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Term 2 Week 3

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Despite the chilly mornings, we warmly welcomed students as part of the Phase 1 managed return to school this week and look forward to the students joining us again next week on their rostered day. The students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to come together for their day of learning.

Thank you to the Parents/Carers for supporting the school in our attempts to minimise the number of visitors on site. We appreciate that Parents/Carers not entering the school grounds is unusual; however, the ongoing health of our whole school community must remain a priority at this time.

Week 4

The NSW Department of Education is consistently reviewing the advice from NSW Health and the NSW Government in response to the COVID-19 situation. At this stage Week 4 will be operating the same as Week 3 with students attending on their rostered day and Parents/Carers encouraged to implement learning from home on the other four days. Please continue to kiss and drop your child at the gates in the mornings and collect from a designated gate in the afternoon. If the school receives any updated information we will advise parents/carers as soon as possible.

The school has enhanced cleaning occurring each day with an additional cleaner on site during the day to wipe down touch points throughout the school. We have also purchased additional hand sanitiser to cover all classrooms, office areas and work spaces in the school. The teachers continue to encourage the students to wash their hands frequently.

Phase 1 Roster for attendance:

Monday – 3/4R, 3/4P and 4M

Tuesday – 1/2P, 1/2M and 1/2 J

Wednesday – KD and KT

Thursday – 5/6B, 5/6D and 5M.

Absence

Parents/Carers are reminded that the school is required to constantly monitoring the attendance of all students especially whilst students are learning remotely. Parents/Carers need to notify the school if their child is not attending on their rostered day. The Department of Education has provided schools with attendance guidelines which are listed below. Please ensure a skoolbag message or email is sent to the school each week. Thank you to those families who have already notified the school.

Students working remotely are classified as *at home engaged in learning*. The absence is recorded as **F - flexible**. This leave does not show on student reports.

Students are unwell and the school is notified that they are sick. The absence is recorded as **S - Sick**.

There is no evidence of students completing work therefore they are on unapproved leave. The absence is marked as **A - Absent unjustified**.

Pedestrian and Road Safety

Please continue to follow safe pedestrian behaviour when collecting your child by crossing at the designated school crossings not outside the school gates. Brushwood Drive is a very busy street as is Coachwood Crescent. The last thing anyone wants is for an avoidable accident to occur to one of our students or their family.

Sutherland Shire Council contacted the school last week to advise that they had been contacted regarding dangerous driving behaviour in Coachwood Crescent near the crossing. Council advised that parking rangers have been assigned to patrol during school zone times and they have been noted outside the school this week. Please be mindful of pedestrians and road rules when driving around the school to ensure we all remain safe.

Year 6 shirts

Thank you to the P&C who generously donated the Year 6 shirts to our Year 6 students. Yesterday the students were delighted when they were presented with their shirts. We look forward to the students wearing their shirts to school next Thursday on their rostered day. Previously the shirts have been presented by the P&C; however, this was not possible this year. Thank you to Mrs Meggos, Alford's Point Public School P&C President for sending a virtual message to the Year 6 students that we played for them yesterday when they received their shirts instead.

Kindergarten 2021

If you have a child who is enrolling for Kindergarten in 2021 we ask that you submit an enrolment form. Application can be accessed online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolmentapplication>

Out of area applications will need to also submit the Out of Area form with their enrolment. All out of Area application will be reviewed by the Enrolment Panel as per the Department of Education Enrolment Policy.

Please remind friends, neighbours or relatives that they can commence the enrolment process. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, new enrolment interviews and the 2021 Kindergarten transition program are currently suspended for Term 2. Further information will be communicated to families once it is available.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is currently closed for face to face shopping; however, parent/carers are able to purchase items through online ordering. You need to register at www.school24.net.au the school registration I.D is 25151963, if paying by cash please complete the uniform order form and email it to kate.scotton@gmail.com the orders will then be packaged and Parents/Carers advised via email or sms of when and where to collect items. Thank you to the Uniform Committee for facilitating this service.

Canteen Operations

The Canteen will continue to be closed at this point. Parents/Carers are reminded to ensure students have recess and lunch when they attend school.

Before and After School Care

As previously advised Jubilee Community Services will take over as service provider for Alford's Point Public School Before and After School Care from Monday 20 July 2020. The school thanks Cindy and her staff for all they do for our school. Parents/Carers will receive correspondence from Jubilee Community Services over the coming weeks as part of their transition into the role.

Year Book

Each year the school produces a Year Book which families can purchase. The Year Book contains a variety of photos including class photos and special group photos e.g. SRC, sport, dance groups for the year. A review by the school at the end of last year identified that the production of the Year Book needed to be outsourced. It was confirmed at P&C in Term 1 that the community wanted to continue with the year book.

The 2020 Year Book will be very different due to COVID-19 causing the cancellation of many school events. As a consequence, the school will cover the costs for the 2020 Year Book. From 2021, the Year Book will be produced by a printing company which families can purchase.

School Photos

The school postponed school photos that were due to be taken on 6 April to Wednesday 14 October 2020. Please mark this date in your diaries.

We have been in contact with Advancedlife photography and they have confirmed that any family who has already paid online for the photos will have the payment transferred over to the new booking date. The company has also advised that if social distancing rules need to be applied in October then they are able to provide a different layout style of photo which would see individual photos instead of whole groups for the class photo. This option will mean that we can still proceed with school photos for 2020.

ICAS Assessments

The school will be hosting the ICAS assessment in 2020 for English and Mathematics. The assessments are due to take place in Term 3 on Monday 24 August 2020 (week 6) and Monday 31 August 2020 (week 7). A note will be sent home with further information in the coming weeks.

P&C Meeting

Unfortunately, due to the current school restrictions the P&C Meetings are still unable to be held. Virtual meetings have never been possible for P&C Associations as the constitutions for P&C Associations have no enabler for virtual meetings. This means the only way for P&C Associations to make decisions is via face to face meeting with a quorum. A request has been submitted to the Education Minister by P&C Federation for a constitution amendment with a response still waiting.

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In Term 2, the P&C in consultation with the school will submit an application for a grant to support the refurbishment of the Year 6 area.

It is hoped that over the next 12 months we will be able to resurface the area and purchase new seating for the students.

Annette Wein
Principal



BeSafe is a local Shire based hand sanitiser company. We are very excited to be supplying Alford's Point Public School with our product at wholesale prices. In order to help the school more, for every purchase made by an individual in the community, we will give 15% cash back to the school. So if you purchase a 1L bottle for \$18, we will give the school \$2.7.

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