

**Principal's Report for the School Board
Term 1, Week 10, 2022**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the school board and the school community for their unwavering support of our school during Term 1, 2022. There is no doubt that this term has been the most complex over the past two years, since COVID made its first appearance on the education landscape. The constant changes required to manage how COVID has presented in our school has been challenging for all, yet the entire staff have met this challenge with the highest level of professionalism and positivity, all to ensure our children's school environment remains calm and consistent. The staff have demonstrated solutions-focused thinking when obstacles have come their way, and it has been a relief to know that important events for our school, such as assemblies, the summer carnival and parent interviews have all still been able to be achieved, just in different ways this term.

The COVID environment is still quite unpredictable and although restrictions have been eased for the general public moving into the holiday period, we do not know how much our school situation will alter again, heading into Term 2. We plan to keep most of our operations quite similar in Week 1 upon our return, and then make the changes necessary from this point, once we have an understanding how our staff and students will return after their holiday break and what our case numbers will look like. We will also gain an indication from the Department of Education if there will be any changes to how formal Semester 1 reports will proceed early next term.

We have been granted extra six HEPA filters for the school to place in high traffic areas, in addition to approximately 330 RAT testing boxes to be distributed to all staff for incidental testing, where they see fit. This delivery has been long anticipated as staff until this point have been required to purchase their own, should they need to test. These tests will give our staff additional piece of mind to continue their work, well, as they move into Term 2.

Third Party Platform Consent Collection 2022

In public schools, a variety of online resources are utilised in the classrooms to enhance the contemporary teaching and learning environment for our students. Our school and teaching staff make the best, informed decisions about which applications and software are used in the classroom to meet student need. At times, student personal information, for example, names and date of birth might be requested to allow access to the content.

To protect and model responsible behaviour when entering information online, again in 2022, all public schools will be required to seek parent consent to provide students access to online material. With this consent, there is detailed information about the implications of using the service, what will be done with the information, who else might have access to it and where the data will be stored.

Each third-party provider will have their material assessed by a dedicated team in central office to determine the level of risk associated with its use. The service is then categorised into either low risk, in which parents only need to be informed, medium risk in which the services can be bundled together for one action of consent and then high risk, in which each service would require individual and explicit parent consent. As a school, we have decided to only access those services that would attract a low or medium risk not only to protect our students, but to also avoid requiring to seek explicit consent each time a service is introduced in a classroom.

This information and electronic consent documents were sent home to families last week and again this year the administration team will work with individual families, where additional support is required to understand the reasoning behind gaining the consent for the third-party platform.

Planning for Term 2, 2022

COVID Plans

Personal Protection Equipment and Hygiene

- RAT delivery for ALL staff. One pack of 5 tests. Please come to the office window to collect and get name signed off.
- Plenty of adult and child masks. Please also collect if required in readiness for Term 2.
- Masks must be on at all times, except for eating and direct instruction. To calculate a close contact definition, no more than 15 minutes when eating and again no more than 2 hours in a classroom in total. You can avoid being a close contact if these parameters are kept. Mask wearing is still mandated beginning of Term 2.
- 6 new HEPA filters for high traffic areas in block alcove areas.
- Winter ventilation plan will be released by the department early in Term 2.
- Cleaners will retain an extra 45 minutes each day and cleaning will continue throughout the day in Term 2.

Operation of the School

- Less demand on administration contact tracing and submission on dashboard. Keep names, diagnosis date, year and class only to be submitted daily to the department.
- Office staff will move back into admin building due to increased communication demands not effectively being met currently.
- IT will stay in staffroom for now, due to not being able to social distance in this room for staff when eating/ drinking on breaks.
- Japanese will stay commencing Term 2 in IT space in LC4.

Events

- Assemblies, not quite inclusive yet so we will watch and see beginning for Term 2.
- ANZAC service will not take place this year, due to the extensive preplanning required for this event to take place and the mixing of different year levels.
- Swimming will go ahead as planned for now. The second group where cohorts will be mixed in classes on buses will still need to be confirmed in early Term 2.
- Year 6 camp can only go ahead as a day camp in Term 2.
- No need for admin or teaching staff to track positive cases over the holidays.

General School News

- Good standing THIS FRIDAY. 100% of our kids maintained their Good Standing. Little Legends! We are doing an icypole and extra play in their current area to celebrate this excellent effort due to cohorting restrictions.
- SDD Term 2 will take place Tuesday 26th April 2022 This day will see a return to our visible Learning priority through our professional learning partners, Corwin, providing the Visible Learning session at the Swan Yacht Club East Fremantle so the staff can effectively social distance.
- Independent School Review scheduled for Term 3 looks as though it might be delayed due to a pause on all reviews and then a back log for catch up.
- P and C news- Easter raffle will take place this Friday afternoon over PA and this year the team is awesome! Working on three things only; presence, the canteen continuing to be viable and the planning/fundraising for a new senior playground where the old Japanese Room was last year. The plan is to fundraise and build over the Christmas holidays. They would love for the students to plan and contribute to the development of this through STEM and ildea. More to come in this space early in Term 2.

Thanks, Gratitude's and Good Luck to our Staff

- A big thank you to Craig Fritchley, David Alessandrini, Carly Walters, Amberlie Conguista, Bailey Foulk and the Year 6 staff for a vibrant and fantastic summer carnival, where every Year 6 student could participate in their chosen summer sport in place of the Atwell College Interschool Carnival which was cancelled due to COVID. A great, sunny and happy day for all!
- **Susan Woon!** Susan has provided an incredible online teaching program for our children and taken so much pressure off the administration team and teachers in supporting those students isolating or

unwell with COVID this term. Thank you so much for your knowledge and efforts, and we wish you and Jer lots of luck in your next life journey. Enjoy that last bit of rest before your baby makes its appearance very soon. We cannot wait to meet him/her!

- **Emily Arrowsmith!** Thank you for your continued support of all things IT and for getting us up and running this term with the iPad program, Sarah from Lumos and for the third-party platform permissions. We are so thankful for your efforts and cannot wait to meet baby Arrowsmith number two very soon. Enjoy that last little bit of rest before you become super busy being mum of two!