



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Welcome back to all our returning families, and welcome to all those new families and children joining us for the 2022 school year. It will be nice to have a relatively normal start to the first week of school. The school's aim is to provide a learning environment as stable as possible while still meeting all the requirements placed upon us by the state government in relation to COVID.

Currently there are several restrictions that we are required to implement, and all parents, carers and visitors are required to follow. This is likely to change if COVID becomes more prevalent in the community. The Minister for Education will be releasing more information in the coming days for parents on what the WA State Government is planning for schools.

For January 31 (students first day) parents and carers need to be mindful of the following:

- To enter any classroom or building, an appropriate mask is required to be worn.
- Currently, when on school grounds, but not in classrooms or buildings, adults do not need to wear masks, however they do need to keep appropriate distance.
- All school workers and regular volunteers (parents, carers etc.) are required to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask indoors.
- Primary school children or younger are not required to wear masks.

It is very important that adults are aware and mindful that we have children at our school who have severe medical conditions, and everyone has a responsibility to support their safety. There are also parents, carers and extended family members who have medical conditions, or are undergoing treatment, that will make them more susceptible to the effects of COVID.

Putting on a mask, wearing it correctly, using basic hygiene strategies and keeping appropriate distance are simple actions for everyone to follow. Our experience in the past is that the Caversham Valley Primary School community has been very willing to follow all requirements, and no one has been asked to leave a room, building or the school site. By following these actions, we ensure that we provide the safest environment for our students and school community.

The first day of the school year is an exciting time, and for some children a nervous time. To assist with the first day transition, Caversham Valley PS modifies the learning program and focuses on students and staff getting to know each other through many activities. Below is the outline of the day for Yr 1 – 6 students:

- 8:15 am – Classroom doors open for children to enter.
- 8:30 am – School day begins; parents move to Koorongkoorl Miya for a Principal's briefing or leave for home/work.
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am – Students and Teachers in class, participating in Morning Meetings.
- 9:10 am – 9:40 am – Short assembly and student leader badge presentations
- 9:40 am – Children back in classes to set-up and work through behaviour expectations.
- Remainder of the day – Meet specialist teachers; discuss sustainability, waste wise, PBS, school yard games.

Kindy/PP students:

- 8:15 am – Classroom doors open for children to enter.
- 8:30 am – School day begins; parents move to Koorongkoorl Miya or leave for home/work.
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am – Students and Teachers in class Morning Meetings.
- 9:00 am – 10: 00 am – Classroom routines and procedures.
- Remainder of the day – Activities on CVPS Values, Recycling, CVPS logo and Factions Emblems.

For those parents who have a child feeling nervous, talk with them about the first day and the type of activities they will be participating in. If there are any problems or issues, your child's teacher will speak to you at the appropriate time.

At 8:40am, I will be holding a quick parent information session in Koorongkoorl Miya (Undercover area) for those parents who are able to stay. This will be followed at 9:10 am with a short Year 1 – 6 student assembly and presentation of badges to our student leaders. Everyone is welcome to stay, grab a coffee from the Crema Cruiser (thank-you OSHClub for organising this) before heading home or to work.

There are 585 children enrolled for the beginning of the 2022 school year. Approximately 210 children are in Kindy and Pre-primary alone. To ensure that there is enough space at recess and lunch, the Kindy and Pre-primary students will have different breaks. This will allow the children in Pre-primary to rotate through the Kooyar playground.

I look forward to seeing as many people as possible on our first day and during the first week.

George Craig
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Caversham Valley PS
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