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School Information Week 3 Update for Families

Dear Parents and Carers,

This note is to provide an update on the latest information related to the running of the school. Please be aware this is an abbreviated transcript of my latest video that was uploaded on Friday 8th of May.

As Week 2 is drawing to a close, I want to reach out to our families to provide a reminder of how next week will look. It is great to hear that our families are keeping safe and have been engaging their children in learning from home.

Student Attendance Day

The students have allocated days on which they should attend school based on their sports house colour.

Monday - Kirrawee / Green

Tuesday - Nullaburra / Blue

Wednesday - Bunduluk / Red

Thursday - Kookindi / Yellow

Friday - Is for people that need to send their children, such as work reasons.

However, in relation to attendance, no child will be turned away on any day.

Changes to Recess and Lunch Times

This will start Monday to allow the students to utilise the playground, with reduced numbers.

Infants Recess 10.30am

Infants Lunch 1.00pm

Primary Recess 10.00am

Primary Lunch 12.30pm

Canteen

Our canteen will operate Monday to Friday for lunch orders only. It will operate on a limited menu which will be available through Flexischools. There will be no recess orders or over the counter sales throughout the day.

Morning and Afternoon Routines

We ask that all our families stay outside the school gates unless otherwise arranged with the school.

- If walking, say your goodbyes at the front gate of the school. There are staff that can support you with this, should your child need someone to walk them to class.
- If driving, utilise the Kiss and Drop zone out the front of the school, of a morning and afternoon.
- If you have older children in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, have them walk out to a designated area, outside of the school to meet you. It might be at a prearranged location where you park, or in a space where you can social distance to collect them.
- Utilise older students to collect younger siblings, to take them to meet at your selected location. They will be dismissed at 2.27pm to collect their brothers and sisters. Please send a note to the class teacher if this is something that your older child will need to do.
- At 2.27pm the gates next to the office will open, for parents of Kindergarten children that do not have an older sibling to collect them from Dolphin Cove. It is important that parents do not congregate in front of the school while waiting. Stay in your cars, or time your walk to arrive at the right time. If they have older siblings, they should collect your Kindergarten child and meet you at a pre-arranged area outside the school.
- At 2.30pm, parents of Year 1 children that do not have an older sibling, can collect their child from Dolphin Cove. It is important that parents do not congregate outside of the school while waiting. Stay in your cars, or time your walk to arrive for collection. Please do not come into Dolphin Cove before the bell sounds at 2.30pm.



Release Times

- 2.27pm Kindergarten will be released from Dolphin Cove and children that are collecting younger siblings will leave from their classrooms, if a note has been supplied.
- 2.30pm Years 1 & 2 will be released from Dolphin Cove.
- 2.33pm Years 3 & 4 will be released from Dolphin Cove.
- 2.35pm Years 5 & 6 will be released from Dolphin Cove.

Opportunity Class Placement Tests

In relation to Opportunity Class Placement Tests, we have received the following advice. There will be revised dates for applications and tests which will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. We ask parents to please continue to monitor the [opportunity classes page](#).

Parent Questions

These can be found on the Blue Haven Flexible Learning Page. Questions from this week that are answered include; [How do I access Zoom for the students' class?](#)

Information for this can be found on Google Classroom. There will also be a video uploaded to the Flexible Learning Page to show how to do this. Students have to be logged into their Department account to be able to Zoom with the teacher. This is a security feature to only allow People within Education to be able to engage with the students.

[If my kids are not attending school on their house colour day due to having a vulnerable person at home, how do I inform BHPS of this? Do I just fill in the attendance form at home for this day too?](#)

Please contact your child's teacher to speak with them. The teacher may ask an executive staff member to reach out to the family after they have spoken with you. This could be for various reasons; to offer support, seek clarification, share information with the family, confirm that Learning from Home is the best option, or plan for a safe return.

[What will happen with school reports next term? Will they still be done?](#)

There will be some form of half yearly report. However, the Department is still to determine how it will look.

[I don't drive, so how do I pick up my son's booklets?](#)

If you have no way of getting to school to collect a work booklet, please contact us to make other arrangements.

[My son is in Kindergarten and has asthma so I am in two minds about him returning the 1 day per week from Week 3. If I choose to keep him home until this is all over, will this affect his learning and will he be held back next year?](#)

As we know, the information about COVID-19 is constantly being updated, including information about which health conditions increase vulnerability. We ask that parents contact their GPs to determine if, under the current advice your child is still in this category. If that is the case, please ask your doctor for a medical certificate and supply it to the school. They should continue with the Learning from Home program. We are also not considering repeating any child due to the COVID outbreak. We have successfully worked hard to catch children up previously, and will do so again, once things return to some level of normality.

Yours sincerely

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