

St. Albans Primary School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Community,

The school term is quickly drawing to a close. We have returned from remote learning for six weeks now and the school term is quickly drawing to a close. The students have settled back in well and are enjoying being in their classrooms with their friends and teachers.

As you are aware, to keep everyone safe, we still have a range of COVID Safe Practices in place, such as staggered starts and finishes, limited visitors onsite, and staggered play times. Staff and students are in "bubbles" with restricted access to play areas and students from other year levels.

In classrooms, increased ventilation is promoted through the opening of doors and windows all day. All staff continue to wear face masks along with all Year 3 – 6 students, our Prep – 2's are encouraged to wear face masks whilst inside.

Unfortunately this week, we did have two positive COVID cases in the Preps. When the school receives notification of a positive case, we must complete close contact tracing, notify the Department of Education and the Department of Health. Students and staff that are identified as close contacts are sent home and are required to get a standard PCR COVID test. Once a negative result is received, students and staff can return to school. I would like to thank the families who complied with these practices this week.

All of the above COVID Safe Practices are put in place to make the school as safe as possible for your child to attend onsite. The school is following closely the advice that is given to us by the Department of Education and the Department of Health. We will continue with these COVID Safe Practices until advised otherwise.

When you come to school to drop off and pick up your children you will see all staff wearing face masks, socially distancing and hand sanitising. We ask that you also maintain social distance at the gate. No one is allowed to enter the school without an appointment and you must be double vaccinated and wear a face mask.

Any student who is unwell will be sent home, if your child has a runny nose, cough, sore throat or fever please keep your child at home and take them to get a COVID test. If your child suffers from allergies, you need to speak to your doctor. We understand this is frustrating and appreciate your patience but this is a necessary practice to keep the school community safe. Along with the COVID Safe Practices we are trying to maintain a normal school day and include end of year activities such as the Step Into Prep Program, Year 6 Graduation and excursions. All of these events have a COVID Safe Plan and risk assessment completed before the activity is allowed to occur.

Take care and stay safe.

Joanne Richmond
PRINCIPAL

Important Dates

Tuesday 30th November:
School Council Meeting via
Webex at 2pm

Thursday 2nd December:
2022 Prep Parent online
WebEx meeting

Friday 3rd December:
5/6 Beach Excursion
Step Into Prep

Tuesday 7th December:
Year 6 Orientation
Step Up day for Year Prep to 5

Thursday 9th December:
Year 6 Graduation

Friday 10th December:
Year 5/6 Funfields Excursion

Tuesday 14th December:
Reports go home

Wednesday 15th December:
Whole School Picnic

Thursday 16th December:
Last day of term 4, Assembly
at 9:30am
Students dismissed at 1:30pm

