



NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Monday, October 5 - 9
Monday, October 12

Remote and Flexible Learning continues for all students
ALL Prep – Year 6 students will return to onsite schooling



From the Principal

Welcome to Term 4

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. Remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. Term 4 is important for every student and our teachers will strive to deliver high quality learning for everyone. Our focus is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

As we prepare for the much awaited return to on-site learning we will continue to have strong measures in place to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community. These include:

Health and Hygiene

- Anyone who feels unwell should **not** attend school, including staff, parents and students. They should get tested and remain at home until they have their results. This is the most important action our community can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitiser is encouraged for all staff and students.

Physical Distancing

- It is critical that there is physical distancing of at least 1.5m at all times. New posters/signage will be on all of the fences indicating where adults are to wait.

Arriving at School

- It is also particularly important that the school crossings are used around our school. At times this means walking a few extra metres to be safe.

We have been informed by the Wyndham Council that:

- from **Monday, October 12**, the following crossings will be covered around our school:
McGrath Road, Westbourne Drive, Ballan Road, Greens Road
- compliance with restrictions, including physical distancing and traffic safety will continue to be monitored by authorised officers

- We will be implementing the following measures to assist parents with physical distancing when attending school.

- Students will enter the school using the allocated gate for their year level (map attached)
- Siblings can choose one of their allocated gates and all enter through the same gate.

Staggering Dismissal Times

- Students will be dismissed between 2.45 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day, based on the first letter of the eldest child in the family's surname.
- Siblings will meet each other at the gate that they came in at the beginning of the day.
- All students will leave the school through the same gate that they entered in at the beginning of the day.

First letter of the eldest child's surname	Dismissal Time
A – E	2.45 p.m.
F – J & U – Z	2.50 p.m.
K – O	2.55 p.m.
P – T	3.00 p.m.

Loan Devices and Take Home Reading Books

- Please return any devices, chargers and take home reading books that were loaned from our school during the remote and flexible learning period from **Monday, October 12.**

SunSmart - Term 4



During Term 4, all students are required to wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat while outdoors at playtimes or any other activity such as Physical Education. Please note that your child's hat can be any colour, as long as it is broad brimmed or legionnaires style to provide appropriate shade for the face, neck and ears.

Baseball style caps are not acceptable. Please also ensure that your child's name and grade are written clearly inside the hat so that the hat can be returned to its rightful owner if lost.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Ms Kirby Beband and Mr Ian Stokes on the birth of their baby Leni Amelia on September 30. Mother and baby are well and Dad is currently enjoying his week of parental leave.
- Mr Lambert is teaching 4IS whilst Mr Stokes is away. We look forward to his return next Monday.



We are planning for a calm, safe and happy return to school from Monday, October 12. We appreciate your ongoing support and patience throughout a very extraordinary year.

Raquel Tweedley

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANY SYMPTOMS HOWEVER MILD
GET TESTED



WERRIBEE MERCY HOSPITAL

Children aged 0-18 with medical problems can now receive in-hospital care at Werribee Mercy Hospital via our Emergency department. We are staffed by children's doctors 24 hours a day and look forward to providing great care for families closer to home.



'we make kids smile'

Iramoo BEFORE School Care / AFTER School Care Program

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

For more information contact Fran on ☎ 9731 0554, 0434 610 133 or

☎ 1300 105 343 or www.campaustralia.com.au



Junior Journalists



Variety – the Children's Charity supports children and families who are facing many challenges through sickness, disadvantage or living with a disability.

My name is Ruby Zilm. I am one of the Year 3 Junior School Council representatives. Recently I have decided to cut and donate my hair to Variety Australia to help kids in need.

Nearly everyone knows me for having long hair. I have been growing it my whole life but now I'm ready to have a big chop!

I have never had short hair before which means I will be trying something new but I am up for that if I can help someone else feel normal.

Everybody wants to help somehow but I never through this could be how I would be able to do it. I think more people should do what I am doing.

