



PARENT BRIEFING #5 TERM ONE



Friday 5 February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing to advise that our school will open for the start of Term One next week. This is in response to Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last night that the hard lockdown in the Perth, Peel and South West regions will be lifted at 6.00pm today, Friday 5 February. However, some restrictions will continue to apply until at least 12:01 am 14 February.

We are delighted and excited that Liwara Catholic Primary School will be welcoming our students back to school on Monday 8 February.

The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members to wear a mask. There is no requirement for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to wear a mask, however they may choose to if they wish. The following information about school drop-off on Monday is provided for your information:

- PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 6 - CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPENED EARLIER ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY (FROM 8.20am) TO ALLOW ALL OUR STUDENTS TO SETTLE IN.
- PRE-KINDY & KINDY – CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPENED AT 8.45am DUE TO THE SMALLER GROUP NUMBERS BECAUSE OF THE STAGGERED START
- FAMILIAR STAFF WILL BE STATIONED AT GATES #1 #12 #13 FOR OUR EARLY YEARS AND JUNIOR PRIMARY STUDENTS AND GATES #3 & #6 FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS. PRE KINDY & KINDY PARENTS PLEASE USE GATE #14 TO ENTER THE ELC AREA. STUDENTS FROM PRE PRIMARY TO YEAR 6, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAND YOUR CHILD OVER TO THE STAFF AT THE GATE BUT IF YOU CHOOSE TO ENTER THE GROUNDS PLEASE STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW.
- ANY PARENT ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SCAN THE SAFE WA QR CODE AVAILABLE AT STUDENT ENTRY GATES OR WRITE THEIR DETAILS ON THE SIGN IN SHEET. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU USE THE HAND SANITISER PROVIDED BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL.
ALL ADULTS MUST WEAR A MASK IF ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
- *THE LIWARA STAFF TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR RESPECT, CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION WITH NOT ENTERING THE CLASSROOMS WHEN THE STUDENTS ARE PRESENT, WHILST WE ARE STILL IN PHASE FOUR OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 ROADMAP.*

OSHC parents using Before and/or After School Care must adhere to all school safety requirements as outlined in this and previous briefing. **Please scan the QR Code at Gate #4 when entering the grounds.** The OSHC attendance register will be positioned on the verandah along with hand sanitiser, outside the centre.

I appreciate that parents and students will have many questions about the new arrangements and assure you that I will continue to provide information about the requirements as soon it becomes available. If you believe your child is particularly anxious about starting school, hopefully you have already been in contact with their class teacher, as advised in Parent Briefing #1.

Prior to the start of the school year, please spend time with your children giving them as much information as you deem necessary to ensure a smooth transition into school on Monday 8 February. Teachers and Education Assistants will all be wearing masks when they welcome the children into the classrooms, which will be a bit disconcerting for many of the children, but with your support and preparation we hope to have a wonderful first day back!

Information about the Government's announcement is available on the wa.gov.au site. The latest health information is available through [WA Health Department](#).

Our school staff will continue to work closely with you to ensure that all children can be welcomed back to school on Monday, 8 February in a safe manner. Your child's health and well-being remains our first priority.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Millar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrea Millar
PRINCIPAL