



MOORAK PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable break and had the opportunity to spend some family time together. This week we have had a large increase in the number of students returning to school. We currently have approximately 80% of our school population attending which is likely to increase next week. As you are aware the Education Department and Health experts are now encouraging all students to return to school. We do understand that some parents still wish to keep their children at home due to medical concerns for them or their family and are fine with that. This change in attendance has meant that what we planned for our teaching and learning model, at the end of last term, will need major adjustments to cater for both learning at school and learning at home.

Teachers will endeavour to still cover the same core work both at home and at school, however the mode of delivery will differ in each instance. Students at school will remain in their usual class groups. Students at home will be using an online system, utilising See Saw, Google Classroom or Facebook as the main platforms, but the mode of delivery for classrooms will most probably place more emphasis on face-to-face teaching. As a school we remain committed to delivering the best possible education regardless of the environment that you choose for your child to be learning in.

For those choosing to attend school we will continue to do our best to ensure:

- Students practice social distancing strategies by not engaging in close friendly contact, hand shaking, hugging, and similar interactions with others.
- Encouragement of regular hand washing throughout the day.
- Minimal contact from outside providers.

All of the other strategies put in to place during Term 1 will also continue including:

- No afterschool sports or practices
- No Playgroup
- No excursions or incursions

We would like to ask parents to continue to support the safety of our community by minimising their time on site. Please continue to drop off and pick up your children at the gates of our school where staff will be waiting to assist. If you need to enter our site, then please do not enter any of the classrooms unless prior arrangement has been made. Entry to the school office is limited to one adult at a time and we ask that others wait at the cones to ensure social distance requirements are covered.

Thank you again for working with us and supporting us as we continue to move forward into hopefully a more normal school life learning and growing together.

Stay safe and healthy everyone,
Peter

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

15th May

Book club
(Orders Due
ONLINE)