

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WORK PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Our work packages are ready ahead of time. They will be sent home with the students that are here today. Parents of other students may collect them on Monday according to the schedule below. These work packages are our first effort and will obviously improve with practice. They are also simple as getting something to parents in a hurry has been our priority.

For social distancing safeguards, please note the following instructions:

- The work packages will be in the assembly hall on Monday. A staff member will be distributing the children's resources to you. Please be patient and allow them time to hand them to you. Keep staff and yourself safe by maintaining social distance.
- Please come at your assigned time as shown below. If you have a child in more than one block, you will be able to collect all work packages at the same time rather than needing to return. The work packages will be organised by class.
- Where possible, please come alone. Please do not make this a social outing.
- Do not linger, hang around or crowd another person. You may have to wait for a person in front of you. Just imagine that you are at the supermarket.
- Please do not come to the office or your child's classroom.
- Please do not come if you are unwell. Arrange someone else to collect your work packages instead.

9:30 to 10am - A Block collection

11:30am to 12pm - B Block collection

2 to 2:30pm - C Block collection

In addition, Education Assistants are attempting to locate and retrieve stationery equipment for children from Pre-primary to Year 6. We hope that we will be able to give these to parents along with the work packages. Parents are asked to remember that the stationary items will need to be returned when school resumes.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEEKS 9 & 10

As you know by now, the State Government has instructed that parents keep children away from school wherever possible. This is a measure to slow the rate of transmission of the virus, thus saving lives. Our current attendance rate is now only 30%.

Instruction will continue next week (Week 9), but we will combine classes in some instances. This will only happen if the combined number of students represents less than 50% of the usual class size.

In Week 10, instruction will no longer be taking place. Students will be supervised if there is no choice for them other than to attend school. Staff will be undertaking training to get ready for Term 2. **Please click on the following link if it is not going to be possible to keep your child/ren away from school in Week 10 so that we can plan for those who will be attending:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1I7RNvz8PaqZzZj-ruywqbn5_CqxU3l4F8U683eCvVM

Kindly remember that Term 1 concludes on Thursday 9 April 2020 due to the Good Friday public holiday.

LITERACY PRO

We are excited to announce that we have purchased an online license for our Year 3 to 6 students that allows them to read the Lexile books, currently available in our library, online. Please see the Connect notice that was sent by Mrs Brown to all Year 3 to 6 parents for a fact sheet that shows how to access appropriate books for your child.

LOOKING AHEAD

Telling staff about the Government's plans for the final 2 weeks of school was a difficult moment. I think that all staff felt sadness about the winding down of student attendance. Of course, there was a great deal of relief that a decision had finally been made. None of us at Beldon Primary School are happy about the situation, but we are grateful that an unsustainable situation was recognised and resolved. The staff have been very appreciative of the understanding and support shown by parents.

As a staff, we naturally have some anxiety about how we will be able to provide instruction for students in the future. We are not yet completely sure how programs will be delivered or what new skills we will need to learn. The Minister has indicated that there is likely to be a combination of strategies rolled out for Term 2. Next term will be a new beginning for students, parents and staff. I promise you that at school we will do everything that we can to learn new ways of working so that we can support you at home. Having staff free in the final week of term is critical to the success of ongoing delivery of education.

I will continue to update you whenever new information comes to hand.

Sincerely



Geoffrey Elliott
PRINCIPAL

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