BURRENDAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID -19 Principal's Update

26th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Today the Premier announced whilst all West Australian public schools will remain open until the end of term, families are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.

I would like to share with you what this will mean for our school community:

Monday 30 March to Friday 3 April

- All children who attend school will be taught by a teacher. Classrooms will be combined with similar year levels. The specialist program will be reduced.

Final week of Term – Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April

- Students who attend will be supervised, but not taught normal lessons.
- Teachers and education assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2.

Term 2 – commencing Tuesday 28 April

- At this stage arrangements for Term 2 have not been finalised. The State Government is working on developing a longer term education model for Term 2 and beyond in response to COVID-19.

Student Wellbeing website

Given the extensive media coverage, some children are already aware of the impact of the virus and will pick up on the concerns and anxiety of others. This could be through listening and observing what is happening online, at home and school.

The Learning at home website now provides advice and resources for parents and carers, educators and students. This includes a wide range of resources and information related to the impact of COVID-19 on students' health and wellbeing and the impact on families. The website will continue to be updated over the coming weeks.

Parents are advised that, if they need urgent mental health advice and support for themselves or their child, there is a 24-hour crisis support line 1800 048 636.

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BYO water bottles

As per advice received from the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC), it is preferable that students who are attending school bring their own individual water bottles that can be filled from the fountain as necessary. This will reduce the need for these students to drink directly from fountains. Please remind your child on safe usage of water fountains e.g. not putting their mouth onto equipment. The water fountains are regularly cleaned.

Please be assured that when I receive further information I will provide details to you as soon as I can.

I would like to thank you for your support and cooperation during this unprecedented situation.

Kind regards

Janine Kinninment
Principal