

Appin Park News

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6th August 2020

Hello Everyone,

The Victorian Government announced on Sunday that schools would transition to remote and flexible learning arrangements for the remainder of term three. ***This means that all students who can learn from home must learn at home.***

While this is not at all what we had hoped for, the positive is that we now have some experience. As a school and community we have learnt from our previous efforts and will endeavour to use the feedback from our families and staff to present the best model of remote learning that we can, so as to provide opportunity for all our students to engage in the process. I am in awe of our teaching staff who have turned our learning program around at a days' notice. Their determination to get it right and provide the best for all our students is to be commended.

To our Appin Park families, thank you for adapting so quickly to the changes this week. We appreciate your support in the process. At the end of the day we want good health for everyone and to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Please let us know if your child is displaying signs of anxiety or worry around the return to remote learning. Once again their world has changed and everybody reacts to and manages these changes differently. There are many online supports available for students and families to access specifically related to the challenges we are facing at the moment. We are happy to discuss them with you at any time.

In good news we released a short video this week celebrating Appin Park Primary School. A big thank you to our movie producer, Mr Kerlin and School Captains. You can view the video via our Facebook page and website.

If you've any questions or concerns about the following information please contact the office.

Learning Packs

These will be available every Monday for collection in the multipurpose room between 9:15 and 10:30. We ask that you be mindful of social distancing and use the hand sanitizer provided at the door before collecting your pack. Staff will provide timetables or schedules each week, however remember that these are suggestions only. You need to do what works best for your family and home learning environment.

Communicating with classroom teachers

If you are requiring help in understanding tasks related to learning packs please contact classroom teachers. The best way is via Class Dojo, email or call the office to arrange a time to speak with teachers. They are available during normal school hours from 8:30- 3:30. It may not always be an immediate response as some teachers will be required for supervision of onsite students and others work part time. Your children will know who to contact in this situation.

Onsite attendance

On-Site supervision will only be available if necessary and unavoidable. Parents and carers should make alternative arrangements for students to learn off-site whenever possible.

On site supervision is only available to:

- Children whose parents cannot work from home or alternative supervision arrangements can't be made
- Vulnerable children
- Children with a disability

We encourage students to attend part days where possible, based on parents' working commitments. You may be contacted by school staff to ascertain on what basis you are requesting the on-site attendance, to ensure that the guidelines are being followed. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Enrolments for 2021 Foundation students now being taken

*Please contact the office on 5722 1326
or visit our website for more information
Watch our virtual tour!*

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If you believe you require On-Site Supervision, families must complete the online application each week. This is a legal requirement. It is also required to ensure our school can provide adequate supervision as well as plan for cleaning and necessary hygiene practices. Students who do attend school are being supervised in the completion of their home learning packs, they will not be participating in "normal" classroom learning activities. Staff supervising change daily.

If your child is unable to learn from home, please complete the application via the link on Compass or as posted on our Facebook page each week. The form will open on Wednesday 12:00 noon and close at 8:00am on Friday morning. We ask that you don't book children in "just in case" but rather contact the office if your situation changes at short notice. A new form will be required each week that the current arrangements for Victorian schools continue. Please complete one form for each child in your family.

Schools will be expected to undertake compulsory temperature checking of students as they arrive onsite at school from tomorrow as per Department guidelines.

Explaining COVID19 to children

The following are links to stories written to help explain COVID-19 to children. You may find them helpful in answering questions that your own children are asking.

https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/system/files/2020-04/My%20Hero%20is%20You%2C%20Storybook%20for%20Children%20on%20COVID-19.pdf>

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>



Fiona Carson - Principal

This Week at Appin Park!





Emotion Coaching: Connecting with Our Kids

Online Workshop

Help your child to:

- Understand their emotions and be able to communicate how they feel
- Regulate their emotions and calm themselves
- Develop resilience and positive self-esteem
- Develop problem-solving and social skills
- Develop kindness and empathy towards others

This two hour online workshop delivered by Gateway Health is for parents and carers of children 2-10 years of age who would like to learn more about emotion coaching, understanding their children's emotional development and how they can connect with their children.

WHEN: Monday 10th August 2020 from 10am to 12pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

HOW DO I REGISTER: Registrations are essential. To register or ask a question contact:

Gerda on 0429 984 203 or Gerda.schaap@gatewayhealth.org.au

There is no cost for this workshop.