



# Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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**2020 Term Date**  
Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

New items added to the  
Calendar  
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**Monday 12th October**  
Foundation to Year 2 Student  
Return to School  
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**Tuesday 13th October**  
Years 3 to 6 Students  
Return to School

**Respect — Resilience — Responsibility — Doing Your Best**



## Principal's Report

### Return to On-Site Learning

On behalf of our school, I would like to extend a big thank you to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. You can be confident that our school will support any student who has fallen behind, to catch up.

Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will continue to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Whether we're teaching remotely or face-to-face, our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs.

The Term 3 remote and flexible learning arrangements were put in place to significantly reduce the movement of more than one million students and their families across Victoria, to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Thanks to you and your family for contributing to this on behalf of our school community.

As on-site schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community. This includes staggering start and finish times, restricting parent access to school grounds and continued emphasis on hand hygiene and physical distancing where possible.

Please give particular attention to reducing the risks associated with congregation at our school gates and taking steps to contribute to physical distancing within the school.

In support of a safe start back to on-site learning, we ask all parents to carefully support the following arrangements:

**On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, all students in Foundation to Year 2 will return to on-site learning.**

**On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, all students in Years 3 to 6 will return to on-site learning.** (Please note that students in Years 3 to 6 will complete their final day of remote learning on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October).

When arriving at school each morning, we ask that families with surnames beginning with the letters

**A to L drop off students between 8:50—9:00am**, whilst families with surnames beginning with the letters **M to Z drop off students between 9:00—9:10am**. Upon arrival at school, students will go directly to their respective classrooms; they will not be permitted to play in the grounds before school.

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Students in each year level, will enter/exit the school via the following gateways:

**Foundation:** vehicle gates on Freyer Street

**Year 1:** vehicle gates on Melbourne Rd adjacent to the Junior playground

**Year 2:** new pedestrian gate on Melbourne Rd adjacent to the Gymnasium

**Years 3 & 4:** vehicle gates on Burgoyne Lane adjacent to the Bike Shelter

**Years 5 & 6:** pedestrian gates on Station Road adjacent to the Science Room

Families with more than one child, may select to enter the school via one of the above gateways in order to speed up the drop off process.

All students riding to school are asked to enter via Burgoyne Lane, so that their bikes can be immediately housed in the Bike Shed upon arrival.

At the end of the school day, students in Foundation—Year 2 will be ready for dismissal at their respective gateways at 3:20pm. For these junior levels, students will be supervised by teachers until a direct parent handover is made. Students in Years 3 – 6 will be dismissed at the regular 3:30pm time at their respective gateways. We again ask that parents physical distance at these pick up times and leave the immediate school area as soon as their child/ren have been collected. Please note that no students will be permitted to play in the grounds after school at this stage.

In order to minimise the mixing of students across multiple year levels, the school will operate with two distinct timetables from next week.

**Students in Foundation to Year 2** will begin the day with a two hour learning block and a recess break at 11:00am. They will then complete another two hour learning block from 11:30am—1:30pm. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom from 1:30pm—1:40pm, whereby students will then be dismissed for their lunch break in the grounds from 1:40pm—2:30pm. These students will then have their final learning block for the day from 2:30pm—3:20pm.

**Students in Years 3 to 6** will begin their day with a one hour learning block and a recess break scheduled at 10:00am. They will then undertake a two hour learning block from 10:30am—12:30pm, with their lunch being eaten in the classroom from 12:30pm—12:40pm. After their lunchtime break in the ground from 12:40pm—1:30pm, these students will complete their day with a two hour learning block from 1:30pm—3:30pm.

Consequently, as a result of these different timetables, please note that Foundation to Year 2 students will have a different recess and lunch break in the grounds in comparison to students in Years 3 to 6.

We ask that all students ensure they have their own drink bottle when coming to school each day, particularly as the weather warms up in the coming weeks. Students will be able to refill these bottles in either classrooms or other designated points around the school.

In line with our SunSmart Policy, please note that all students will now need a broad-brimmed or legionnaires hat in order to be able to play in the playgrounds during Term 4 as UV levels begin to rise.

Whilst the canteen will be operational from next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, this will only be for lunch orders at this stage. There will be no over the counter sales at recesses or lunchtimes, due to the potential issue of students congregating in this area. We will of course review this over the coming weeks as students re-establish their school routines.

In preparation for next week, we recommend that families continue to/or re-establish regular bed time routines and suitable getting up times. We ask that you take some time to talk about some of the changes for students to expect in regards to their return to school. Whilst children will generally be excited to return, they will need to refrain from hugging/embracing their friends. Students won't be required to wear face masks, however all staff will be wearing face masks as they move around the school. Some staff may also elect to teach in their classroom with a face mask, however this will be a personal choice for individual teachers.

We will continue to provide more guidance through the Newsletter as the term progresses. We will of course monitor the above arrangements very closely and continue to invite your feedback so that we might fine tune these procedures over the coming weeks.

We are so looking forward to all students returning to on-site learning next week!

Enjoy the rest of the week  
Jim Cahill—Principal

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**If you are unwell, please stay at home.**

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs



- wash your hands regularly.



# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

**If you are unwell, please stay at home.**

**Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:**

- fever
- shortness of breath
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or runny nose.





**Williamstown Imperials Cricket Club**

*"Keep your eye on the Gold and the Blue"*

# JUNIOR CRICKET

**Join the Williamstown Imperials  
Cricket Club for a summer of fun!**

- **Woolworths Cricket Blasters 4-8**
- **Under 13 Girls (9-13)**
- **Under 11 Boys**
- **Under 13 Boys**
- **Under 15 Boys**

**Please contact Emma Pawlowski for  
any questions & registration process**



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