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PARENT COMMUNICATION

Pleasant Street Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning. Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

Return To School Dates

Monday May 25th will be a whole staff curriculum day. There will be no remote learning assignments or feedback posted on this day.

Stage 1 from Tuesday 26th May. All Foundation, Year 1 and 2 students will begin classes at school from Tuesday May 26th. All staff will return to school. Year 3 to 6 students will continue to learn remotely at home. During Stage 1, the existing model of on-site schooling for students who cannot be supervised at home will remain in place. Year 3 - 6 students who require supervision at school from this date may apply to attend as per the attendance process that has been in place all term. Families must fill in the DET attendance form (located on Compass and attached) and submit this to Mark McLay at mark.mclay@education.vic.edu.au by 3pm on Thursday the week before supervision is required.

Stage 2 from Tuesday June 9th: All Year 3 to 6 students will begin classes at school from Tuesday June 9th. All students will be expected to attend school as normal.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan. This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

Health Considerations

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing. If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools. This will apply until further notice.

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I will provide more detail about our local school context in the next newsletter, but it is important to note that changes will include adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students and changes to the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews.

Parent Communication

Families are welcome to communicate with the school through Compass email or via phone. We ask that parents use these channels rather than Google Classroom to contact teachers,

New Website

Check out [our new school website](#).

Camp Australia

Camp Australia continues to operate as normal.

Key Points in Next Week's Newsletter

In our next newsletter we will advise in more detail about;

- onsite drop off and pick up arrangements
- adjustments to the timetable to allow for staggered breaks
- cleaning and hygiene procedures
- reporting for Semester One
- reminders about what students need to bring once they return to school.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

Kind Regards,

Mark McLay



Form must be emailed to mclay.mark.h@edumail.vic.gov.au by 3pm Thursday. Every new week requires a new form.

ON-SITE ATTENDANCE FORM

Student/s name:			
Student/s date of birth:			
Student/s year level:			
<p><i>The Victorian Government has stated that all students who can learn from home must learn from home.</i></p>	<p>I am requesting that my child/ren attend on-site schooling because my child/ren is/are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.</p> <p>By submitting this form, I declare that my child/ren is/are well and I will collect my child/ren as soon as is practicable upon the request of the school if my child becomes unwell.</p>		
Dates required:	Day	Date	AM, PM or ALL DAY
Please note you need to complete this process weekly to ensure adequate staffing on-site.	Monday		
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday		
	Thursday		
	Friday		
Emergency contact details:	Required responses:		
<p>Principal Mark McLay is required to contact all families every Friday who have applied to attend school and ask the 3 key questions listed to the right. If you would like to include your responses in the application email, it will save him making the call.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please state that you are unable to work from home on any day next week. 2. Please detail that you have explored all possible areas for supervision for any day for the week ahead. 3. Please state that you will be checking your child's/children's health each morning and agree not to send them if they are feeling ill in any way. 		
Parent/Guardian name: _____			
Signature: _____			
Date: _____			

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