



## Gillieston PS Update – Wednesday 6 May 2020

Dear Families,

Students have been enjoying the opportunity to link with their friends through class Zoom activities. The school was filled with joyful noise yesterday as Stage 3 had a 'share a joke' sessions which had Mrs Madden laughing out loud. Similar noises were coming out of our Kindergarten rooms this morning as Mrs Freedman and Mrs Ison engaged with our youngest students during their morning Zoom session.

Commencing Monday 11 May 2020, we move into Phase 1 of the gradual return to school program. This phase will see students encouraged to return to school at least one day per week. To enable our school to manage numbers and restrict over-crowding, students will be returning in their house groups. This will mean that approximately 25% of students will return **in addition** to those already attending. We believe that through this system we should see approximately 110 students at school which will allow us to continue to keep class sizes to a reasonable number.

**Our proposed 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.

While we are discouraging children from drinking using the bubblers we do encourage all children to bring a refillable water bottle to school which can be filled at these stations. Like all personal property please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

"Going to Gillieston", the school's great pre-Kinder Orientation program will be operating in Term 4. Expressions of Interest for enrolment for 2021 are now open. If you know of anyone that may be interested please advise them to contact the Office to ensure that they register their interest.

A full edition of our school newsletter will be published and distributed this Friday afternoon. Included in this edition will be photos of the mural designs under our COLA that have been repainted by staff during the holidays to bring more colour into our playground. These murals, along with the colourful flowerbeds at the front of the school, have been appreciated by the students who have seen them.

Thanks again for all of your support. Enjoy the rest of the week and stay safe.

Mr David Crowe