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Term 2 Week 2

5 May 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 4 May	Learning from Home continues for Term Two
Mon 11 May	Sturt House students return on Mondays only.
Tues 12 May	Phillip House students return Tuesdays only
Wed 13 May	Finders House students return Wednesdays only
Thurs 14 May	Blaxland House students return Thursdays only

Dear parents and carers

Our school will continue providing 'Learning at Home' work packs and google classroom activities until schools re-open five days per week. These work packs remain available on our website or in hard copy from school. Please remind your child to keep their work pack in their school bag, ready for when they attend one day per week, starting on Monday May 11. Don't forget to call the office if you need to change the day your child has been allocated. We are allowed to have 25% of our students at school each day so I am sure we can all work together to achieve this. Below, I have repeated the allocated days for your information.

Mondays starting from May 11 – Sturt House. Tuesdays starting from May 12 – Phillip House. Wednesdays starting from May 13 – Flinders House. Thursdays starting from May 14 – Blaxland House. Schools have been allocated one day per week for planning and professional learning days and at Ettalong PS this will be Fridays.

Arrangements are underway to reopen our **canteen**. Further information will be available later in the week but please remind your child that lunch orders have to be placed before school, as always. With only a quarter of the number of students attending each day, we may have to offer a reduced menu but Cheryl will do her best, as always, to provide healthy recess and lunches for our students.

Starting on Monday May 11, we will open the back gates on the basketball court to be used for an unofficial Years 3 – 6 **Kiss and Drop zone**. If vehicles enter the laneway **from Uligandi Street**, children will be able to alight from the passenger side of the vehicle and not need to cross the lane. Vehicles can then **exit to Karingi St**. We ask parents of K-2 children only, to use the designated Kiss and Drop zone in Uligandi Street to avoid congestion around our school gates. Social distancing rules still apply to adults.

Further hygiene supplies have now been delivered to our school and our cleaners are working extra long hours to ensure the school is ready for the increase in student numbers from May 11. Support classes, sick bay and mainstream classes have all received additional hygiene supplies.

Please read the Premier's Reading Challenge message from Mrs Hull. Don't forget to log into the Premier's Reading Challenge 2020 website to log all the books you have already read this year. You can also add ten free choice books that are not on the PRC list. For other books, you just need the title and author of the book and click on the 'add choice book' button. All our Dymocks Book Bank books are on the PRC list. In K-2 you need

to read 30 books. In Years 3-6 you need to read 20 books because these are usually longer books. The website offers lots of information on how to complete the challenge prc@det.nsw.edu.au . Happy reading!

School banking is on hold for now. I will let you know when it resumes.

Catholic scripture teachers have sent a message to the children who attend their classes on Tuesdays. 'The Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist, Woy Woy Peninsula sends its best wishes to the children, families and staff of Ettalong Public School community. Simple to follow Catholic SRE lessons are available on line at the following site: *Catholic SRE Online*.'

As the weather cools, our lost property basket fills. Names written in jackets fade until they are no longer visible, which makes it extremely difficult to return the jacket to the rightful owner. Please take a few minutes this week to check your child's belongings are labelled clearly.

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2021? We will soon be opening enrolments for 2021. Our annual Headstart orientation program is scheduled for Term 4. We will advise you soon as to when our Information Packs are available.

To all our mums, grandmothers and carers, happy Mother's Day for next Sunday. Our P&C is extremely apologetic that they are not able to celebrate with you as they normally do and we, too, are also disappointed that we cannot hold our Mother's Day breakfast this year but we are all making sacrifices and this is not a huge issue when put into perspective. In saying that though, let's look forward to celebrating next year!

Lynn Balfour

Principal



Pictured: The new K-2 COLA.