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Office Hours - 8:30am to 4:00pm - Monday to Thursday
9:00am to 3.30pm – Friday
REMOTE LEARNING WEBSITE: sites.google.com/view/pps-remote-learning

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Congratulations to everyone for completing their fifth week of remote learning! Earlier this week we received the exciting news that there will be a staged return to school before the end of term. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

The key dates are listed below:

Monday 25th May Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26th May Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students return

Tuesday 9th June Grade 3 – 6 students return

After School Programs commence

Our return to school does come with some changes which are outlined in detail in an accompanying letter. Please read through the Return to School notice carefully for all the details. Key changes include:

- Parents and carers will drop students at one of our school gates. Student drop off times in the morning are naturally staggered so there will be no change to the time to drop off your child.
- **Respectfully, please only enter the school grounds if absolutely necessary as the number of adults in the school must be restricted.**
- Adults must maintain physical distancing and not congregate at any time.
- Pick up times in the afternoon will be staggered as outlined below. If you are unable to collect your child at the time below please let me know and we can change this on an individual basis.

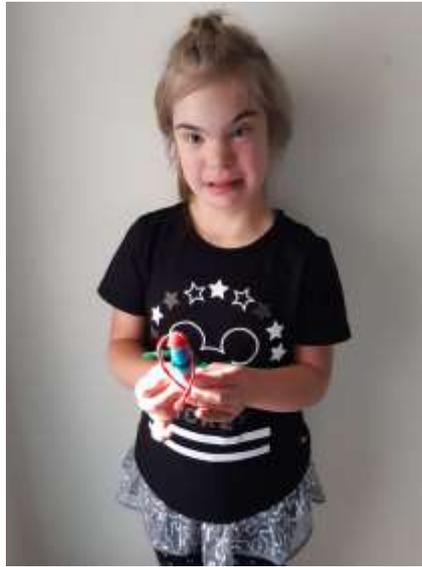
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- Students who walk or ride to school independently will depart from school at 3:30pm.
- If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.
- These arrangements will be in place from 26th May until further notice.

Please talk through these changes with your child prior to their return to school. It is important that your child knows which school gate they will be collected from in the afternoon and it is important that these times are adhered to as closely as possible.



Worry Dolls

The week Dee included a kit to make Worry Dolls in our remote learning packs. Thanks very much to the families who made the doll and shared a photo with us. They are super cute and Dee absolutely loved seeing your photos.



Kitchen



Our students have been busy in the kitchen again. Slater and Zaxton's Mars Bar slice looks amazing. Mitchell prepared apple muffins (pictured) and jelly slice, Amy made jelly slice as well (pictured) and Aimee prepared donuts (refer front cover for photo). Great job to everyone.



[Remote Learning Website](#)

After its first week in operation we have been very pleased with our new Remote Learning Website. It has given us new opportunities to connect with our students to improve the teaching and learning experience during this time. Our sincere thanks to Jacqui Teague from Colour Logic who set this platform up for us and upskilled all the staff to be able to edit their own pages. We couldn't have done it without you.

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[School Breakfast Club](#)

Our School Breakfast Club will commence for students in Prep to Grade 2 on Tuesday 26th May. Interested students are able to have breakfast in the school kitchen from 8:30am until 8:50am. The program is run by Suzy Hudson and she is very excited about getting the Breakfast Club up and running.

School Breakfast Clubs provide a warm and welcoming space for students when they arrive at school.

Our breakfast club will provide our students with a variety of healthy, Victorian grown or manufactured breakfast foods. These include oats, muesli, Vita Brits, Whole grain Cheerios, milk, baked beans, canned fruit, fruit cups, fresh apples, Vegemite and honey.

Creating a safe and social Breakfast Club environment has many benefits. It removes a barrier to learning when a child is hungry, provided opportunity to build positive relationships between peers and staff, provides an opportunity for student leadership roles, and an opportunity to provide informal learning around nutrition, table manners and other life skills.



All students welcome!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, senior secondary (Year 11 and 12 VCAL and VCE) students and all students in specialist schools will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

Year 10 students undertaking VCE studies, including VCE VET studies, should also attend school for those classes where practicable. If this is not possible for your child/children, our teachers will make sure the work provided to students attending at school is also provided to your child/children.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day.

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

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- Parent-teacher meetings and interviews will be held in early Term 3 and delivery of these will be dependent on current guidelines at this time. It is likely we will be using an online platform.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

Yours sincerely,

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