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NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – Week 2

6th May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the start of Term 2. It's definitely a different start for a term and feels quite strange not having a schoolyard full of children. I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Easter break and had opportunities to appreciate the wonderful weather.

I want to thank you for the wonderful support you have shown to your children in their Home Learning and we will continue to offer you every support we can in assisting you with your child's learning. I want to also congratulate the staff at our wonderful school for their continued hard work in this area. We are all truly missing having the children at school but we are very much aware of the need to keep everyone safe and healthy and as you are aware we have plans in place for a safe start to next week.

**HOME
LEARNING**

A reminder that all children can come to school from Monday to Thursday from the 11th May. Fridays for

the next three weeks will be a Home Learning

Day. Below is an outline of what was in the letter to families:

- **Children attend school from Monday to Thursday.** Home Learning will be provided for students on Friday. **Additional Home Learning will be provided for students who for medical reasons must remain at home to stay safe.**
- **If your child is unwell (eg sore throat, runny nose, earache, cold or flu) – they MUST stay at home.**
- **All children's temperatures will be tested and recorded on arrival at school. If your child's temperature is above average or indicates a fever they will be isolated and then sent home. A medical clearance from a doctor may be required for them to return to school.**
- All children will be issued with hand sanitizer on arrival at school.
- **The school grounds will be for staff and students ONLY.**
- Of a morning Parents / Carers **must drop their child off** (may walk them to the Office door). Please maintain social distancing.
- Of an afternoon children will be accompanied by staff to the top carpark. **No parents / carers to enter the school grounds.**
- If a child is late or needs to leave early they are to be brought to the Office.

- **ALL children MUST have their own water bottle** – the bubblers at school will not be available.
- The playground equipment (Climbing etc) will not be in use.
- Children will be **washing their hands regularly throughout the day** – supervised by school staff.
- Canteen lunch orders will be available (Monday to Thursday). There will be no additional canteen on Wednesday at Recess. A reduced handling style menu will be available. School staff will prepare all lunch orders. Use of Eftpos to pay for lunch orders is appreciated.
- There will be **no Fruit supplied** for Fruit Break – children need to bring their own.
- Breakfast Club is available Monday to Thursday – changes will be made in relation to eating areas.
- Lunch / Recess will be outdoors – weather permitting.
- There will be no NDIS intervention at school during this time.
- Students will be encouraged to **social distance** and greater spacing will be provided in classrooms.

These measures will be continually evaluated and improved throughout the three weeks. Our focus is to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for all students and staff so that the spread of Covid-19 is not brought into our school grounds.

Our main form of communication with families will continue to be through the Compass App. If you know of a family that is not accessing this information please let us know. We will be endeavouring to keep all families well informed and supported. As a community it is important that we look after one another and ensure a

healthy outcome during this challenging time. As we are all in this **TOGETHER**.

MOTHERS' DAY



This Sunday we will celebrate Mothers' Day – although a little differently than in previous years. I hope all of our mums and special women in our lives have a wonderful Mothers' Day surrounded (where possible) with your families and loved ones.

Below is a special Mothers' Day prayer for you:





Happy Birthday to the following children:

May

- 1st Brady Rixom**
- 5th Matthew Reeve**
- 6th Noah Rickards**
- 23rd Cooper Wilkins**

We hope you have a great day.

Take care and stay safe and well

Peter Bowen

PRINCIPAL

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11th School resumes for
Face to Face teaching

15th Home Learning Friday



BOOK CLUB

Book Club for Term 2 is going VIRTUAL!!! The link below will take you to the online catalogue

https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/aus_issue_3?fr=sMTQ2ZTEwOTgzNjE

You will need to order via **LOOP** (Scholastic's online payment platform). If this is your first time you will have to register before you can order. See link below

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

No cash orders will be accepted during Term 2. Orders will need to be placed before **9.00am Wednesday, May20**. All orders will be delivered to school and you will be advised when you will be able to pick up your order from the office (at least one week later). If you have any questions re ordering please see/ring/email Mrs Nankivell in library on Wednesdays.

HOME DELIVERY INFORMATION

DARA IS PROVIDING, FREE MEAL HOME DELIVERY AROUND NEWCASTLE,
PORT STEPHENS, MAITLAND AND LAKE MACQUARIE AREAS.



All who require food support are welcome to
receive a weekly meal delivery.

Visit dara.org.au/home-delivery or call 4979 1339
(during office hours) to register your details.



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