



## Gillieston PS Update – Wednesday 20, May

Dear Families,

From next week all students are expected to return to school in NSW Public Schools. This announcement, made by the Premier and Minister for Education, means that schools will be fully operational and conducting face to face teaching and learning. All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell

The provision of work packs and online learning lessons will cease as of next week as teachers will be focused on delivering their face to face learning to their classes. If you need support to get your child back to school please contact us to discuss your concerns with Mr Crowe or a member of the school executive team.

The enhanced hygiene practices that have been implemented at the school will continue throughout the remainder of the term. This includes encouraging students and staff to regularly wash or sanitize their hands; not directly using the bubblers for drinking but use a personal water bottle; and closely monitoring student health.

We will continue to ask parents not to enter the school yard and utilise social distancing practices when dropping off and collecting students.

**For the rest of this week 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. We had 47.0% of our students physically attending school today. This staggered attendance pattern continues 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.

Thank you for your continued support of our School.

Mr David Crowe