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TERM 1

Week 9

March 25th
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DIARY DATES

Governing Council meeting has been cancelled till further notice.

9/4/2020 -
End of Term -
2.15pm
closure

27/4/2020 -
Term 2 Begins

Welcome to Week 9

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are entering unprecedented and uncertain times with regard to the impact of the Corona Virus on education and the way it is delivered. The evolving health situation has the opportunity to provide educators and families with a perfect situation to develop life skills, create new ways of teaching and actually becoming closer to our families as parents could become the teaching medium with support from the teacher. Teachers are now preparing for online teaching; in case this is needed in the future. We have asked families to be prepared and ready for this scenario (I hope it doesn't come to this). We are not in panic mode, we are preparing for every scenario so that your child/ren can continue to learn and develop their academic skills and knowledge in any environment in the short and long term.

Teachers are currently transitioning to an online classroom Teaching and Learning environment for Year 3 and above to cater for the large number of families choosing to self-isolate, students remaining at school will be a part of these lessons. This is a learning curve for staff and students, so please be patient as we navigate through this.

Those families that already have access to iPads and computers, we encourage you to allow your child/ren to access these for online learning. Those that do not have computer access at home we can supply a school device, but they will require internet access at home to get into the necessary applications such as TEAMS, please contact the school if you require a device. If you're using your own devices, students will need TEAMS and WORD. All students have access to these through O365 for free. There are also free apps to download to iPads. Anyone requiring tech support, please ring the school.

Remember you are their parents and family members NOT their teacher, we will, as a staff ensure that your child/ren have the tools, resources and infrastructure required when and if the school has to close for a prolonged period of time.

Please keep in constant and regular contact with your child/ren's teacher, they are best qualified to assist you in learning and knowledge development of your child/ren, more importantly they KNOW your kids.

The school will remain open and operating as normal with some slight changes to the library opening times.

All school camps and excursions planned for term 1 and 2 have been postponed. All staff nonessential travel has been cancelled and teachers have prepared a 2 week learning pack for your child/ren to be used only if they are self-isolating or the school closes for an extended period.

I will keep you informed of any updates and changes to the current situation.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

These will be postponed until a Date to Be Confirmed in Term 2. If you would still like to discuss anything about your child/ren's learning, please contact the school for more information.

Thanks for your support and understanding.

Regards

Tony Tree



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education
and Child Development

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Dear parent/caregiver,

As you are aware a number of people from in and around Cummins are self-isolating after possible contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 after attending a recent public gathering.

Public health authorities have indicated that at this stage we do not need to close our site as part of the response. I understand that there may be some questions about why that is the case.

I wanted to take this opportunity to step out our COVID-19 protocol so you have a bit more clarity about what would prompt a closure and how we will act if health officials tells us closure is a necessary step.

As a first principle we are always guided by the advice of the Communicable Disease Control Branch (CDCB) of SA Health.

We'll be told if there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in someone who attends our school while potentially infectious.

If that happens, we will shut for a minimum of 24 hours.

This is to allow the Department for Education and SA Health to work together to contact those individuals who have been in contact with the diagnosed person.

It will also allow us to carry out a thorough clean of the relevant areas.

In the event of a closure we will not be opening again until public health officials indicate that it is safe to do so.

This approach has been put in place by the Department for Education on the advice of South Australia's Chief Health Officer.

These are anxious times and I understand that you may have additional questions.

There are a couple of useful resources you might like to look at:

- SA Health's COVID-19 website explains more about the virus and how you should respond: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019.
- The Department for Education website has a detailed Q&A which may answer some of your school-related questions: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/covid-19-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-about-covid-19-parents-and-carers>

One important point to reinforce is; keep your child home if they are ill.

I understand that this letter may not answer all the questions you have at this time, but I hope this gives some insight into the process.

As always, the health and wellbeing of your child is our primary concern.

We will keep the lines of communication open and if you have any concerns at all please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Lock School Community Library

CLOSED

Due to Coronavirus COVID-19, and in accordance with the new measures outlined by the Prime Minister last night, the Lock Library will be CLOSED from 5pm today, Wednesday 25th March, until further notice.

We will still be open to the community today between the hours of 3:30pm-5pm for those who want to stock up on books and pick up holds.

We are still determining if we can provide a 'call-and-collect' service for books and DVDs, and are waiting for further advice on this. We will keep you posted through Facebook and the school newsletter. If you prefer to be contacted by email or text message, please call us on 8689 1015 with your details.

SAPSASA Girls Cricket



Last week, Sophie Morton and Lili Tiller represented the Eyre Peninsula Northern District in Sapsasa Girls Cricket. After initial confusion on whether the carnival would proceed, and the restrictions of High Fives, the carnival got underway on schedule against the reigning carnival champions. Whilst the result wasn't ideal, the day improved immensely as we then defeated Southern Metro 95-40. The rest of the week featured pretty close games, which included a win against Southern Country on the Wednesday Morning 63-54. Both girls played with immense determination and showed solid development in their skills and understanding of the game as the week went on. Both girls did well in making a few runs, and taking wickets, whilst Sophie executed a brilliant run out and a caught and bowled. Well done girls!

Jake Rogers

Sports Coordinator

Sophie

Across the week, I learnt how to block the ball better, and bowling more accurately. Some of the highlights of the week included; taking the only caught and bowled for the week, getting out for two Golden Ducks, meeting new people and running out an opposition batter.

Lili

Across the week I learnt how to bat properly, correct fielding technique and how to bowl more accurately. Some of the highlights of the week include; getting some wickets, meeting new people from my team, and the social tea on the Tuesday night at the Watermark Hotel.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

We are pleased to share that Cleve, Kimba, Wudinna and Lock Area Schools will have access to Oral Health Services in 2020.

Children from 0-18years are eligible for free examinations and treatment.

Consent and enrolment forms will be sent out early in Term 2, with examinations expected to take place at a later date.

Please contact info@jeanie.global if you require more information.

HARMONY DAY

