

Monday, 16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As per advice from the NSW Department of Education and Department of Health, we have made some changes to our school routines and special events, in a proactive measure to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our school.

To minimise the risk of spreading the virus at our school, a range of strategies have been implemented, including the promotion of personal hygiene measures (hand-washing, reducing face contact, cough etiquette), physical distancing, reducing mass gatherings (eg school assemblies), and reducing the mixing of students (eg reducing use of common areas and inter-school activities).

Can I please remind parents that **if your child is unwell, they should remain at home until symptoms resolve** and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner. If any student presents at school with symptoms of a respiratory illness, parents will be contacted to collect their child. The health and safety of all of our students is paramount and I thank you in advance for supporting us in this regard. We will continue to follow current policies that are requiring self-isolation for those who have recently travelled overseas.

Several social distancing measures have also been adopted, including cancelling assemblies, excursions, incursions, travel, some events and non-essential gatherings. These cancellations also extend to inter-school arts, sports, initiative activities and events.

From today until the end of this term:

- ALL assemblies – morning and whole school – are cancelled until further notice.
- School Photos on 17 March have been postponed and will be rescheduled
- P&C AGM and General Meeting on 17 March is cancelled
- P&C Disco on 27 March will be rescheduled
- Friday PSSA has been temporarily ceased until further notice
- Regional Swimming Carnival on 19 March has been temporarily ceased until further notice
- Senior Choir rehearsal at Lynwood Park Public School on 18 March has been cancelled
- Our Easter Hat Parade on 9 April is cancelled
- Parent/Teacher Interviews on 7 April will be re-scheduled for a later time in the year

Any fees associated with these activities will be either credited to school accounts or held over until the event can be re-scheduled.

The Department of Education continues to provide schools with detailed advice and suggestions on how day to day activities can be adjusted with minimal disruption.

Parents can access up-to-date information on the Department of Education website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/>

Lisa Littlejohn  
Principal