



Gillieston PS Update – Friday 15 May 2020

Dear Families,

We have made it through another week together. Having said that, we are seeing an increase in the number of students reporting to sick bay with headaches and other flu like symptoms which is to be expected at this time of the year. The unpredictable weather is leading to a lot of jumpers being put on – taken off – left laying around. Where possible, our staff are pretty diligent at ensuring labelled jumpers get back to the correct classroom.

Today is Mrs Humphries last day at school as she heads off to have her baby in coming weeks. She was disappointed not to be able to have contact with her class before going on leave, however she will come back when everything is safe to share her bundle of joy with 3\4H in the near future. Beginning Monday, 25 May 2020 we will welcome Ms Tess Madeley as the new teacher on 3\4H.

Next week will be the same pattern of attendance as we experienced this week i.e. students rostered to return one day per week unless you are an essential worker or have no other alternatives.

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.

We have noticed over the week that some students have been challenged with interacting with peers in the playground after not being with so many other children at one time. This had led to some minor ‘tussles’ in the playground which we will continue to monitor and work closely with the individuals that have been involved.

Similarly, for some students, the start of the day has been a challenge as they are separating from home for the first time in many weeks. We are trying to keep things as normal as possible at school so that children are not being exposed to unnecessary stressors. Please encourage your children to focus on the positives of being back at school where they can see their friends, teachers and classroom.

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.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to next week.

Mr David Crowe