



The time has absolutely flown since our very first day 6 weeks ago. It has been very pleasing to observe how well all our students have settled into their new school and surroundings. Our strong focus on bringing the new school community together and forming strong bonds between the children has paid off. Over the last week or two a calmness has descended over the school and there is a real sense of determination by the children on their learning. Our staff and the children deserve a large dose of congratulations for making such a positive and industrious beginning.

Over the last month we have continued to have new children enrolled in to the school, and this is continuing. Recent enrolments have meant a small restructure for some of our Year 3 to 6 classes was implemented after the long weekend. Outside of our Pre-primary classes, all other classes are at or very close to capacity. Our teachers have been wonderful with their flexibility to ensure the minimum of disruptions to classes or the need for constant restructures.

Parent/teacher information sessions – Thank-you to all the parents who were able to make these sessions. These are very valuable opportunities for communication. If you were unable to attend, and have not yet received your classroom teacher’s handout please contact them for one.

School website – Our school website is now live. Currently there is a lot of information available on the website and more will continue to be added. Our website is www.cavershamvalleyps.wa.edu.au

Using the above link, or the link from our Facebook page will guarantee you easy navigation to our website. As it is a new website it can be difficult at times to find the site via a general Google search.

Connect – All our messages and information to parents, either as a school or from individual classes, will be sent via CONNECT. It is important that parents are using CONNECT as the school has moved away from using Facebook as its main form of communication.

Official School Opening – On Thursday 27 February our Official School Opening was held. It was a nice opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge all the efforts over a long period of time that have gone in to getting our school open. Congratulations to those Year 5 and 6 students (Kardan 4) who welcomed our special visitors to the school, took them on a tour of our facilities, and led the assembly. We can already see some wonderful leadership qualities in our student body.

School Board Nominations and Formation – CVPS is beginning the process of forming our first school board. Our School Board will have a maximum of 12 members. Members consist of staff, parents and possibly community members. Parents must make up at least 50% of the board and have more members than staff. To meet this requirement, we will be looking for 5 or 6 parents to be on our inaugural school board. Below is the process and timelines that we will follow:

- Parents who are interested in nominating for the school board can request a nomination form from the school principal (george.craig@education.wa.edu.au) and need to return it by Friday 27 March. We can provide you a nomination form either electronically or in hard format.
- If there are more nominations than positions available an online election will be conducted. Each parent of a child at CVPS is entitled to vote once. For those parents who are unable to vote electronically, they will be provided the opportunity to vote via a paper copy.



- If a voting process is required, nominations will be sent to parents via CONNECT on Friday 3 April (some hard copies will be available in the front office). Voting will open on Friday 10 April and close Friday 8 May.
- The school community will be informed who the successful nominations are no later than Friday 22 May.
- Our first School Board meeting will be Wednesday 17 June (time to be confirmed).

Interested parents who wish to know more about the School Board and its functions are welcome to contact me (George.craig@education.wa.edu.au or 9461 2700) for more information.

P&C Meeting – A reminder that our first P&C meeting is Wednesday 18 at 6:45 pm in the Library (Kaadadjiny Koornt).

Coronavirus Update – Parents would be very aware of the Corona virus. It is very important that correct information is sourced about what schools, and school families are required to do. Below is basic information that all Public Schools are being provided and are required to follow:

- 3 times a week public schools are being provided with any updates on information or processes we are required to follow.
- The Department of Education follows the advice from the WA Department of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of Western Australia. All schools are required to follow this advice.

Attendance at school:

Who cannot attend school

Students cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:

- a) left or transited through **mainland China** in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving mainland China;
- b) left or transited through **Iran** on or after 1 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving Iran;
- c) left or transited through the **Republic of Korea**, on or after 5 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving the Republic of Korea;
- d) left or transited through **Italy** in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving **Italy**;
- e) been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.

The above also applies to all parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites.

Parents/carers should notify their school if the student will be away for the isolation period and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China, Iran or the Republic of Korea or Italy, or have been advised by the Department of Health to isolate.



A medical certificate is not required to return to school. Schools should record the student absence as a Reasonable absence (code R).

Who can attend school

Students who have travelled to or transited through other countries (excluding China, Iran, Republic of Korea) can attend school. If students display symptoms (see information below) they should not attend school and seek medical advice.

All returned travellers who have travelled in or transited through “higher risk” countries or a country considered to pose a “moderate risk” of transmission in the last 14 days should self-monitor for symptoms and immediately isolate themselves if they become unwell.

Higher Risk	Moderate Risk
<p><i>Must isolate for 14 days prior to attending</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mainland China• Iran• Republic of Korea• Italy	<p><i>Can attend school, but self-monitor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All other countries

The most up to date list can be accessed at:

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm>

If you have any queries about any travel you may have conducted, please contact the school before your child returns.

Further information is available at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus or the healthdirect helpline on **1800 020 080** for more information on the virus and its symptoms.

The best thing that you can do is ensure that everyone in your family is washing their hands properly.