

BURRENDAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION TERM 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Earlier this week I sent a letter to you regarding the start of Term 2. This information contained directives for all government schools from the Department of Education following the Premier's announcement in the middle of the school holidays. These directives are for the first three weeks of Term 2.

I have yet to discuss the implications of these directives with the staff of Burrendah Primary School. This will be done on our School Development Day, Tuesday 28th April. Students do not attend school on this day. I will send out more information to parents by Tuesday afternoon with additional detail on Week 1 processes, such as staffing and pick up and drop off zones.

Parents from Kindergarten to Year 6, of children who will be attending school, from Wednesday 29th April, are asked to drop off/ and collect their child at a school gate. There will be a number of staff available to assist our Kindergarten and Pre-primary students at these gates in the morning for students to come into the school and at the end of the day for students to be delivered back to their parent/carers. As stated in my earlier letter high school students are not able to enter Burrendah PS and must also wait outside the boundary fencing to drop off/collect their sibling.

I have been in contact with After School Care Providers Burrendah OSHClub and LOOSCC regarding drop off/collection of students using these services. These companies will contact parent/carers directly regarding their drop off/collection process so that the current government directive of parents/carers and visitors not being on school grounds is followed.

A text message was sent to parent/carers yesterday asking to respond with a 'Y' for yes if their child was attending school in Week 1. Parent/carers of students working from home were asked to put their child's absence onto Connect. Thank you to all of the families who have responded to these two requests. If your child is attending at school and you are yet to respond 'Y' to the text, I urge you to do this today. Our teachers will be better prepared for your child by knowing ahead of time if your child is working at home or attending school.

A small number of students were supplied with printed work packages for the beginning of Term 2. The last of these printed packages will be home delivered by this weekend. Families were identified of needing a printed package if they had none or very limited internet access. Some students were also supplied modified work if they were working with the EAL/D teachers or with Mrs Nichols.

For the first few weeks of Term 2, students will be working on the prepared work packages regardless if they are working from home or attending school. If your child received a printed work package over the holidays and they are coming to school in Week 1, they will need to bring their printed package with them. Online packages will be uploaded on Tuesday 28th April for students to commence using on Wednesday. Please view this information on Tuesday before emailing teachers for any clarification about the online learning program.

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As stated in our last newsletter (9th April) teachers and education assistants are working in like year level teams (K/P, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6). With some staff on working from home arrangements and others on leave, your child's usual classroom teacher may not necessarily be teaching on site at school in Term 2. Your child's usual classroom may not necessarily be the classroom your child will be working in on return to school next week. This will be dependent on the number of students at school on a given day with teachers and classrooms changing on a daily basis according to need. However, if you have any queries regarding your child's education please contact your child's usual classroom teacher via Connect until informed otherwise.

While government schools are open for students, schools are not operating their normal programs. For Burrendah this means that extracurricular activities such as choir will continue to be put on hold. Teachers, in a team, will be sharing the face to face teaching. This may be on a daily basis or during the day dependent on the team's structure. I understand that rotating different teachers and classrooms over the first 3 weeks of school may be a challenge for some children. It is up to the parent/carer to decide if it is in their child's best interest to work at home or attend school at this time. I hope the above information will help you with making this decision.

Finally, Reception will be open from Tuesday 28th April for phone queries and responding to emails received over the holiday break. I thank you in advance for being patient as it will take time to respond to queries while also preparing for the beginning of the term's new processes.

Regards



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