

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been exceptionally grateful for the ongoing support of our community over the past term. COVID-19 has presented challenges for our school at all levels, for students and families, staff, administration and cleaning/maintenance. We want to **thank you** for your patience and support as we have navigated this different environment across the term.

Below are a few updates relating to COVID-19. Please keep in mind that these are correct as of 4th April 2022 and should any changes occur, we will communicate these with you.

Term 2

Monday 25th April is the ANZAC Public Holiday and as such, **students return on Tuesday 26th April for the start of Term 2**. With the updated operating guidelines released, we are pleased to inform you that we anticipate (unless otherwise advised),

Parents/carers are invited on site at Harrisdale Primary School for the following purposes:

- outdoor drop-off/pick up of their child
- parent/teacher meetings
- infrequent special events in line with community venue capacity and density limits, and mask wearing requirements.

Students, Staff and Parents/Visitors on-site must adhere to the latest government mandates (eg: mask wearing and physical distancing). Please keep updated with these by visiting:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>

We are pleased to begin planning for and bringing back,

- Some clubs/after school opportunities for students (these will be communicated by teaching staff that volunteer their time to run these next term and may have parameters such as capacity limits to adhere to government mandates).
- Free choice of play spaces for Year 1-6 students (rostered cohort play spaces will discontinue).

We will **continue the Harrisdale Burst videos in place of assemblies**, as capacity limits and physical distancing still presents a challenge with our large cohorts of students.

Attendance at school

- School is *open for learning* and we want to reassure you that we are taking the necessary steps to keep school as safe as possible including but not limited to; regular cleaning of classrooms and high-touch surfaces, encouraging hand washing, and mandatory mask-wearing in Years 3-6.
- If your child cannot attend school due to *isolation or COVID-19*, please contact the school administration by phone, email or SMS if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- If your child is *away from school for other reasons* such as medical appointments or general sickness, please continue to contact your child's teacher or the school administration by phone, email, website absentee submission, or SMS.

- With borders open for travel, families may be planning a holiday to visit family interstate or overseas. We request that this take place during the *school holiday period* where possible, to minimise disruption to student's learning. An extended leave request form should be completed outside of these times, where families are travelling and not attending school during the term.

Updates - Communication

- Parents and carers are encouraged to advise the school administration *promptly* by phone, email or SMS if your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- Communication will be distributed via email, Seesaw and SMS where a child is *deemed as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case*.
- We will be minimising generic communication where students are not directly affected by a positive case.

School Phone Number	School Mobile Phone (SMS)	School Email
(08) 9234 9700	0438 937 662	Harrisdale.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au

For the latest updates on COVID-19 and isolation requirements, we encourage you to visit the WA Health website: https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Quarantine-andisolation

Wishing you and your family a lovely Easter break and happy holiday!

Kind regards,

Hannah Dodds
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Harrisdale Primary School

4th April 2022