PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome Back!!
What a difference 2 weeks make! Since the last newsletter we are now back to full time, on-site education. It is wonderful to see all our students back at school, in their classrooms and back to regular routines.

A reminder that drop-off from 8:40am is contact free. As our on-site student numbers have significantly increased, all parents/carers are asked to say goodbye at/before the school gate allowing students to walk in independently. Keeping adults off-site as much as possible is still a requirement at this time.

At pick-up time, everyone should be leaving the school site promptly, and all adults should be socially distancing at all times.

This will continue until we have been advised that adults are able to be on-site by the NSW Department of Health and Department of Education.

Please don’t forget that children should be bringing a water bottle labelled with their name every day, as they are encouraged not to use the bubblers to comply with NSW Health and AHPPC guidelines.

Celebrating Birthdays
At MPS we do not encourage children to share food. This is to keep all our children with allergies safe and we also recognise that parents have different views on food they are happy for their child to consume. When children have a birthday, they sometimes like to bring in cakes or foods to share. We would prefer that this did not occur.

At this time we ask that NO cupcakes or homemade treats be brought in to share with the class. If a child is insistent on bringing in something to distribute for their birthday, then packaged food (such as lollies or ice-blocks) can be brought in. The teacher will distribute these at the end of the school day.

Our new Safety Signs – ‘Hold My Hand’
Recently you may have noticed our new safety signs. The colourful signs have been placed at the Hatfield and Mowbray Rd entrances/exits of the school site.

They are a bright reminder that students should be holding an adults hand when crossing the road.
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Thank you to our school P&C for purchasing the signs and the books that will support the teaching of Road Safety at MPS.

School uniform
As the weather is becoming colder, a reminder that all our students should be wearing their winter uniform. Don't forget to label all jackets/jumpers with your child’s name and class.

On rainy days, some children are coming to school in gumboots and although practical for jumping through puddles, they are not safe for running in the playground or participating in sport. Even though it might be raining in the morning, when the weather clears during the day, our students are back outside, often participating in physical activity. For the safety of our students, they should not be wearing gumboots during the school day.

School Bus
The school bus has been running each day throughout Term 1 and 2. The STA has sent through advice on their systems during this time, which has been included in this newsletter.

Cricket Nets
The council cricket nets are finished and ready to use! They have been a wonderful addition to the returfing of the school oval and we are very thankful to council for their support. In the coming months, the school will be removing the old cricket nets and repurposing the area. More details will follow.

CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL
Returning Laptops – If your child borrowed a school laptop to carry out their online learning from home, please can they return their laptop and charging cord to the office.

Awards –

Blue Awards should still be handed into the office.

Gold Awards will be handed out in the classroom by the teacher until assemblies recommence.

Banners will be handed out in the classroom by the Principal or can be held in the office until assemblies recommence, if preferred.

Medical Information – We are in the process of our annual review of medical information. For those families who received an Individual Health Care Plan at the end of last term, please could they complete and return it to the school office as soon as possible with any updated medication and supporting documentation.

Contacting the School – Parents often have different surnames to their children so when contacting the school by email about your child please include your child's full name and class.

Office Hours – The School Office remains open during this time. You may contact us between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Please adhere to the new sign – One Family in the Office at any one time.

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER

Book Club orders are due back in the office by next Thursday, 4 June.

Due to COVID-19, from next issue and onwards, Mowbray will move to ONLINE ORDERING ONLY for Scholastic Book Club.

It is easy to order online. The Book Club LOOP platform is for parents and allows you to pay by credit card. Your child’s order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child’s order by registering at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.
To our school community,

Re school bus services and what the new physical distancing measures mean

I know each of you would be working hard to get ready for the full-time return of your students next week but I want you to know we are ready and here to help.

State Transit has been there to drop off and pick up your students every school day throughout COVID-19, and we'll be there again on Monday as your classrooms fill.

Earlier this week the NSW Government announced new physical distancing measures for public transport. These physical distancing measures do not apply to dedicated school services, which are the buses we deliver to your school gates.

On non-dedicated school services, school students and people who require assistance, such as those with disability, will be given priority access. No school children will be turned away, even if this means physical distancing won’t always be possible on non-dedicated school services where there are capacity limits for customers.

Our increased cleaning regime is still in full swing. The entire bus fleet is sanitised daily, with a focus on high-touch areas like handrails, stop buttons and Opal readers.

Please encourage students travelling with us to tap on and tap off with their Opal card, which helps us better understand travel patterns and service capacity. We will continue to work with schools and monitor school services over the coming weeks.

I’m proud State Transit’s bus drivers have kept our 570-plus dedicated school bus services running throughout the Coronavirus outbreak, and we’ve done so safely.

From one essential workforce to another, we’d like to thank you for the work you do. Like myself, many of my State Transit colleagues have school-age children and we appreciate the role you play in educating our children as we go about our daily lives.

The safety of your students and our bus drivers remains my top priority. If you have any concerns during this time please contact your local State Transit depot.

Kind regards,

Daniela Fontana
Executive Director Customer Operations
State Transit Authority
INTRODUCING OSHC AT HOME
POWERED BY PRIMARY OSHCARE!

We are so excited to be able to share our free, new OSHC at Home program with your school community. Whether you’re a Primary OSHCare regular or you’ve never attended our service, we know that spending more time at home now than ever before may mean you’re looking for fun and innovative activities for your child. Well, we’ve got you covered.

If you’re working (and schooling) from home or are after ideas for things to do on the weekend, our OSHC at Home program will give you the tools to keep your little one entertained in these challenging times.

WHAT IS OSHC AT HOME?

OSHC at Home powered by Primary OSHCare is a weekly plan filled to the brim with a range of awesome, engaging activities especially for school-aged children. From STEM and cooking activity sheets, to seeing some familiar faces taking you through meditation or art and craft video activities in your own home – you’ll have plenty to choose from. Many of these activities come from our wonderful educators, so when you can’t come to us, we’ll come to you and bring the OSHC fun home.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up for OSHC at home is easy – and FREE! Simply click the link below to subscribe and your OSHC at Home planner will be delivered to your inbox each week. We’ve also attached a sample planner for you to check out and see if OSHC at Home is for you.

What are you waiting for? Join the OSHC at Home fun today.

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