



Term 2 Week 4

Dear parents & caregivers

I understand that a few parents were upset that I didn't have all the information about the return to school to send home yesterday. However, I, along with all the other Principals in the State were briefed yesterday afternoon at 3.30 in a live stream where the formal facts were presented. The page titled **A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning** was sent to us via email after school ended yesterday and I have added it to this newsletter to inform everyone about the return to school process.

This message below was delivered by Mark Scott (Secretary of the Department of Education) yesterday afternoon in the live stream.

"I want to apologise too, and I want to apologise to you on behalf of the Minister as well, and I've been talking with her about this. The intention of the Government, the Premier, and the Minister was to make this announcement this morning to all NSW citizens together, teachers, parents, and others at the press conference the Premier is holding every morning. Unfortunately, the news leaked out last night and many of you will have first been aware of that decision when you saw it on the television news last night; that wasn't our intent and we're unhappy that it's leaked out that way. These things happen around politics and media from time to time. But the intention was for the Premier to make that announcement directly to the NSW community this morning, and we were planning to simultaneously have information on your desks as principals as that rolled out. I'm sorry that that didn't happen the way it was intended."

I have included all the current information and our school planning for a smooth start to full time teaching and learning next week.

Dropping off your children in the morning

To ensure the safety of all students and staff at the school, parents are asked to drop their children at the gates (where a teacher will be on duty) **and not enter the school grounds.**

Picking Up your children in the afternoon

We are trialing a staggered dismissal system and also creating a one way flow to leave the school grounds. This is to ensure social distancing among adults.

Only K-2 Parents and those who normally pick up their older children inside the school are allowed to **enter the grounds via the main gates and wait along the ramp running down to the canteen.** The rest of the children will be dismissed to meet you at your car (or walk home as per usual). I ask that you remain in your car and wait for your children.

All children and parents will be leaving **via the back gate** (if they usually do) **or the car park gates** where a teacher will be on duty. No one is to leave via the front top gates – these are only for entry.

Dismissal times:

2.40pm : Stage 3 and 4/5M & 4/5S

2.50pm : Stage 2

3.00pm : K – Year 2 & 2/3H

If older children are waiting for younger brothers or sisters, they will sit on the Quad in a designated area until their siblings arrive. They will then **leave via the Back Gate or Car Park Gates.**

There will be teachers on duty at all exit points as to ensure the safety of our students.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school via phone or email.

Mrs Karen Masciocchi (Principal)



A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

This guide is for parents and carers

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.

Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.

School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – **bring a water bottle instead**

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.



Thank you parents, students and Eschol Park Public School staff

I would like to thank parents for their understanding and support during this very unsettled time. It has been heartening to have parents thank the teachers for the fine work they are doing and have done during this disruptive time. It certainly hasn't been easy. I am sure many parents, while enjoying time with their children, are happy for them to return to school. I have heard from many parents that they have a new found respect and admiration for the work of teachers.

I would like to formally thank all the teachers and non-teaching staff for their dedication and commitment to all our students ensuring that learning continued whether online or through hard packs. Our school has run quite smoothly during this time and it is due to their hard work and many hours of preparation, uploading and then marking.

Lastly, thank you to all our students for your hard work. It has not been easy for you to have to change the way you learn so quickly. The majority of you have done a fabulous job and kept working hard for your teachers. I know how hard it was as I was listed as a student in every Google classroom so I could see your tasks and I had to complete them as well!

Thank you
Mrs K Masciocchi
Principal



ISS FACILITY SERVICES ARE NOW HIRING SCHOOL CLEANING JOB VACANCIES – APPLY NOW

Duties

- Cleaning school facilities including but not limited to; classrooms, toilets, bubblers, kitchens, windows and grounds
- Maintenance of stock supplies and orders
- Full Training and uniforms provided

Minimum Criteria

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to pass Government criminal background check
- Ability to obtain a Working with Children number prior to commencement \$80
- Have valid driver's Licence and reliable vehicle for Regional Locations

Days of Work & Shifts Available

- Monday to Friday
- Shift Times Available 5am-9am, 10am-3pm or 2pm-6pm
- Please outline your shift preference in the employment application
- **DON'T DELAY** Follow the link below to the ISS Careers page and complete an employment application, which will take approximately 5 minutes. Please have a copy of your ID available e.g., drivers licence and passport to assist with the application process.

[Click here to apply now](#)

<http://careers.au.issworld.com/cw/en/job/517878>

If you need any assistance with your application, or have further questions, please email sandra.moussa@au.issworld.com

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YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

EVENT INFORMATION:

We are running a number of sessions contact us to register

Date: Wednesday 3 June 2020
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Date: Friday 5 June 2020
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2020
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Thursday 11 June 2020
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting
COST: Free
RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or
Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

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