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NEWSLETTER

Term 1/2020 Week 1

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1. Welcome back to the new school year - It has been an unusual start because on Monday we were 95 students (3 classes) short of what we expected. Mrs Harley started calling families and we discovered about 60 were returning from holidays, or they thought that school started on Tuesday.

Today we have 728 students, but we are not entitled to an extra transportable class- The class room Yellow 11 will stay where it is, until we get a big change in numbers. In fact, we run two extra classes which should allow for growth (from Brabham) without having to restructure classes. What we can guarantee is that your children will get an excellent education at this brilliant school.

2. Mobile Phones - This week, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

3. Coronavirus - The Department of Education is working with WA Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus to take the necessary precautions for students and staff.

Update - Travellers from China. From Saturday (1 February) foreign travellers who have left or passed through mainland China will be denied entry to Australia for two weeks.

Australian citizens, permanent residents and members of their immediate families will be exempt from the ban but are asked to self-isolate for 14 days from their date of departure from China.

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Coronavirus continued.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has advised Australians not to travel to China. For the latest travel information visit smartraveller.gov.au

Update - Students who have returned from mainland China (not just Hubei Province)

As of Saturday (1 February 2020), all students arriving out of mainland China (not just Hubei Province) must self-isolate in their home for 14 days after leaving China, other than for seeking medical assistance. They are not able to attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges. This also applies to parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites and at school events.

The 14 day exclusion is a precaution to ensure the safest possible environment for children. After 14 days, if the student has no symptoms they may attend school.

Parents/carers should notify their school that the student will be away for the exclusion period, and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China.

Students in close contact with a person who has a confirmed case of coronavirus

If a student has been informed by Public Health authorities they are a close contact of a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus, irrespective of whether they have developed symptoms, they cannot attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges until their local public health unit informs them that it is safe for them to do so. This also applies to parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites and at school events.

Parents/carers should notify their school, and evidence from the public health authority is required for the student to return to school.

The WA Department of Health has more information on the virus including factsheets for parents in English and Mandarin and access to a helpline 1800 300 243.

4. Going Bananas – Blue 4 garden



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