

ROSE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Snapshot

Term 2

22 April 2020

Welcome to Term 2

A warm welcome to all families as we continue in this challenging time of COVID-19. Rose Park PS will continue to follow the advice from the South Australian Department of Education (DfE) in relation to delivery of education to students as restrictions are reviewed.

At the end of Term 1, teachers spent four days working together to develop online learning that can be delivered consistently to students at home and at school. However, we believe the 'return to school' recommendation is imminent. We await further advice from Rick Perse, CE, DfE and The Hon. John Gardner, Minister for Education.



To support best practices in health, hygiene, and social distancing, the following will be in place for Term 2, until further notice:

- No excursions or incursions will be booked.
- After School Sports, including sport practise, are cancelled.
- All shared celebrations are cancelled, including Assemblies. Anzac Day activities will take place within classes.
- Extra-curricular activities (conducted at school) are cancelled including: Chess Club, Debating, What's the Buzz, and Private Music Tuition.

Term 2 Week 1 **Crossing Monitors**

AM

Troy D
William G
Deon K

PM

Ayaan K
Aditya M
Thami N

- Private tutors/specialists (ie. Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologist) will not be able to support students at school.
- The canteen will provide lunch orders from week 2 (**modified orders via the QKR App only**). Students will not be able to purchase food at recess or lunch times.
- Party/Birthday food will not be allowed at school. Children will continue to meet with the Principal to celebrate their birthdays.
- The Library will be closed for borrowing of hardcopy resources, however, plentiful online digital resources are available to families through their classroom teacher.

The following events, scheduled for Term 2 are cancelled:

- Rose Park Preschool visits
- Parents and Friends Movie Night (22 May)
- Working Bee (17 May)
- Old Scholars Open Day (24 May - Saturday)
- Winter Concert (24 June)

We are asking families to ensure all relatives and family members who drop-off and collect students are aware of the following protocols:

- Families are encouraged to kiss-and-drop wherever possible and **only students are to enter buildings and classrooms.** Teachers will be available via SeeSaw.
- After school, families are required to leave the site immediately.

The following preventative practises will also be put in place to protect students and staff.

Teachers will continue to reinforce good hygiene practices:

- washing hands regularly;
- covering coughs and sneezes; and
- eating inside, under teacher supervision.

The school will:

- continue additional cleaning of door handles and playground equipment; and
- support some specialist lessons (Japanese and Science) being held within students' home classrooms.

We are hopeful that with the continued decline in community transmissions of COVID-19, some of these restrictions can be lifted and life can return to closer to normal.

Thank you for providing advice regarding student collection in the event we are required to shut immediately.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate Kim Copeland and her husband Garry on the birth of their daughter Matlida (Tily), and to wish Rebecca Weber and her husband Kyle all the best for the birth of their baby. Leah Rippin and Vanessa Rinaldi, both Year 2 teachers, have commenced their maternity leave and we wish them all the best.

As a result, our Leadership Team has undergone some changes. Di Burrell will be taking COVID-19 leave in term 2, enabling Jo Hurn to take on the role of Principal. Barry Stewart will be Deputy Principal during this time, while Sarah Cole takes over from Kim Copeland as Assistant Principal for Student Services/Wellbeing, and Michael Porter maintains his role as Assistant Principal Innovative Pedagogies. We believe, and are confident, that these changes will provide the necessary structure to support staff and students.

To build on our strong sense of community, **RPPS Connect** is being established to enable those connected to Rose Park Primary School to find, utilise and support businesses linked to the school. It offers families/parents with businesses the chance to list their business, and for other members of the community to access this information. If you would like further information, please email Michael Porter, Assistant Principal Innovative Pedagogies: Michael.Porter392@schools.sa.edu.au

Enjoy the remainder of the holidays.

Take care,

Di Burrell and Jo Hurn