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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - UPDATE

On Saturday, 1 May 2021 Premier Mark McGowan advised that there had been three new cases of community transmission of COVID-19 in Perth. As a result, the Premier advised that all residents of the Perth metropolitan area and Peel region return to wearing masks outdoors, effective at 6pm on Saturday night.

Yesterday, the Premier provided a further update advising that no new positive cases of community transmission had been recorded overnight. The Department of Health website [HealthyWA](#) has been updated with new exposure sites. Anyone who has been at an exposure site is required to go for COVID-19 testing and complete 14 days of self-quarantine, regardless of the result. While there were no further restrictions to school operations announced yesterday, it has been emphasised that maintaining COVID-safe practices is essential in mitigating the risk of further transmission.

I ask all in our community to be vigilant in established COVID-safe practices. This includes maintaining good hand hygiene, physical distancing where possible and observing the directions provided by Premier Mark McGowan and the Department of Health.

Mask Wearing

- Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 in the Perth and Peel region are not required to wear a mask, but all staff must continue to wear masks.

Parents, caregivers and visitors on school premises

- Parents, caregivers and visitors to schools in the Perth and Peel regions must wear a mask and adhere to COVID-safe guidelines while they are on a school site.

Mother's Day Breakfast

- We are currently planning to go ahead this Friday, however there may be a late change.

As I have mentioned before, school staff are aware that the uncertainties of this time can cause distress for children and their families. The wellbeing and pastoral care of students and staff in our school is my highest priority and support is available for students who may be experiencing challenges. I encourage you to contact me if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing at school.

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