



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

It was great to have our Prep students back onsite today and to see so many smiling and happy faces this morning. They have settled back down quickly into school life and have been keen to share their learning and stories with us. We look forward to greeting our Year 1 & 2 students back to school on Thursday and Year 5/6 on Friday.

I am sure that by now you have heard that Year 3 – 6 are mandated to wear masks inside the classrooms and it is recommended for Prep – Year 2. It is the parent's responsibility to provide their child with a mask to wear when indoors. Please be aware that we have a number of students that have a medical condition and have a lawful exception for not wearing a mask.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

In order to manage the process of children in and out of school, there are some previous procedures we will maintain, and some we will modify over time to ensure a smooth transition at the beginning and the end of the school day. In particular:

- Only students are allowed on the school site.
- Students will have their hands sanitised on entry at the beginning of the school day, and on entry to the classroom after each recess break.
- Additional cleaning routines throughout the day will be maintained.
- Staff will assemble students on the Basketball Court at the end of the day.
- Parents will wait outside the black gates. The Person in Charge will manage the dismissal from school.
- On wet weather days, dismissal will take place from under the covered area in front of the Church. A post on our school app will alert families when this area will be used due to inclement weather.
- **Arrival and Dismissal Times for Prep, Yr 1/2 & Yr 5/6 students this week are:**
 - **Arrival – 8.45am**
 - **Dismissal – 3.30pm**

Modified arrangements will remain operational until the end of Term 4 and we will need the support of all families to ensure that this is a safe and smooth process.

Please do not wait around or congregate in the carpark, once you have collected your child/children, you must leave directly.

Once a year level has returned, all students are expected to attend school. This ruling by the government means that if you choose to keep your child at home, you are responsible for their learning and staff will not be monitoring emails for onsite learning days.

CURRENT GOVERNMENT YEAR LEVEL RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

October 18 - 20	Year Prep
October 21 - 22	Year 1 & 2
October 22	Year 5 & 6
October 25 - 27	Year Prep
October 26 - 27	Year 3 & 4
October 28 - 29	Year 1 & 2 Year 5 & 6
November 1	Closure Day
November 2	Cup Day
November 3	Year Prep Year 3 & 4
November 4	Year 1 & 2 Year 5 & 6
November 5	ALL STUDENTS

*Please note that this government plan is subject to change. If any dates are changed, we will let you know through our school app once official advice is received by the school.

KINGSBURY OSH CARE

Families that use OSH Care would have received an email informing them that under current government COVID restrictions, OLW students are currently not able to access the Before & After School Program.

Last week we were trying to work through this change to the guidelines, however approval was not given to any of our options including hosting OLW students on the OLW site. We hope that this will only be a very short term situation, and we will be

meeting again this Thursday to consider additional options for how we can cater for OLW families. If current restrictions are planned to go beyond November 5, we may need to consider adopting other program possibilities for OLW students and families.

2021 SACRAMENTS

At this stage, our celebrations of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2021 have been placed on hold due to current COVID restrictions.

As we have previously informed families, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a school activity once restrictions allow. You will be notified once a date can be confirmed and families will have a home activity to complete with their child as part of their preparation for the Sacrament.

First Eucharist Masses will be planned once government restrictions on religious gathering allow. We hope that we will be able to celebrate the Sacrament this year, but it is a wait and see process at the moment. Again, we will communicate with families as soon as we receive any official notification in order to consider our possible options.

CLOURE DAY – MONDAY NOVEMBER 1

Please mark on your diary that Monday November 1 will remain as a School Closure Day as we work on planning, reporting and structures for 2021 and also for the 2022 school year. As it is a School Closure Day, there will be no onsite supervision for students of Authorised Workers, no onsite learning for Prep students, and no Google Meet sessions for classes. However, teachers will make available a Learning from Home schedule for the day for those families who wish to keep their child engaged in their learning.

MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS

Matthew will continue running two online sessions each Monday until all students return. These are group sessions for parents to join in dialogue with Matthew as he presents strategies around some particular aspects that may be affecting families at the moment. These sessions are designed to provide strategies and advice to support the great work of our families.

Session Times are:

10.30am – Year 3 – 6 Parents

11.30am – Year Prep – 2 Parents

October 18 Topic

How to avoid passing your anxiety onto your children

Meeting Link:

<https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

Families who are not able make either of the session times due to work commitments will be able to access a pre-recorded version of the content from our OLW Learning Channel each Wednesday, by following the link which will be forwarded through SkoolBag.

Any families that would like to access previous sessions can also follow the link below to view a pre-recorded copy of the content presentation for each session.

Strategies to assist during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/0qFxFMp1yVG0>

Keeping things 'normal' for children

<https://youtu.be/Zimm1xS7B4A>

Managing anxiety and low mood

<https://youtu.be/nnO8qRBtMyg>

Communicating with your child(ren)

<https://youtu.be/GrOuKr0Mcls>

Addressing Anxiety and Fears

<https://youtu.be/F0zrqYU260k>

Preparing children for return Onsite

https://youtu.be/IVGLiaJd_CU

SCHOOL HATS

School Hats are compulsory at all times in Term 4 when the students are outside, and the use of sunscreen is highly recommended. Students may now wear their summer uniform on the warmer days. As a Sunsmart School the policy is: 'No Hat, No Play'.

WEEKLY PHOTOS

Don't forget to keep sending through some photos of your children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into our weekly video.

Stay safe and we look forward to having all classes in a staggered way onsite over next week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that anticipate means 'to imagine or expect that something will happen'.

Our word for this week is:

BENEVOLENT

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!



Google Meet

Sessions with Matthew

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

Meeting code for iPad & tablet users: [jibyhyohbt](#)

Years 3 - 6	10:30am - 11:00am
Years P - 2	11:30am - 12:00pm