G.S.KIDD MEMORIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 4 20th May, 2020





It has been lovely to welcome our students back as we commenced our progression through Phase 1 of the return to school from 11th May, 2020. We thank all families for all your amazing efforts with remote learning over these past weeks. We loved seeing regular posts on our school Facebook page of all the wonderful activities the students were completing at home. Congratulations to everyone!

Latest updates on full return to school inside this issue.



We will continue to send our Newsletter home with all students every second Wednesday and for all families who have supplied an email address we would also like to offer that each Newsletter can be emailed as well. If you have a preference as to how you receive your Newsletter please contact the front office on 67 415200 or email Deb Hartley <u>debbie.hartley3@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

The Newsletter has always been uploaded to our G.S. Kidd School website and will now also be posted on our G.S. Kidd School Facebook page.





Staff dressed in purple for MPS Awareness Day Friday, May 15th, 2020, while also practicing social distancing.

Monday.....Turtles



Tuesday..... Fish



Wednesday......Kangaroos



Thursday.....Emus



Friday...... Goannas





Blue Awards

Congratulations to Brendan, Angus and Thomas for all reaching their Blue Level in our PBL Program.

Spare School Uniforms

We are fortunate that we have a supply of spare uniforms kept in our change rooms specifically for when the time arises that students may need to be changed. We are happy to send the students home in our supplies but we kindly ask that all uniforms that belong to the school please be returned. This then allows us to continue to offer this service for any student that may require it. *Thank you for your help in this matter.*



The students are enjoying all our wonderful new additions to the playground, including, chess, snakes and ladders, new sporting equipment, our own school shade for events, and our new 6 bay swing set which will be in full use once the new soft fall area is installed.



It has been a very different time in which we have navigated through the COVID-19 experience. Thank you to the school community who have been very supportive and we appreciate all your efforts to support our wonderful students. Thank you to the staff of G. S. Kidd Memorial School who have been working incredibly diligently to continue to provide students with high quality learning.

As you will have seen in the media all students are returning to NSW Department of Education schools next Monday (25/05/2020) to full time onsite learning.

The information below is taken from the Department of Education – *Guidelines for returning to full time onsite learning.*

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.
- They are currently unwell. Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures. These regular procedures are different from what was offered during the learning from home period.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing. If your child is unwell, do not send them to school.

If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date. If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.



School Activities:

The following can not take place:

- School assemblies.
- School incursions and excursions including camps.
- Work Experience.
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport).
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers.
- Use of hydrotherapy pools.
- Drinking from a water bubbler. Bring a water bottle instead.
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.
- There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential.

What does this look like for G. S. Kidd School?:

- We are receiving additional cleaning. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches, handrails and movement areas.
- There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and topping up of supplies like soap.
- The school bubblers are not in use and we have adequate soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment.
- There will be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential.
- If a student is unwell families will be contacted to collect the student.
- Students should be dropped off at the gate if possible and use hand sanitiser as they enter the school grounds. (This is provided.)
- Parents and carers need to be mindful of social distancing rules when dropping off and collecting students.
- Our regular programs such as shopping and cooking will not take place.
- Meetings between staff and parents need to be arranged over the phone and, where possible, should take place on the phone.

As always, we take the safety of the G.S. Kidd Memorial School community very seriously and therefore we will follow the guidelines implemented by the Department of Education. If you have concerns or questions please contact the school by telephone 6741 5200 or by email rebecca.maybury@det.nsw.edu.au

Our whole school Assembly now takes place every Monday afternoon. During this time we present our weekly PBL Awards. For all regular updates, highlights and photos please visit our Website gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au or follow us on Facebook.

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