for the ongoing partnerships in working together to achieve the best for all of our Iramoo students.

We appreciate your ongoing support and patience during a time that was unprecedented and required many changes to our normal routines.

We look forward to continuing the strengthened partnerships we have established over the past few months. Since all staff returned to school on Monday, May 25, we have been reflecting on the positive aspects of remote and flexible learning. Some achievements we have been celebrating include:

- Children have developed more independence.
- Our partnership between staff and parents strengthening.
- Support and appreciation from families.
- Increased understanding of online responsible and respectful communication.

Raquel Tweedley

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4

Orders for Issue 4 are to be made online via the Scholastic web site LOOP orders. Orders are to be made by this **Friday, June 12, 2020**. <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Orders will be delivered to our school and then given to your child/ren to bring home.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WYNDHAMVALE PHARMACY, 127 BALLAN ROAD, WYNDHAMVALE ☎ 9742 4111

Wyndhamvale Pharmacy are generous contributors to Iramoo Primary School student health/welfare. Please support this local business whenever you have need for a pharmacy and don't forget to mention that you are from Iramoo Primary School.



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Iramoo BEFORE School Care / AFTER School Care Program

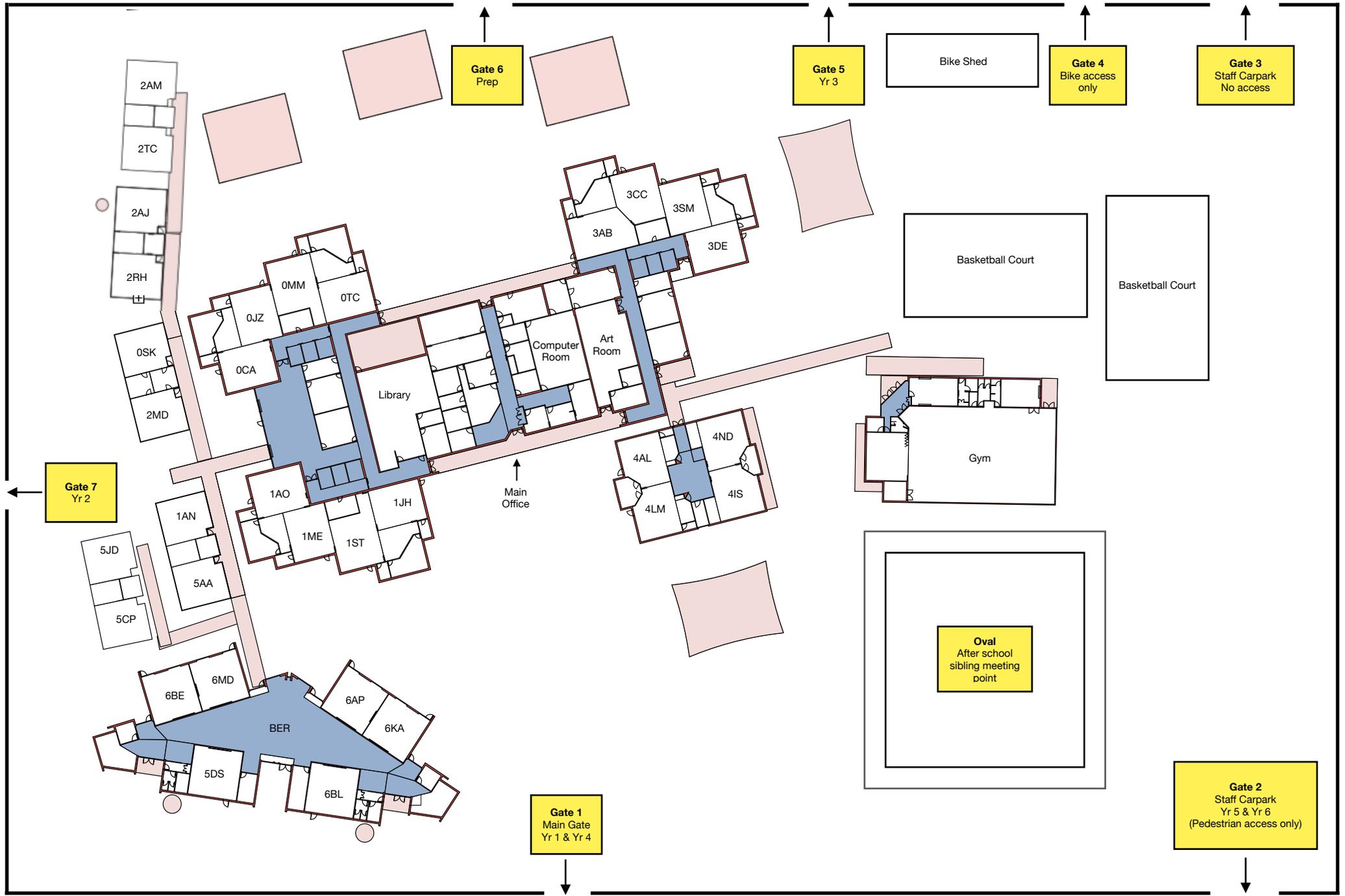
Hours are 7 - 8.45 a.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.

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Westbourne Drive

West County Drive



Gate 6
Prep

Gate 5
Yr 3

Gate 4
Bike access
only

Gate 3
Staff Carpark
No access

Bike Shed

Basketball Court

Basketball Court

Gym

Oval
After school
sibling meeting
point

Gate 2
Staff Carpark
Yr 5 & Yr 6
(Pedestrian access only)

Gate 1
Main Gate
Yr 1 & Yr 4

Gate 7
Yr 2

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