Term 2

Week 1

30th April, 2020

Eastern Voice

From the Leadership Team

On 23rd April 2020, East Para Primary School forwarded a letter from the Chief Public Health Officer to all our families via Skoolbag. The letter said that...

If your child/children are well, I encourage you to send them back to school or preschool this term. If they have symptoms of a cold or have a fever, keep them at home until they are better plus get them tested for Coivd -19.

However if your child has a chronic medical condition or a compromised immune system you may wish to consult your GP or paediatrician when deciding if your child should return to school.

Please be assured that all staff at EPPS will continue to respect and support the learning preferences of parents.

Thankyou!

I sincerely wish to acknowledge the work of all our staff during this health crisis.

I was so impressed by the collegial support, communication and shared purpose of our Week 11 Student Free Days, in which staff prepared for the 'blended learning environment' (Learning at school and learning at home).

Our Front Office staff have been exceptional. Late in Term 1 they had assisted with the distribution of 354 Take Home packs and received responses from the families of our 354 students as to the learning preferences for Term 2.

I continue to thank our parents and families for their ongoing communication especially as we settle into the new term and work with students learning at school and at home.

I am also very grateful to our teachers who share with me student work especially from those 'learning at home' Well done to Noah (Room 21) for his letter to me about his proposal for a new playground for the school and his most brilliant construction!

Site hygiene protocols

Personal hygiene and the hygiene standards are critical to reducing the risk of infection.

In Term 2 we will continue to support all our students to:

- wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue and then dispose of. If your child/children become unwell with any illness (not just the Coronavirus) please keep them at home and allow them time to rest and recover.

If a student becomes unwell whilst at school, parents/carers will be contacted immediately.

If you wish your child/children to bring additional soap for personal use they can keep it on their desks or in their trays.

Our site will continue to maintain distancing between all staff and parents/carers.

In Term 2 we will continue with the strategies in place from Term 1. In particular limiting the unnecessary movement of people in and out of our buildings and restricting face-to-face contact.

- I request that all parent/caregivers and pre-school aged children do not enter the school buildings but instead wait in the playground before commencement of school and at the end of the day.
- I also request that parents/caregivers who wish to contact teachers or seek clarification from staff in the Front Office phone, Seesaw, and or email rather than visit in person.
- Students who arrive late will continue to sign in at the Front Office and then go directly to class. Parents do not need to be present. If your child arrives late and you wish your child to be walked to the classroom please ring the Front Office to arrange a staff member to help out.
- Please refer to the signs on all our buildings for further information.
- The Front Office doors will remain locked. All parents/caregivers. visitors, contractors are asked to please phone 82643944 and we will be able to help you.

Access to the Public

Please note that playgrounds and sandpits on school grounds should only be used by students during breaks and OSHC. A new sign will alert the public that access to the playgrounds is now restricted. Thank you for your support. Site Cleaning

Further increases to cleaning this term include the school playground equipment which will be cleaned prior to recess each day.

Uniforms and Hats

Thank you to our students and families for following the school dress code. Students need to have a sun safe hat for Terms 1, 3 and 4. Students are not required to wear a hat in Term 2.

Festival of Music

The Festival of Music will not run the concerts this year. They are, however, in the process of trying to put together something for later on in the year, but at the moment we unsure what this will look like. - Mel Huddleston

We currently have significant site works which have commenced during the holidays

- New carpets in Rooms1 and 3
- Paving in the yard from the Front Office to the canteen
- Replacement of barge boards on the main building and associated external painting.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Linda, Teresa and Sue during the school holidays. They have liaised with workmen undertaking the new projects and ensuring safety for all when on site. Thank you so much! **Car Park**

The car park at the back of the main building is out of bounds unless you have a 'Parking Permit', issued from the school front office.

Please note that our workmen are now accessing the car park with their

trucks so it is important that families only use this space if they have permission to do so.

Ros Frost



PREPARING ONLINE LEARNING

We caught a few snaps of our teachers working hard preparing for online learning. There was a lot of recording of lessons.















Traffic Monitors

Mostyn Cody

The following will be recommencing next week:

Library Borrowing Senior Choir Junior Choir Instrumental Music Lessons **EPPS Rock Band** Playground (for school students/opened Week 1)

Please note that School Grounds and Playground are restricted to students due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

Reminder, please phone 82643944 before visiting the school as we will be able to help you over the phone.



SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING ***NOW AVAILABLE***

In support of responsible retailing and the Government COVID-19 guidelines Devon Clothing are now offering online ordering including -

FREE DELIVERY

- Follow the Devon Clothing online ordering link below
- Click on your school
- Select the uniforms required

https://devonclothing.com.au/online-ordering/

Please note: Devon Clothing Uniform Shop is currently closed until further notice





Physical Education with Mr Waller

Dear Parent / Caregiver

The following information has been prepared to inform all parents and caregivers of your child's PE lessons in Term 2. The following information applies to both home and school learning students. What is set at home for learning in PE will mirror activities and requirements of those students who are coming to school and align with the Australian Curriculum.

Year Level Groupings

As outlined in the Australian Curriculum students have been grouped into the following year level groupings, Reception to Year 2, Year 3 to 5 and Year 6/7 students.

Week 1/2 of PE

For the first two weeks of Term 2 NIT teachers (eg Japanese/Arts and PE Teachers) have been directed to produce 'choice boards' for students who are at home to work through. The activities will be random activities that may require equipment. My advice would be to complete one per day or one every second day.

PE Units for the Remainder of the Term - Week 4 to 10

In Term 2, I will be implementing 2 x four week PE Units. The first unit will run from weeks 3 to 6 and the second from weeks 7 to 10. The four-week programs will be split into two manageable fortnightly blocks.

The first two weeks will be a 'skill to learn/practise'. The next two weeks will have further practice of the skill and assessment tasks.

PE Unit Delivery

Each fortnight a new PE Unit Program part will be provided and available through:

- * Post Pack available to be collected from the front office

 * Students receive the work in class.
- * Seesaw

PE Unit Format

Each PE Unit will follow the same format, so no matter which year level your child is in, the format and flow of the lesson will be the same.

- 1) Warm Up Activity This will be a short 3 minute activity.
- 2) Work out Activity This will be a You-tube video for students to follow.
- 3) Skill Acquisition This will be a mix of You-tube videos, teacher instructions which explain the skill and how to perform it successfully and/or worksheet/checklist activities.

You-tube / Video Links

Each video I post for students to view has been viewed by me in its entirety. The content is suitable for students to take part it. I advise that you must monitor your child when performing the task to provide the duty of care and block any pop up ads which I cannot control from school.

Assessment of Work

Students will be assessed at the end of the four week PE Unit (eg end of Week 6 and 10). Assessment will come in many forms. Examples include, students recording their participation in the activities, written responses to questions posed, students presenting their 'skill video", etc.

Students work can be submitted in two ways: by returning work physically to school through the front office or submitting pictures of work and videos through Seesaw in my PE class folders.

Further Information

Thank you for reading this information. If you have any questions the most preferred way to contact me is through email peter.waller227@schools.sa.edu.au

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