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Coronavirus (COVID-19) - UPDATE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Hope you are all going okay after the lockdown over the last three days. Please note the following when we return to school tomorrow, Wednesday 28 April.

With COVID-19 high on the school agenda, we have protocols back in place this week. This letter is pretty much a replica of the letter sent out at the start of the year. I thank you in advance for your understanding and support of what needs to be in place for COVID-19 protocols.

Parents and grandparents are welcomed onto school grounds, but must adhere to social distancing. This is a priority and responsibility of members in our school community. If you are on the school site, **adults must be wearing a mask**. If you are on the school site and are not wearing a mask, you will be asked to leave. Please understand this is a government requirement.

SAFE WA App

Scanning in with the SAFE WA app and the QR Code – At the moment we have not had a mandate regarding the use of the App in schools. We assume if we hold an official on-site event, then we may be required to establish a routine for checking in through the SAFE WA App.

Key points to note:

COVID-19 – 'SAFE HANDS, SAFE SCHOOLS' CAMPAIGN

- CEWA has developed the 'Safe Hands, Safe Schools' campaign to assist schools across our system to promote COVID-safe hygiene messages that will help us to play our part in keeping Catholic schools open and safe for all.
- CEWA is lending a hand to the COVID-19 fight with the 'Safe Hands, Safe Schools' initiative, reminding staff, students and the school community about the importance of clean, hygienic hands for the safety of schools with the 5-point visual motif of a young child's handprint. The motif can be used as a visual tool to promote the over-arching message of having 'Safe Hands, Safe Schools'. [Safe Hands, Safe Schools Campaign](#)

Parents Entering Classrooms: Protocols

- It is highly recommended that parents do not enter the classrooms this week. We strongly encourage parents to say their goodbyes at the door and allow students to enter the classrooms on their own. If parents choose to enter classrooms, it will only be due to your child needing you to settle them. We are understanding of this, but we are hopeful parents and students understand the reasoning for this restriction. This strictly applies to our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students.
- Our students are our priority. Staff will work with parents and students to ensure they feel safe within the school environment.
- We acknowledge our younger children will transition differently to our older children. Gentleness and patience is the key.

- **Parents with children in the Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten classes** are permitted to enter classrooms and may wish to settle their children before departing. We request only one parent per family enter the classrooms. Social distancing must be maintained, so a limit of 5 parents at a time in the classroom setting must be adhered to.

Assemblies

- This Friday's assembly has been cancelled.

Uniform Shop/Winter Uniform

- The uniform shop will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday 28 April. Orders can still be placed via email to Jenny Franklin and will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday.
- Due to this, transition to winter uniform will be extended to week 4 (Monday 10 May).

Drop-Off in Kiss and Drive Before and After School

- Two drop-off and pick-up areas, Roberts Street and Milne Street, are in place. Milne Street operates from 8.15 am – 8.30 am in the mornings, while Roberts Street operates from 8.15 am – 8.40 am. Pick-up times at both areas are from 2.55 pm – 3.15 pm.
- Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten children must be dropped off and collected from classrooms. No Kiss and Drive. This is for student safety and management.
- All students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 can use Kiss and Drive, if they wish.
- Pre-Primary to Year 3 use the Roberts Street Kiss and Drive. Year 3 to 6 can use Milne Street. Year 3s have the option to use either K and D.
- Older children with siblings in Year 1 or 2, use the Roberts Street K and D.
- A tip for after school pick-up: Arrive around 3.05 pm and traffic delays are alleviated to some degree. Traffic around schools during peak times before and after school are a natural part of the day. I wish to thank parents in advance for your patience and courtesy.

SCHOOL PARKING – City of Bayswater Update

There are very clear directives regarding the responsibilities of all of us in relation to parking around schools, but also in the interactions we have with City Officers and their roles.

- Please maintain respect for City officers, as they are completing their work under the direction of the City in maintaining the safety for all, especially our children.
- One of the directives from the City is for officers to take photographic evidence of offending vehicles to ensure accurate administration of infringements.
- As a school community, we continue to set ourselves the highest of standards in regard to the wellbeing of all.

Coming Events

The following events are planned, but under current restrictions would not proceed. We will keep our community updated as we hear future directives:

- Interschool Swimming Carnival Friday 30 April – **CANCELLED – 27 April 2021**
- Community and Year 3 and 4 Commitment Mass this Saturday 1 May at 6.00 pm.
- Mother's Day Breakfast [7.30 am] and Mass [9.00 am] Friday 7 May

Thank you for your support and understanding with the protocols that need to be adhered to. An abundance of goodness your way this week. Stay safe!



Art Lombardi
Principal