



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Dear Families

We are certainly in a space of uncertain and unprecedented times. It is without doubt that like myself, your conversations over the weekend with friends and family have been dominated by COVID-19. Wondering what it means for us as individuals, our families, the community, school, society, impact on holidays, shopping, essential services and so much more. I will endeavour to keep you as well informed as possible on the school front.

Following directives from the Director General this morning;

- The school remains open with “Business as Usual” until further notice.
- If you or your family have returned from any overseas destination as of midnight last night you are to self isolate for 14 days. Please inform the school.
- If you or a family member come in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 please self isolate and inform the school.
- All large school events will be **cancelled** until further notice. This includes our **swimming carnival scheduled for this Wednesday**, assemblies, ANZAC service, etc. We will review all incursion and excursions planned for upcoming weeks and notify individual classes as appropriate.
- Lunch and recess eating will now take place in a range of designated areas: Recess: PP on their own verandah (as per usual). Year 1 on the upstairs verandah. Year 2 and 3 on the viewing steps near the basketball court, Year 4,5 and 6 in the undercover area and surrounds.
Lunch: PP on their own verandah (as per usual). The students from Years 2-6 already having staggered lunches with two year groups each day going to the park. This will continue and be extended to include Fridays. IE, Years 3 and 4 go to Cowden Park each Monday and Tuesday for lunch and play. Years 5 and 6 remain at school eating first and playing second. Years 1 and 2 play first and each second each day of the week. On Wednesday, Thursday and now Friday, Years 5 and 6 go to Cowden Park to eat and play. Year 3 and 4 eat first and play second, at school.
- Classroom staff will assist cleaning staff to ensure learning environments are clean. Teachers will be provided with cleaning products for regularly wiping door handles and other common surfaces.
- Increased supplies of soap will continue to be provided throughout the school with vigilance in hand washing monitored. Soap and paper towel will be provided at the outside basins of the Heritage building. If you can please remind your children to respect the provision of this at the location, we would appreciate your help.

I definitely do not want a state of panic in the school, but I do want to ensure everyone is well aware and well communicated with.

If you or your child demonstrate any symptoms of being unwell, please stay at home .

Like you, in your workplace and sporting/social spaces, we are all working and living within “unknown territory”. However we must all work together to ensure the safety, health and well being of all those round us including our families and ourselves.

I will continue to keep you informed in a timely manner.

Kindest regards,

Fiona Kelly
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