

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to the start of term 4! We have been really pleased to see all the children back on site at last and getting back in to the swing of being at school.

A few notes about staying safe in term 4.

Stay at home when unwell: any cold or 'flu like symptoms still need to be treated very cautiously. Please stay home and get COVID tested to be on the safe side.

Hygiene: hand sanitiser (including non-alcohol) is in every classroom and children are encouraged to use it regularly. Please use your own water bottle as the bubble taps are still out of use.

Face Masks: still mandatory for adults on school grounds excepting teachers when supervising students.

Hats: it is term 4 so hats are a must, I have now found the school hats for those who want to buy one.

Notes and Newsletters: these will not come home in hard copy unless unavoidable. Please check your email, and urgent things will be notified via face book too.

School Council meets on Monday week. We will be socially distancing in the big classroom for the meeting, and members can join us via video conference as well. I will email all the documents by the end of next week so that we can have a paperless meeting.

Please note the two public holidays coming up. Both of them are a change to normal routine. The footy finals holidays has been moved (it's normally in the holidays) and Show day is cancelled as the show has been called off.

We are working on trying to establish some 'normal' routines at school for term 4 in terms of excursions and activities. The education de3partment has stated that we do not need to teach all aspects of the normal curriculum this term if we need to use extra time for wellbeing or for catch-up learning so some things may change a little. As well, due to current circumstances we may organise things at short notice, or have to cancel things at short notice. We are very grateful for your support and understanding as we try to keep things going for the children.

Yesterday I sent out an invitation to complete a survey about the school in preparation for the review next year. Please take 2 minutes to let us know what you think – your opinion is really important to us to help us

On Thursday next week we will

have a photographer here to take pictures of the school for a virtual school tour. He was originally going to come yesterday but we rescheduled due to the weather. We are trying to make sure that we have plenty of resources for the new preps in 2021 to get accustomed to the school. We are also hoping to be able to run shorter transition program in November and December.

Book-club comes home today – it was delivered in hard copy only so I am going to let the children take their own copy home. Book club closes on Thursday 22 October.

Finally I would just like to say again the we are all very pleased indeed to have the children back on site this term. Please be aware that your child may need more support to transition back in to full time school. We are aware of this at school and we are keeping an eye out for anyone we think may need extra help, but we are always grateful to have your help with looking after your children. If you feel that you need to chat please call, text, email or pop in at pick-up to speak to a teacher or to myself.

Stay safe everyone!

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane