



October 5

Dear Families,

On Monday 12 October, we welcome back all of our students as part of the Government's staggered return to school plans.

It is an exciting time and we are very much looking forward to seeing our students again.

As the main risk of introducing coronavirus (COVID-19) to the school environment is from adults, close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided; particularly during school drop-off and pick-up. We have taken these steps to reduce the number of adults congregating outside the school and encourage social distancing.

To ensure consistency with physical distancing measures, students and families will not be permitted to congregate at the school gate before or after school and will be required to maintain 1.5 metres between each other as far as is practicable at the start and end of the school day.

We will again be opening as many entries and exit points to the school as is safe, and allocating staff to ensure students are safely supervised, and students and parents feel confident with the arrival/departure from school.

#### Entrance to school grounds:

We request that students of the following year levels, enter through their designated gate: By opening as many entry and exit points to the school as is safe; and allocating staff to ensure students are safely supervised we are hoping that students and parents feel safe and confident with their arrival/departure from school.

- In order to reduce adult to adult contact, all parents are respectfully requested to **NOT ENTER** the school grounds.
- Parents can only enter the school grounds in exceptional circumstances and after contacting the school by phone or email as required to organise. An example might be an early pick up for a doctor's appointment
- Families should plan for and adapt to altered arrangements to arrive at times specified
- Teachers will help and support children to change their readers / put their bags away and help them settle into their classrooms and routines
- Non-contact greetings are strongly encouraged.

#### Staggered start and end to the day:

- We will have a staggered start and end to each day - organised by year levels, while also enabling siblings to arrive/leave together at the same time (and through the same gate) and be safely supervised while on the school site.
- Students in Foundation-Year 2 will commence and finish their days at the times indicated on the next page.
- Staff will be on-site to meet our Foundation-Year 2 students from 8:45am and support them to transition back to face-to-face teaching safely and successfully.
- For families with more than one child attending school at different staggered start and finish times, we encourage siblings to arrive together as close to 8:45am as possible and leave together as close to 3:30pm as practical.
- We are keen to make the end of the day successful and safe for families with more than one child at school who we have asked to be collected from different gates. We do not expect parents to move from gate to gate and we encourage families to drop off and collect your children from only ONE of their designated entry/exit points.
- Lunch and Recess times have been staggered to reduce mixing of year levels where possible and reducing possible congestion in our staff rooms.

Picking up students in the afternoon is a busy time around the school: usually more-so than the morning drop off period.

**Please note the pick-up time and place for your child.**

Teachers will be present to assist with collection of students at the end of the day.

The attached map of our school site aims to provide further guidance on our planned staggered starting and finishing times as well as designated gates (which remain the same as in Term 2)

### **Foundation**

**Start time is 9:00 am and finish is 3:20 pm. Recess is from 10:40-11:10 am and lunch runs from 12:50-1:50pm**

- Foundation A and D students, please enter and depart through the gate located on Edithvale Rd that is nearest to French Ave.
- Foundation B and C students, please enter and depart through the gate located on Edithvale Rd that is nearest to the School Crossing

### **Year 1 A and 1C**

**Start time is 9:00 am and finish is 3:20 pm. Recess is from 10:40-11:10 am and lunch runs from 12:50-1:50pm**

- Please enter and depart through the gates located at on Haig Ave
- The bike shelter will be open for students riding and scooting to school and the closest access point is via Haig Avenue.

### **Year 1 B and 1D**

**Start time is 9:00 am and finish is 3:30 pm. Recess is from 10:40-11:10 am and lunch runs from 12:50-1:50pm**

- Please enter and depart through the gates located at on Haig Ave
- The bike shelter will be open for students riding and scooting to school and the closest access point is via Haig Avenue.

### **Year 2**

**Start time is 9:00 am and finish is 3:30 pm. Recess is from 10:40-11:10 am and lunch runs from 12:50-1:50pm**

- Year 2 Students please enter and depart through the gate located on Edithvale Rd closest to the School Hall.
- The bike shelter will be open for students riding and scooting to school and the closest access point is via Haig Avenue.

We have again engaged with our Kingston Council on ways to ease congestion around the school perimeter at the start and the end of the day. We encourage all families to make use of the 'Parking Around EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL map'. The Council has created this map to reduce traffic congestion and encourage families to walk from home, or park their car and stride to school from a nearby location.

This will also help with maintaining the physical distancing measures around the school and encourage a short walk to a drop-off or pick-up point a few streets away.

Together we will get this right.

Take care and stay safe ☺

Regards

**James Whitla**

Principal