



Newsletter Week 5 Term 3

21 August 2020

This week Mark McGowan announced that the move to Phase 5 of the reopening has been further delayed until October 24. This unfortunately means that the processes we currently have in place in response to COVID-19 will continue. These include:

- Additional cleaning throughout the school day in addition to the before and after school cleaning.
- Parents not being able to enter classrooms.
- Volunteers not being able to be on the school site when children are in attendance.
- Meetings for the P&C and School Board to be held after school hours when no children are in attendance.
- Continued focus on handwashing and use of hand sanitiser.
- Following the 2 square metre rule for school gatherings involving adults.
- Children not using playground equipment before and after school.
- Parents/carers leaving school grounds as quickly as possible after drop-off and pick-up.

Unfortunately, the delay in moving to Phase 5 will mean that we will not be able to have the planned school assembly on Wednesday 23 September. This is very disappointing, however we are unable to ensure that a distance of 1.5m is maintained by parents at all times, nor the 2 square metre rule.

We have planned our school **Faction Athletics** for Term 4. Under the current Phase 4 restrictions this will still be able to be run out on the oval, as long as parents and carers follow what the school will be required to have in place. The dates for the athletics carnival will be **Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October**. Events for Kindy and Pre-primary children will be held on the Wednesday along with the Year 1 – 6 jumps, throws and long distance races. All remaining Year 1 – 6 events will be run on the Thursday. More detailed information will be provided closer to the days.

Our **school photos** will be taken on **Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October** by Fotoworks. All information in relation to times and ordering will be sent to families closer to the dates.

In **Term 4** there will be two **School Development Days**. These will be on **Monday 12 October** and **Friday 13 November**. The school development day on Friday 13 November is to replace the day schools lost on the first day of Term 2 after the changes made by the Government to the learning at home program.

If you have applied for a **Kindy placement in 2021** and have been provided with a letter of acceptance, it is important that you complete and return (**Enrolment Part B**) to finalise your enrolment. The number of applications for Kindy enrolment in 2021 have exceeded the buildings we currently have on site, so it is pleasing to announce that the Department of Education will be providing CVPS with two transportable buildings to cater for our large numbers. Currently we do not have an exact date when these buildings will arrive, however it is hoped that they will be in place for the start of 2021. At the moment there are still 13 children on our wait



list for a 2021 class placement. Once we have 18 – 20 on the list we will be able to form another group. If you know of anyone in the CVPS boundary who still has not completed a Kindy enrolment application, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. It is likely that we will have 120 Kindy children in 2021.

A few parents have enquired why teachers don't hand out birthday invitations or permit them to be handed out in class. This is something that has been in place since the start of the school and will continue into the future. The reason behind this is that teachers and the school have no control over who is and isn't invited; as this is a parents right to decide. However, the school does have to work with children who become disappointed, upset or angry about not being invited and it has also lead to arguments and fights between children. It is understood that it is a challenge in a brand new school, with COVID-19 restrictions in place, however we do appreciate your understanding on this matter.

Our **School Board** met for the first time during Week 3 of this term. It was a very enjoyable and productive first meeting. The parent representatives on the board are excellent and it will be a pleasure to work with them. Will Sharp has been nominated as our school board chair. Our next meeting will be during week 9 of this term.

A reminder that the CVPS **P&C inaugural general meeting** will be held on Wednesday 23 September at 6:30 pm in the school library. Richard Brand from WACSSO (WA Council of State School Organisations) will be in attendance to assist in the establishment of the P&C and the nominations/voting of office bearers. We look forward to as many parents as possible attending.

On our last day of school this term (Friday 25 September) we have the team from **Constable Care** coming to conduct 4 different shows for the children from Pre-primary to Year 6. There is no charge for these shows as the costs are covered through generous sponsorship by the WA Police and the City of Swan. The following shows will be presented to the children:

- Pre-primary – First Aid Heroes
- Year 1 – 2 (Djaril) – Getting to school
- Year 2 – 3 (Wornt) – Getting to school
- Year 4 – 6 (Wornt & Kardan) – Trending

A permission letter will be sent home via Connect soon.

Enrolments are now open for **VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays**. October is a great time to get your children ready for summer and January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Your children can start as young as five years old. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

All the staff are appreciative of the efforts and support our students receive from their families. Although our state is moving towards Phase 5 it still isn't there just yet. It is not ideal that we don't have the close connection with families when they come to the school at the beginning and the end of the school day. Hopefully if further lifting of restrictions after October 24 occur, this can be alleviated.

George Craig
Principal
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