



Gillieston PS Update – Tuesday 19 May 2020

Dear Families,

From next Monday we will be hoping to see all students attend our great school and return to normal learning programs. Understandably there will be some families in the school community who may wish to keep their children at home - how this will be supported or managed is yet to be clearly communicated to all schools. As details are provided, we will endeavour to pass the relevant information on to you.

As the Premier stated today, it is really important that if your child is unwell that they stay at home and be tested if required. It is also good to remember that schools will be reacting to community issues and may be closed if a sudden outbreak occurs in a particular area.

For the rest of this week however, 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. Again we had 46.6% of our students physically attending school. This staggered attendance pattern is invaluable to allow staff to prepare for a full return, as well as allowing us to prepare for the renovation works commencing next week.

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.

Home Readers have been moved from the Library to the school hall. Mrs Griffiths will be available each morning to assist students exchange their books on a daily basis.

As our main excursions for Stage 2 and Stage 3 are scheduled for late Term 3 we are still hopeful that these activities will still continue. Being conscious that some families may have tightened their financial belts we are only requesting that families pay the deposit of \$100 at this point of time. Our staff are also exploring if the potential exists to move the excursions to later dates to capitalise on warmer weather. **Please note** that these excursions are dependent upon the Department of Education permitting external excursions to occur at a later date.

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.

Regards

Mr David Crowe