

Principal's Report for the School Board Week 4, Term 2, 2020

Thank you to the Aubin Grove Primary School community for their unwavering support throughout the evolving COVID situation we find ourselves in this year. The teaching and support staff take great comfort and continue to be motivated to drive school improvement and success for all students knowing we have the backing of our community. As we continue to have success with minimal community transmission and flattening the curve in Western Australia, we hope that the disruption to our school year will be minimal and we can continue to slowly return to our normal programs and processes as the year continues.

The biggest concerns for the Director General in her most recent address to the Principal's on Thursday 14th May were:

- Not allowing anyone unnecessary onto the school site, unless their attendance is due to health, wellbeing or maintenance. Parents are to remain off site.
- Not mixing the students unnecessarily and between year levels.
- Concerns with the highest risk still being recognised as between adults, therefore no more than 20 people in one space. Being outside does not make this number exempt.
- The extra cleaning in schools continues.
- Online learning will conclude, except in scenarios where the child fulfils particular criteria that is approved by SSEND.

Week 4 through to the conclusion of Week 6. We are expecting another government review in readiness for Monday 15th June (Week 8):

Heath Promotion and School Operations

- Parents will be required to remain off site, thus requiring to continue with the staggered start and finish times for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary.
- The staggered early finish on Tuesday will also continue.
- The recess and lunch breaks will no longer need to be staggered. Each year level will have a specific area to play in.
- All students will eat in their classroom with recess eating taking place from 10:30-10:45am and lunch eating from 1:00- 1:15pm.
- The front administration area will be open to the public and staff, with no more than 4 people in the immediate front foyer area.
- Staff room will reopen with a capacity at all times of 20 people. Conference room area will hold the additional capacity of 10 people and only for staff. No visitors are permitted in this space for now (excluding relief)
- Friday drinks can resume with the capacity of the rooms being adhered to.
- Mini staff rooms in learning community areas will continue to operate.
- No whole school morning teas as of yet.
- The School Development Day on Friday 29th May will continue, but in an altered format due to the 20-person capacity and social distancing rule.
- Staff can continue to wear the school uniform (purple shirt, black pants and jacket) as a form of PPE and it is strongly encouraged that it is washed in warm water each evening to avoid any possible. If staff do not wish to wear the uniform, work attire must align to the agreed school's code of conduct staff dress.
- The handwashing, sanitising regime and education for good hygiene for all students must continue.
- We will be continuing to not operate with the siren, as it promotes a much calmer and less institutionalised environment; however, I would very much welcome feedback on this. The handbells used out in the playground to signal the end of the play break seem to be a very practical replacement at this point in time.

Teaching and Learning

- The DOTT timetable will recommence in Week 4 and collaborative meetings for teaching teams can resume with a capacity of 20 people.
- Specialists can operate in their rooms, however, may choose to operate in the classroom due to eating, handwashing requirements and drop off/ pick up requirements. The common touch areas will need to be disinfected between classes.
- Year 11 and 12 students completing a practical component of the General course can resume their work at the site.
- Library will reopen for borrowing with Liz and Carly grouping year levels together and each student having an individual ruler for borrowing.
- Support staff can recommence being mobile across the school and classrooms, using appropriate hygiene practices between rooms.
- Senior sport can resume in single year levels and must include non-contact sport.
- PEAC can recommence.
- Staff from other schools (ie CCEN) should try to meet outside of the school, ie café, library, should an online meeting not be possible.

Students and Families

- External therapists are classed as essential workers and can resume working with their students; however, they should where possible, not be in the classroom.
- Parents can attend arranged case conferences in the PL transportable only. They can be let in the back gate and will exit from this point. They are not to be in classrooms or walking across the school.
- Amberlie will resume holding her meetings with students in her office, sanitising between students visiting.
- Home-made birthday treats or the sharing of food is not permitted at this stage.

Reporting

- Reports will not contain any 5-point grade scale.
- English and Maths will be the only subject area visible on the report.
- They will still contain the efforts for these learning areas.
- The ABEs (Attitudes, Behaviour and Efforts) will still need to be completed for each child.
- A general comment will be provided and individualised for each child.
- All general comments will be 600-character capacity.
- This week, line managers will work with teams to develop the English and Maths comments, for each year level and will be based on the individual student's progress in comparison to how much they have attended school since the commencement of 2020.
- Specialist teachers do not have any reporting requirements this semester. They will consult with the administration early next week to share ideas on how this team will support other teachers in the development of the reports. More information on this will follow shortly.
- Reports are due by COB, Friday 19th June Week 8. No extensions will be granted due to the extension in due date and short turnaround for release to families.

What is not permitted at this stage?

- Assemblies
- Incursions or Excursions
- Sporting carnivals
- Choir/ music activities
- Camps
- Mixed groups of students
- School banking or other before/ after school activities
- Whole school events
- Handling of cash at the canteen
- Out of hours meetings are permitted, complying with the 20 person rules; however, where possible, online meetings are preferred.