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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

So the day many people have longed for has arrived and all students are returning to school. It has been quiet and a little strange without the noise and calamity that goes with 70 excited children. I know that all the staff are eagerly waiting to see the smiling face of our students in person tomorrow, rather than on a screen.

Now that school is resuming, all students are expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home we can no longer support their learning at home.

In order for all staff and students to remain safe at school we will be requiring parents to adjust to new regulations for social distancing. All students and teachers who enter our school will be required to stop at the hand sanitizer station outside the art room and 'de-germ'. Teachers will be on duty each morning before school begins to enforce this rule. I would appreciate it if all parents could remind students of this regulation when they leave the car each morning. The car park and area outside the shedatorium can no longer be a gathering space for people to sit and talk. The front office can only have 1 visitor at a time.

There will also be restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students. **Parents will not be able to walk past the front office to classrooms.** If you need to speak to a teacher please write a quick note in your child's diary or ring the school to make an appointment. At this stage all camps, excursions and sporting events are still postponed.

Cleaning has been increased until the end of Term 3. Detailed cleaning of touch points, table tops, the play ground and toilets will occur each day.

### Enrolments for 2021

We are now taking enrolments for 2021. Although I cannot

take people through our school on a tour, I can sit down with them to answer questions and discuss the enrolment process. Please spread the news to family and friends.

If enrolment forms for siblings or friends are needed please do not hesitate to obtain one from the office.

**Hot Lunches:** Hot Lunches will operate from today and until the end of Term 3. **Please ensure that all lunches are thawed out, wrapped in foil and are clearly named.**

Students are to place the lunches in the classroom fridges before school begins. Senior students will then collect the lunches and put them into the pie warmers at recess. Glass containers cannot be used in the pie warmers. Small foil trays fit nicely into the pie warmer trays. Frozen foods do not heat up adequately on the inside. Remember **pie warmers do not cook food.**



**Slippers** Now that winter is upon us we are advising all students to have a pair of slippers to wear inside the classrooms. Slippers can be left at school each day.

**Survey for parents**—Please read the information, links and PIN numbers included in this newsletter.

**Cook book—fundraiser** Parents and Friends are publishing a community cook book as the fundraiser for Term 2. All families are asked to contribute family favourite recipes. These may be traditional family recipes, recipes that you know are fail proof, recipes that are child friendly to make, recipes that are guaranteed to please the fussy eaters, gluten free or healthy alternatives to the average daily menu. Recipes can be emailed to the school or dropped off at the school office.



### Important Dates - May

25th Pupil free curriculum day

26th All students return to school.

### June

8th June Queen's Birthday—public Holiday

16th School Council meeting 3:45pm

26th Last day of Term 2 School dismissed at 2:30pm

## CSEF

Many parents will now be eligible for CSEF. Your eligibility may have changed as a result of COVID-19. Please email the school and we will send you a copy. Either return the Original Form to school next time you are there or it can be scanned using notes on an iPhone or photographed and emailed to Kerry at [wrigley.kerry.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wrigley.kerry.j@edumail.vic.gov.au). Please ensure that your photo is a clear copy! You do not need to supply a copy of your current card as the system will access Centrelink to determine your eligibility. The applicant must be one of the following: a parent/carer (of the relevant student) who is: on the first day of term one or the first day of term two an eligible beneficiary of either a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card; or an eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or a temporary foster carer; or the parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card). If this is the case please also write their card details on the application form. The parent/carer must submit an application to the school prior to the end of the week to allow time for applications to be lodged. Provided the above conditions are satisfied, the amount payable is: \$125 for Primary school students. \$225 for Secondary school students.



Happy Birthday Jakob Sheen. We hope you had a wonderful day celebrating your special day.

### Reminders:

- **Year 7 applications for 2021** All applications for Year 7 at a Government school are now due. Please return your application to Coimadai PS so that it can be processed and forwarded to the relevant school.
- Can all the preps students who received State School Relief Prep CESF Winter Uniform forms please return the forms so that the orders can be processed. If the forms are not returned by the end of May then your child will miss out on the free uniforms.
- **Returning equipment** If your family borrowed equipment from school during the remote learning period can they please be returned to school. Borrowed equipment—ipads, netbooks, dictionaries, MAB blocks.
- Please bring back to school work books, hand writing books, pencil cases, reader packs, completed work, Library books, projects

Thank you Wayne for mowing the school grounds in preparation for the students return.

Thank you for your continued support,

Moira Ross

# Learning from Home Survey

The Learning from Home Surveys will be open between **Wednesday 13 May and Friday 26 June 2020**. There is a separate survey for students and parents. The surveys are open for:

- all **students** in Years 4 to 12; and
- all **parents** to complete.

The surveys are completely anonymous and parents may complete it at **any convenient time** throughout the fieldwork period; and on **any device** connected to the internet.

Students at Coimadai PS will complete their survey while working with Miss Williamson.

## What is the purpose of the survey and why should I participate?

Learning from home is a big change for schools, teachers, students and families. This survey is designed to help schools understand how learning from home is going for students and their families, and the information collected can be used to drive school improvements.

The survey is voluntary; however, you are encouraged to participate. Summary results for our school will be provided to the school throughout the survey period to allow for fast identification of issues or areas for improvement.

Please use the link below to complete the 5 minute survey

**Survey link:** <https://www.orida.com.au/lfh/parents>

**School Name:** Coimadai Primary School

**School PIN:** 851423