



Gillieston PS Update – Tuesday 26 May 2020

Dear Families,

We have had a fabulous resumption to face to face teaching and learning over these past two days. It has been wonderful to see and hear our students back in class engaging with their classmates and staff. There is a real buzz of excitement throughout the school. Today at recess, it was wonderful to observe a large group of multi-age students running and participating in a mass soccer game. Boys and girls. Young and old. Running, kicking, shouting, laughing.

It is evident that some students really engaged positively with the remote learning program that operated throughout the COVID period. Teachers are commenting favourably about the progress that some students have shown in areas including number recognition and reading.

Monday's collection at the end of the day was hectic with large numbers of parents electing to collect students plus the steady downpour of rain. I would like to thank you all for the calm, considerate manner in which everyone worked together to ensure all children got to their cars.

A reminder to everyone that utilises the OOSH service that they are operating out of the Kindergarten classrooms whilst the renovation of the library is being completed.

Our bus services are operating as per normal with 2 runs both in the morning and afternoon.

Students are reminded to bring a water bottle to school each day which can be refilled at the water stations in the school.

We continue to encourage students to wash and sanitise their hands on a regular basis as well as practice good hygiene practices when blowing their nose or sneezing. Thank you to parents for not entering our grounds during this period.

Next week, the canteen service will be resuming - please keep an eye out for an announcement from the P&C regarding how it will operate next week.

Thank you again for your patience and support - it has been greatly appreciated.

Mr David Crowe