



Gillieston PS Update – Monday 18 May 2020

Dear Families,

Our school received some great news at the end of last week. We are receiving extensive renovations over the coming weeks. Commencing Monday 25 May 2020 the Library building will have the roof replaced; full exterior paint, as well as new painting and carpeting inside. After this, 5\6M and 3\4W will have new flooring and painting works completed. A variety of jobs in and around the Old Administration building will be completed, as well as resurfacing the ramp and verandah of the Kindergarten building.

Throughout this week, we will be preparing the school to adapt with all of these changes including removing all of the resources from the Library; setting up a classroom in the Hall; and relocating various staff to work stations around the school. Our Home Reading program will be operating through this period out of the Hall.

We continue with the same pattern of attendance as we experienced last week i.e. students rostered to return one day per week unless you are an essential worker or have no other alternatives. Today we had 46.6% of our students physically attending school as well as a large number of parents collecting work packs from outside the front of the Office.

Week 4 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.

At the time of preparing this message, we are awaiting advice from the NSW Department of Education regarding what next week will look like in regards to students returning.

Quick Reminder - We are getting a lot of interest regarding 'Going to Gillo' Kindergarten preparation program for 2021. If you know of anyone that may be interested please advise them to contact the school office so that we can add their details to our database. At this early stage, we are looking strong for two classes next year which would be a great outcome.

It will be a busy week for everyone at Gillieston Public School as we prepare for the renovations but we are looking forward to having a refreshed school in the near future.

Regards

Mr David Crowe