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28/1/2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022 school year at Clarendon Primary School!

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing school holidays and your children are ready for an exciting year of learning ahead. It looks like interesting times ahead for us all, as we navigate a unique start to the school year. Please be flexible, kind and supportive as we will all be doing our very best to support your children and their education.

As a staff, we are looking forward to reconnecting with everyone and beginning the new school year.

COVID reminders and suggestions:

- Please remember that all students in year 3 upwards are **STRONGLY** encouraged to wear masks.
- Any students with any COVID symptoms must stay at home and it is recommended that they have a RAT or PCR test. Any student who exhibits symptoms at school will be sent home.
- We will be increasing the amount of outdoor learning we will do as students and staff don't need to wear masks outside. Please ensure your child is slathered in sunscreen before school in the morning and teach them how to apply this themselves. We will be reminding them to reapply sunscreen at first (11:00am) and second breaks (1:10pm).
- Pack a small hand sanitiser in your student's lunch box and teach them how to apply it before every snack and meal. We have sanitiser at school, but this will remind them to do it independently.
- Unfortunately parents must drop off and pick up their students at the school gates. On the first week of school, parents of Reception or new students may enter the school grounds to drop their children off (see below for more info for Reception/new parents).
- Decide which gate/area your child will be picked up from and remind them where you will be. The areas are called "Crossing gate" (Potter Rd near the crossing), "Side gate", (Potter Rd near the 3-4-5-6 classroom) and "Carpark steps". Students will be escorted to these areas by a staff member.
- Parents may visit the school grounds in order to pay bills/collect things etc. Please ensure you are wearing a mask at all times, check-in, use sanitiser and maintain social distancing. Please wait outside the office if you notice more than 2 people lined up.
- All events for the first 4 weeks will be cancelled. Unfortunately this includes the rose ceremony.
- More information about Close and Class Contacts are on the fact sheet also attached to this email.

Reception parents:

- In lieu of the rose ceremony, we have set up an area where you can take a photo of/with your child on the first day (we will have a school device and "photographer" so phones don't need to be handed around). All parents are asked to wear masks whilst in the school grounds. Masks can be taken off for the photo if all other people are 1.5m away. Parents may stay for 5-10 mins for the drop off/ photos. Parents must be socially distanced at all times and check-in to the school. The school opens at 8:30am and the bell will go at 8:55am. Only parents may enter (unless someone else is doing the dropping off), so no siblings, grandparents, etc. This 5 min drop off is only allowed for the first week of school.

The CPS team for 2022 includes the following staff:

- Ms Regan Birrell: Principal/ Year 5-6 teacher
- Mrs Kristen Hunt: R-1 teacher
- Miss Karyn Eckert: Year 1-2 teacher

- Mrs Suzanne Riches: Year 3-4 teacher
- Miss Hannah Mackenzie: Year 5-6 teacher
- Miss Kathleen Best: Kitchen Garden, STEAM teacher and Year 1-2 teacher
- Bu Lyndal Chittleborough: Indonesian teacher
- Robin Howard: SSO (Admin, Finance, Kitchen Garden and more!)
- Jackie Cooney: SSO (Admin, WHS, Learning Support and more!)
- Kelly Mudie: SSO (Admin, Communications, Learning Support and more!)
- Sally Osmond: SSO (Admin, Learning Support, Resource Centre and more!)
- Danielle Murphy: SSO (Kitchen Garden, Admin support and more!)
- Daniel Quick: ICT Support
- Jeff Farnden: Grounds and Maintenance
- Louise Fry and Pauline Roy: Cleaners

Our Term 1 calendar will come out early next week with some key dates, including our online acquaintance nights in week 2. Many of the dates are tentative and could be cancelled due to restrictions.

Please also consider joining our Governing Council, which plays a vital part in the governance of our school and setting future directions for our learning community. More information regarding the upcoming AGM and Governing Council role will follow in the first school newsletter.

The additional form attached (student information profile) will help us get to know your children and keep the lines of communication open. Please fill out online, save and email back to me or the class teacher as soon as you can.

Please feel free to email me with any questions, ideas, feedback or concerns: regan.birrell196@schools.sa.edu.au.

I look forward to a successful year, partnering with you in educating your children.

Regards,
Regan Birrell
Principal