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Calendar

Term 2, Week 3

Monday 25 May All students return to school full-time

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 8 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Term 2 Week 8

Monday 15 June School Photo Day

Feature Photo



Students in the front garden



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Kindergarten Transition Program

We understand that a child's first year of school is an important one for both the child and their families. Our Kindergarten Transition Program is an ideal opportunity for your child to explore our wonderful school and begin their 'lifelong learning'. **If you know of anyone who is thinking of starting a Kindergarten student in 2021, could you please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible?**



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A message from Meg

It's fantastic to see our students return back to school for face to face learning and for our teachers to engage with them in a classroom setting again. It's hard to remember what a "normal" day looks like at IPS, but we are all glad to be back in our classrooms re-establishing routines and interacting enthusiastically!

Schools have been advised that we are no longer following the phased return for students communicated in previous correspondence. Our activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

Although school students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, they should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- making sure they cough and sneeze into their elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- maintaining physical distancing from teachers and school staff

In addition, there have been signs placed at the front gate preventing parents past this point. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. If you would like to speak to a staff member, please email or phone the school. **As per AHPPC and NSW Department of Education guidelines, only essential personnel should be on site.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Items to return to school

Thank you for the prompt return of school resources that were loaned out at the end of Term 1. All lap tops and chargers have been safely returned to school. If you have any skipping ropes, whiteboards, packs of cards or dice at home, could you please return them as soon as possible?

Winter Uniform

As the weather becomes colder it is necessary for students to come to school in warmer clothing.

A timely reminder to ensure all clothing is **clearly labelled**, as it is very easy to misplace items.

School Photos

This year, The School Photographer will be visiting our school on **Monday, 15 June**. Photo envelopes are attached to the newsletter for returning prior to this day.

Online payments are preferred and can be made at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au using your online order code on your envelope. Alternatively if you are unable to do an online payment, cash can be added to the attached envelope when returning to school.

If requiring a sibling photo, please contact the school for a separate envelope. Online payments for sibling orders are closed by 8:30am on photo day.

Hot lunches

Our school pie warmer is available for student lunches over the winter period. Students can place lunches enclosed in aluminium foil/ heat proof packaging/ container in the designated tub each morning, **clearly labelled with their name**. Staff will place these in the pie warmer and hand out for lunch. **No lunch orders from the Illabo Hotel n' General Store will be available over Term 2 and 3.**

We **will not** be heating lunches in the microwave or providing boiling water for noodles. A thermos is an alternative for students who like hot noodles or soup.

Student Attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- they are currently unwell

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please ensure your child's contact details are up-to-date. If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will be followed up by the school.

Reporting and Assessing

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the Learning from Home process. It has been a very challenging time for all of us. Your child has been assessed during this period and as students return to school, they will receive additional assessment. In

normal circumstances we send home an end of semester report which provides parents with an overview of student achievement and effort. Due to the COVID -19 pandemic and learning from home arrangements, you will receive a simplified report.

In order for teachers to complete these reports, the Department has extended the timeframe past the end of this term. You can expect to receive these reports before the end of August (Week 6, Term 3).

School Activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now. Students will not be able to participate in the following;

- School incursions and excursions
- School Assemblies
- Inter-school activities including sport
- In-school activities requiring parent and other volunteers

School Hygiene

Schools have been provided with additional resources to ensure we have enough soap, hand sanitiser, antiseptic wipes and toilet paper to cater for the return of students. Extra cleaning time has also been allocated to our school to ensure high traffic areas are wiped down daily.

Please be reminded that students **MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLE** and a sufficient amount of food to get them through the day. School bubblers are still not operational at this time.

Responding to COVID -19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to notify NSW Health and the Department of Education if there is a suspected case of COVID19. This includes temporarily closing schools where necessary, followed by a strict protocol to ensure the school is safe to return to being operational. If your child or any other household member receives a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, please advise the school immediately.

