



Gillieston PS Update – Tuesday 12 May 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you for your assistance in supporting the phased return of students back to school. The smaller numbers in classes is meaning that teachers can spend quality time with individual students and check in with their academic progress and emotional status. We have 43% of our student population attending today (an increase of one student on yesterday's figures).

Our schedule is:

Monday - DAWSON

Tuesday - GILLIES

Wednesday - MAXWELL

Thursday - WALSH

Attendance on these days is voluntary and up to families to determine whether their child attends. If you determine to keep your child at home they should still engage with our online learning programs and work-packs.

It should be expected that this same level of student return will be repeated next week so that we can carefully monitor student health and well-being, as well as respond to any community outbreaks that may occur once social isolation restrictions are relaxed. This is an example of the old phrase ... "Better safe, than sorry!"

Water bottles! Please ensure that your child has a labelled, refillable water bottle to have at school as our bubblers can only be used to refill bottles at the moment and are not available for drinking from.

At the end of each day, students that are being collected will be escorted to the front of the school. Until they can clearly identify a known person that is there to collect them, the children will stay with supervising staff. We encourage people to stay with their vehicle unless you are parked on the opposite side of the street or parked at some considerable distance from the front of the school.

Please be conscious that morning routines are as per normal with students that arrive after 9:05am needing to report to the front office to obtain a late note.

Thank you again for working with us during this challenging period.

Mr David Crowe