



Gillieston PS Update – Wednesday 13 May 2020

Dear Families,

Another fantastic day to be a part of the Gillieston Public School community. Today we have 95 students attending school which represents 46.5% of our current enrolments. This figure is above the average for other local schools but is exactly where we expected enrolments to be sitting during this phase.

The one-day per week return is designed to allow for a gradual return of all students whilst enabling schools to maintain a level of social distancing and capacity to monitor student progress and wellbeing. The Government is still encouraging families to keep their children at home on the other four days of the week unless you require schooling to enable you to return to the work place or other necessities.

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.

As a part of our management of COVID-19, and to help reduce overcrowding in our classrooms, we have created a 2\3 class which is being led by Ms Kaminski. This has allowed for a significant drop in the number of students in each of the 3\4 classes. Letters have been sent home to each family of students directly impacted by these changes. Even with the low numbers currently attending the school we can already see what a significant impact it will have on our children's learning and wellbeing.

Hopefully your child has been engaging with the computer program Reading Eggs over the isolation period. After being provided a free trial period, the school has now registered all of our students into this program so that continual engagement can continue through, and beyond, the COVID-19 period. If you are having any issues with logging on please drop your child's teacher a message via SeeSaw and they will endeavour to assist you.

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.

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