The feedback that I have received from parents and carers throughout the COVID-19 disruption to normal school operations, has varied. Some of you have enjoyed the extra time spent with your child, rising to the challenge of learning from home and some of you have made it clear to me that you will not be changing

careers anytime soon to become teachers! One thing you all agree on is that you have appreciated seeing what your child is capable of.

Meg

News from the Classrooms

In the Kookaburras classroom, students have been working with Miss Irvin on the topic of **I am me**, in Health. Below is a sample of some personal reflections from them.

I am me

I like riding my bike

I am independent

I am happy

I like dogs

I am loud

I like football

I like to be nice

I love chocolate

I like cricket

My name is George

I live on a farm

I am me

By George Croker

I am me

I have a cleft lip and palate

I love horses

I am an artist

I am a horse rider

I love the farm

I am funny

I like horse riding with my friend Tully

I am shy

I am unique and different

I am open

I am me

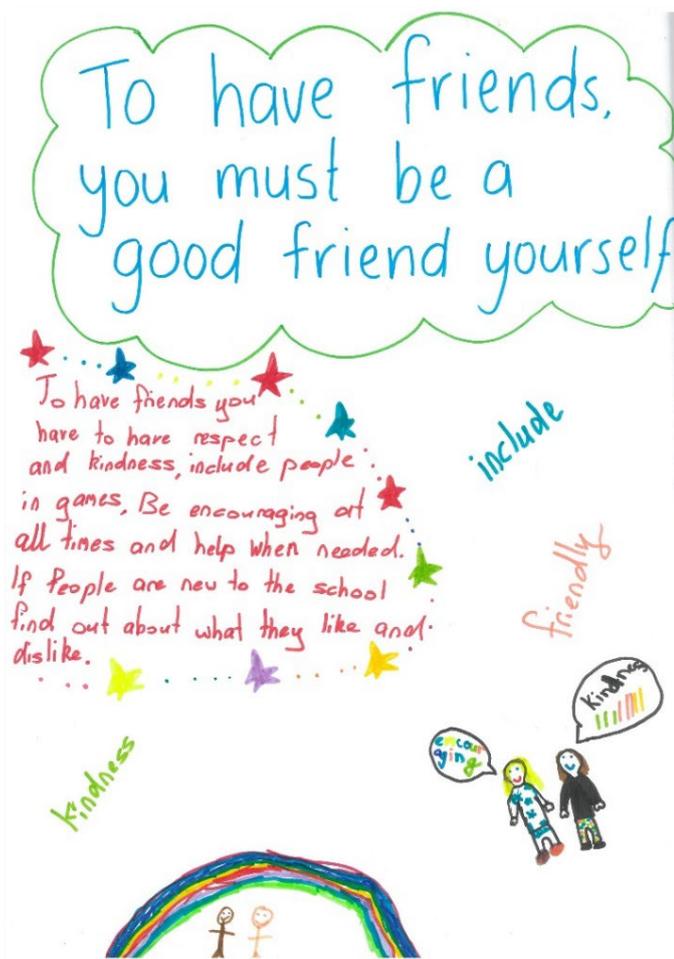
By Nell Sheridan



Stage 3 Poster on Anti-bullying

Stage 3 'To have good friends you need to be a good friend yourself'

Stage 3 have been learning about bullying in health. It aligns with our school's golden rule 'treat others as you would like them to treat you.' The students have created posters of why it is important to have friends and to be a good friend yourself.



A lot of fun has been happening in the playground, with our students playing old fashioned games due to not having access to the equipment. Here they are playing Hide and Seek.



COVID-19 (Corona virus)

MOBILE CLINIC GET TESTED

June
Get tested!
 RSL Carpark,
 75 Broadway Street, Junee
Monday 1 June
9.00 am – 11.45 am

If you have symptoms – please get tested!
 MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS:
 Most common symptoms include fever and dry cough. Some people also experience sore throat, shortness of breath, or runny or stuffy nose.

DROP IN ON THE DAY OR CALL:
 An appointment for the mobile testing clinic can be made by calling the Murrumbidgee COVID-19 Hotline on **1800 631 099**

