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COVID- 19 UPDATE

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

On **Sunday 15 March**, the Prime Minister introduced measures placed on international arrivals into Australia. This means a mandatory 14 day self-isolation requirement will be placed on all international arrivals into Australia effective from **midnight**.

Families that arrived before the cut-off point are allowed to go about their normal business using due care, without discrimination.

Mandatory self-isolation means you cannot pick up or drop off students from the school grounds.

Mass gatherings

The Australian Government has announced that all organised, non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 500 people must be cancelled from Monday 16 March 2020.

The announcement was very clear that there is no need for school closures. This may change in the future.

After directions from the Department of Education the following activities at Parkfield have either been cancelled/postponed until further notice;

- Year 6 Camp
- All Assemblies
- Year 5 and 6 Swimming Carnival
- Junior and Senior Disco
- ANZAC Day Ceremony
- All Class incursions and excursions
- Hands Up for Kids reading

We will streamline all non-essential meetings where possible to have the least amount of people in attendance.

Hygiene

The school is actively encouraging all students to follow the Health Department protocols for handwashing, sneezing and social distancing (no high fives, handshakes or fist bumps).

Recess and lunch breaks

Recess breaks will remain the same as no groups of students are asked to congregate in one spot.

Lunchtime will be slightly adjusted with the Year 3 and Year 4 students now eating lunch on the grass steps and adjoining verandah ramps (weather permitting).

There is no change to the Kindy and Pre Primary lunch processes.

Dancing

Even though dancing is part of the fabric of Parkfield we will be postponing all dancing activities in school hours.

Shared Fruit

We are discontinuing shared fruit sessions and ask that parents now supply individual fruit for their children.

Teaching and Learning programs

All classroom teaching and learning programs will continue as per normal. While the school is operational, teachers will continue to plan and program work for their present class. Teachers will not be sending home any work for students who are absent, in addition to their current workload.

Communication with Parents

Our main form of urgent communication with parents will be through our school app. We will also put generic material on our website. Newsletter updates will be used if there are significant whole school changes in operation.

Conclusion

We are going through a once in a lifetime pandemic where calm heads and clear rational thinking is critical. As a school community I know you will be very supportive and do your utmost to stop the spread of COVID19 as we are.

Thank you for your support on this critical situation.

Kind regards
Charlie Serravite
Principal

PRIDE - 誇り

RESPECT - 敬意

INITIATIVE - 自発