



Newsletter 5, 14th May 2020

## Foster Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Wow, what a lot can happen in a couple of weeks!

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling. In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will return to school from **Tuesday 26 May**.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day**.

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from **Tuesday 9 June**.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to



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**8.30am—3.30pm**

### SCHOOL TERM DATES

#### Term 1, 2020

Wednesday January  
29th—Friday 27th  
March

#### Term 2, 2020

Wednesday 15th  
April—Friday 26th  
June

#### Term 3, 2020

Monday 13th July—  
Friday 18th September

#### Term 4, 2020

Monday 5th October—  
Friday 18th December

No School Assemblies  
until further notice.

School Vision: Everyone Can Learn to Learn.  
School Values: Be a Learner, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Caring.

## IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SPORTS & EXCURSIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED AT THIS TIME.

### May

25th Pupil Free Day  
26th Grade Prep—2 Students return to school

### June

8th Queens Birthday Public Holiday  
9th Grade 3-6 Students return to school  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day Term 2

### July

13th First day Term 3

### August

### September

18th Last day Term 3

### October

5th First day Term 4

### November

### December

18th Last day Term 4

Please check the school [webpage](#) for a list of important dates for 2020.

maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including staggered school start and finish times for non-bus travellers;
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;
- the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

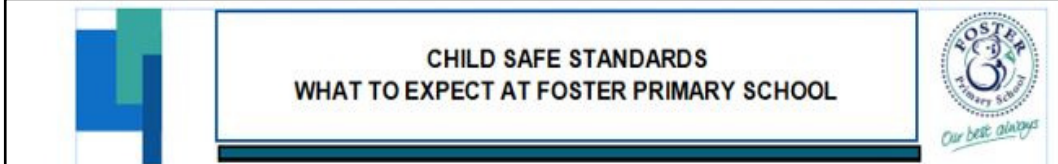
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departement/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom and are getting everything cleaned and tidied up in readiness!

Please, stay safe,

Lorraine Gurnett

## A REMINDER THAT FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT.



**CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**  
**WHAT TO EXPECT AT FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children here.
- The child safe standards apply to school staff (including volunteers and contractors), visitors and students' family members.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we'd like you to support us (for families).
- Unsupervised contractors will be asked to present their Working With Children card as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or that children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).
- Other people using our school facilities will be asked to comply with our child safe standards as a condition of using our facilities, if they involve children enrolled at the school (or that children can reasonably be expected to be present while their staff or other adults are at the school).