



PRIMBEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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RESPECT SAFETY ACTIVE LEARNING



Week 1 – Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 1. I do hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. The recent fires across a large part of NSW have affected our students and schools in different ways. Please take the time to read the information about how we can support each other and our students further on in this newsletter. Let us know if you or your family were impacted in any way so that we can offer support to your child/children if needed. Our caring teaching staff have reviewed strategies to support students and are prepared to assist and seek support if needed.

It was so lovely to catch up with all of the students today and hear about their happy holiday adventures. Many students enjoyed playing with friends, catching up with family and going to the movies.

We have had such a wonderful beginning to the school year. Yesterday our dedicated administration, support and teaching staff engaged in professional learning and made plans for exciting initiatives for our 2020 students.

I would like to extend warm wishes to all of our new and returning families as we begin the school year together. Our Kindergarten students will embark on their school journey tomorrow and we all look forward to supporting them on this very special day.

I would like to welcome new and returning staff. Mrs Kendra Bell will be teaching all of our students in her role as our Science teacher and will job share with Mrs Sarah Kelly. Mrs Kate Ellsmore joins us in the role of Librarian. I would like to welcome back Mr Chris Scobie who returns to us as our School Counsellor.

I look forward to forming and building on existing school community partnerships as we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students as they continue their educational journey at our lovely little school.

"Teachers have 3 loves:
love of learning, love of
learners, and the love
of bringing the first two
loves together."

SCOTT HAYDEN



LIBRARY

Our students will engage in Library lessons each Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a library bag to protect the books that they bring home to enjoy.

CANTEEN

A reminder that the school canteen operates each Monday, Thursday and Friday.

2020 STAFF

2020 Roles	Teacher
Principal	Mrs Sharon Rigg
Assistant Principal	Mrs Alicia Hodges (Tues-Fri)
Instructional Leader	Mrs Amy Cliff (Mon-Wed)
Grevillea (Kindergarten)	Miss Sarah Cook
Bottlebrush (Stage 1)	Mrs Linda Jackson
Wattle (Stage 1)	Mrs Lydia Berehowyj
Jacaranda (Stage 1 & 2)	Miss Paige De-Nobrega
Bluegum (Stage 2 & 3)	Mrs Sarah Kelly (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Kendra Bell (Thurs-Fri)
Eucalyptus (Stage 3)	Miss Renee Stewart (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Alicia Hodges (Fri)
Librarian	Mrs Kate Ellsmore (Wed)
Learning and Support Teacher	Miss Tammy Kennedy (Mon-Wed)
Science Teacher	Mrs Kendra Bell (Mon-Wed)
School Counsellor	Mr Chris Scobie (Friday)
Student Learning Support Officers	Mrs Angela Flaherty Ms Kylie Mayberry Mrs Lauren Mankey
School Administration Manager	Ms Liz Thompson
School Administration Officers	Mrs Paula Lewis (Mon-Wed) Mrs Angela Flaherty (Thurs/Fri)
General Assistant	Mr Paul Abba
Canteen	Mrs Vicki Bartlett (Mon, Thurs & Fri)

ILLNESS AND INFECTION CONTROL – FLU SYMPTOMS

The Department of Education is working with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus situation.

As per usual guidance, staff and children who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

In accordance with national public health guidelines, only those who are close contacts (eg: live in the same household) of confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus infection should be excluded from school for a period of 14 days since last contact with the case.

NSW Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts.

Please see the following links for more information.

Factsheet

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

FAQs:

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Brad Hazzard
Minister for Health and Medical Research

Sarah Mitchell
Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATED ADVICE AHEAD OF SCHOOL RETURNING

The NSW Government has today requested that children who have visited China in the last two weeks not attend school or childcare services until 14 days have lapsed from their date of departure from China.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said although the risk to children is very low, the NSW Government has taken this step as a precautionary measure.

"I've been advised that it's not medically necessary, but the NSW Government has acted in line with community expectations to ensure the safest possible environment for our students," Mr Hazzard said.

"The internationally recognised incubation period for the coronavirus is 14 days, so this is the logical timeframe to ask students to refrain from attending school. After this time, there is no risk.

"Advice about not attending school has already been provided to any close contacts of confirmed cases."

The Commonwealth Department of Health has confirmed that all passengers disembarking from planes from China are being given comprehensive information about coronavirus in both English and Mandarin.

NSW Health has been contacting passengers who were on the same planes as confirmed cases to provide appropriate advice and has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

Ms Mitchell said the Department of Education has issued guidance to schools and childcare services across NSW on protocols in the event of a child becoming sick.

"Although the risk remains very low for children, we believe it is the right thing to do to take this extra step and will continue to update the community with advice," Ms Mitchell said.

There are currently four confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China or had contact with a confirmed case in China.

Parents with concerns can contact their local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** for advice or visit the dedicated NSW Health information page at:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

Anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to Hubei or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, should immediately isolate themselves from other people, contact their GP or local emergency department or call the healthdirect helpline **1800 022 222**.