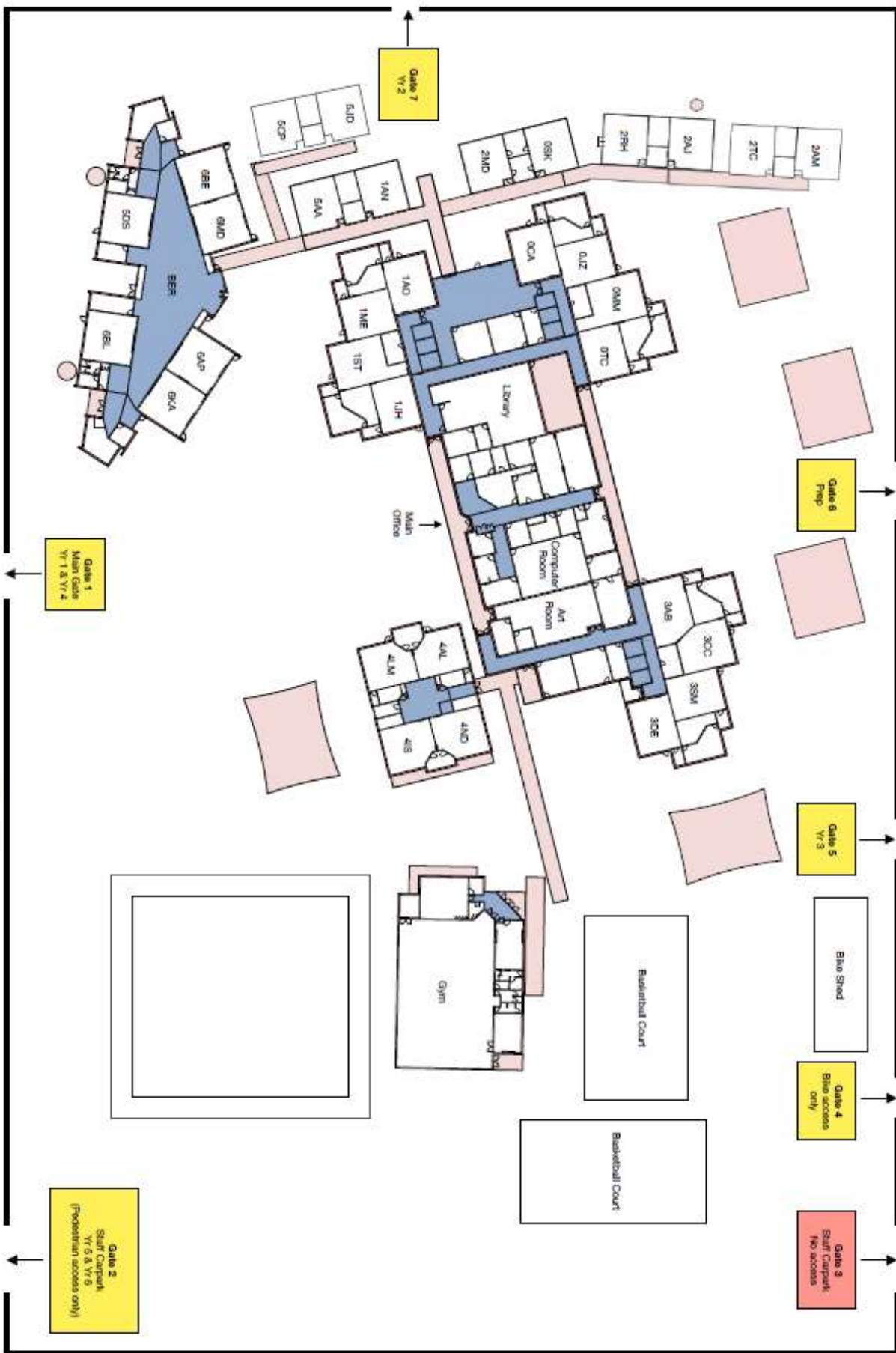
I have a date for the big chop! Saturday, November 28 this year!

So, if you are able to donate towards my fundraiser for Variety Australia it would mean a lot to me and to the kids you are donating to.

By Ruby Zilm, 3CC

The link to Ruby's fundraising page is <https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/rubyzilm/hair-with-heart>

West County Drive



Westbourne Drive

McGrath Road

Gate 1
Main Gate
Yr 1, 2, 3 & 4

Gate 7
Yr 2

Gate 6
Prep

Gate 5
Yr 3

Elko Shed

Gate 4
Elko access
only

Gate 3
Staff Courtyard
No access

Gate 2
Staff Courtyard
Yr 5 & 6
(Prohibitive access only)

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#)

Visit: [Where to get tested](#)

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#)

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

TRANSITION BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



COUCH CHAT

– a FREE seminar around navigating the return to school for primary aged children

Has your child been feeling anxious about returning to school?

Are you worried about how your child is coping?

Would you like some hints for smoothing the way as face to face classes start again?

During this seminar, we will explore how parents can support their child's return to primary school and address the anxieties they may be experiencing.

This free seminar will offer parents ideas and strategies to help children with their worries. You will have a unique opportunity to hear from and ask questions of a family support worker, primary school teacher and child practitioner.

Thursday
October 15
at
7:00pm

Email events@ds.org.au or go to www.ds.org.au and follow links



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.