



Term 2 Week 5

Dear parents & caregivers

Thank you to the many parents who had read the previous newsletter and the Skoolbag apps and were able to be on time to pick up their children yesterday afternoon at the designated times.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of your children as they return to school fulltime and we are also mindful of the need to continually remind parents about the need to **socially distance** from each other. **Please do not crowd around the front gate in the afternoon.**

Our school has received **additional cleaning** in line with AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. We are well stocked with hand soap, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, toilet paper and hand sanitizer.

Please do not send in any cakes or sweets for **student birthdays** until further notice.

Please note that the **canteen** will be open this Thursday and Friday for lunch orders and purchases at lunch time only.

Home reading for Stage One students will continue using the online PM program. Login details will be sent home over the next couple of days and are still available on Google Classrooms. Teachers will change the online books weekly.

Please return any home reading books you have at home.

We may be holding our own **small in-school assemblies** in the coming weeks, however parents are not allowed to attend. I am sorry about this but I know you all understand the reasons. We want to ensure children still get the chance to receive their awards and be congratulated for their achievements.

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 OR on the grass area.** 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 in front of the Library until their siblings arrive. They will then **leave via the Back Gate or Car Park Gates. These students are not to wait with their parents on the ramp until their younger siblings arrive. They will need to wait in the designated area.**

PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN THE DROP OFF ZONE AND LEAVE IT THERE WHILE YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THIS AREA IS FOR QUICK PICK UP ONLY.

Please remember that the back gate is not busy and may be a better alternative in the afternoons. Plenty of parking available. Staff walk the younger children to these gates and wait there with them until their parents arrive.

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

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



TRANSITION TO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

(DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY, DIAGNOSED DISABILITY, BEHAVIOURAL NEEDS)

A FREE ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING via Zoom

WEDNESDAY 3rd June 2020

7pm – 8.30pm

South West Sydney Early Childhood Intervention Coordination Program invites parents, carers, grandparents, early childhood educators, teachers and services supporting families to attend this information session presented by EACH and NSW Department of Education.

Karen Barnes – EACH Community Engagement & Capacity Building Lead SW Sydney

Kym Booth & Natalie Bowling – EACH Regional Lead & Practice Team Lead
(Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly & Wingecarribee)

Robyn Sheen & Kerry Lee – Itinerant Support Teachers (Early Intervention)
Dept Education NSW

- **EACH**
 - will present the NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention Pathways for children 0 – 6 years (for children with developmental delay and diagnosed disabilities)
- **Department of Education**
 - will present the transition to school process for children with additional needs and will cover the process for NSW Department Schools, Catholic and Independent Schools.
 - when should I enrol my child, age of a child coming into school/ which school can I attend/ what do I need to do for my child with additional needs/ how do I go about getting support/ Access Request?
 - the role of the Learning and Well-being Officer in schools
 - support classes and teams within the Department of Education
- **Question Time**

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

PLEASE REGISTER: Follow the Eventbrite link below and Zoom login details will be forwarded to you

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ecicp-transition-to-school-for-children-with-additional-needs-tickets-105494627270>



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