

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021****Newcomb Park Primary School**  
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Hello families!

Well, we are a week late with our newsletter due to the switch to remote learning last week. Thank you for all your efforts during the last week, no doubt it was a big juggle. It was wonderful to see that so many students were able to complete some school work and join in with our online class meetings. A terrific effort all round and a special thanks to staff for setting up the learning for the week and being so responsive with feedback.

**Staffing:** As you would have seen in the dojo communication I sent out, my journey with Newcomb Park Primary School is coming to an end as I take up a new role starting next term. I hope to soon be able to announce my replacement as acting principal. I have loved every moment of being a part of this wonderful community and look forward to writing my final reflection in our next newsletter.

**Covid restrictions:** The most recent Department of Education guidelines have a number of requirements that we need to abide by. Please take the time to read through the main points highlighted in this newsletter. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

**PJs and Pizza Celebration:** In order to celebrate the return to school we are having a day of school in our PJs this Monday. Students are invited to come to school in their pajamas and bring their favourite teddy along too. We will also be supplying a free pizza for lunch for all students as a thank you for all their efforts. If your child does not eat pizza, please provide something else for them to eat for lunch on Monday. Thanks to Parents and Friends for using some of our fundraising money to pay for the pizzas.

**Active Morning Breakfast:** Due to current Covid restrictions we will need to postpone our first active morning breakfast. As soon as restrictions lift, we will plan again.

**Furniture sale:** We have a few items for sale due to the building works. Shelving, blinds, tables and chairs and a few odds and ends. I will add some photos in the newsletter and we will price things very reasonably as we would love these to go to families in our community. If you see something you like, please call the office to discuss.

**Parking:** A friendly reminder that you are not permitted to park in no-parking zones when the flags are out in the mornings and afternoons. Please abide by these rules as they are in place to create a safe space for children to enter and exit the school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jackie

## Covid restrictions currently in place

Below are a number of restrictions currently in place in all regional Government Schools. We are required to abide by all of these. Thank you for your patience and kindness at this time. We all agree these are not ideal and we hope that things can get back to 'normal' as soon as possible:

Non-essential visitors should be excluded from school sites for this period.

Limiting school access to outside visitors where possible.

Congestion within the school and at entry points should be avoided where feasible by adjusting drop-off and pick-up processes.

**This means: please do not enter the school grounds unless it is urgent and let your child know which gate to exit from in the afternoons.**

Excursions and incursions are not permitted at this time.

School tours should not be conducted on-site for prospective students and their families at this time.

### **Stay home when unwell**

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

### **Students and staff with underlying conditions (such as hay fever or asthma)**

If a student or staff member has persistent symptoms due to an underlying condition such as hay fever or asthma, the student should still be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms.

Parents/carers and staff should also consider getting a medical certificate from their treating GP to confirm that it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

### **Young children with persistent mild symptoms**

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

### **Make hand hygiene easy**

Hand sanitiser should be made available at entry points to classrooms. Age-appropriate education and reminders about hand hygiene should be provided. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser that contains at least 60 per cent alcohol should be made accessible.

**Items for sale: all going super cheap. Please call the office if you're interested in any items.**



