



## **Excellence in Teaching and Learning**

**Welcome back** to our Prep to 2 students and families! Hopefully you all got to see our '[Thank you' video!](#) It is on the Foster Primary School Wellbeing Hub Facebook page.

Well done to our Grade 3/6 students, teachers and parents who are still working remotely. It has been a huge effort with much learning all round.

Given the disruption to schooling across the country, the government has given schools more flexibility about how they present reports this semester. All children will receive a school report at the end of this term. We will be commenting on the students' learning progress and efforts over the last two terms. However, given the very different circumstances that families find themselves in, we will not be providing the progression points this semester. As children return to school, once they are happy and settled, we will continue with assessments to check in on progress but most importantly to set work that is appropriate for their level of understanding. We have several intervention programs at the school targeting literacy and numeracy and will be starting these to help give those students that need it a bit of a boost with their learning.



## **Positive Climate for Learning**

We have worked hard over the last few weeks to get the school ready for our Prep – 2 students, lots of gardening work done, painting in the Junior building, new shoe racks, new big red carpet, art work and sofas etc., to help our younger students feel more at home and comfortable in their learning space. We look forward to sharing this space with parents/ carers when the time comes.

I thank you all for dropping your children off in the respective zones at the front of the school. This will be especially important when the Grade 3/6 students return on Tuesday 9th June. Remember, students who are on their

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Mrs Lorraine Gurnett

**School no.** 6221

**Hours of supervision:**  
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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

### 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.

own can enter from any gate of the school, whichever is safest. Thank you also to those parents who have called and made appointments before entering the school site.

Our school has enhanced cleaning taking place throughout the whole day and students are frequently washing hands, helping to minimise the risk of infection whilst at school.

### Community Engagement in Learning

So far we have had two virtual school council meetings and have been busy reviewing policies. Should you ever want to ask a question of our parent School Council members, they are:-

Lucy Allsop, Mary Fitzgerald, Elisa Nudelman, Sharon Best, Jess Johnston, Kim White and President Matt Wallis. Geoff Treloar is a much valued community member and is our Vice President. They are more than happy to pass on any queries if you are unsure about approaching the school directly.

As we work our way through the next few weeks of returning to a different normal, I thank you all for your support and hard work. Please continue to keep the lines of communication open too. I am so very grateful to all parents who contact me and given feedback or asked questions for clarity. This really helps us move forward in the most positive way possible for our students.

I shall endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with either remote learning, COVID-19 or any other developments as they happen.

This week is Reconciliation Week, 27th May—3rd June.

As a nation that includes so many diverse cultures, individuals, families and communities, we play an important role in building relationships between this broad Australian Community and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To value the cultures, histories and our futures together. Now more than ever we are reminded, we are all in this together.

Lorraine Gurnett

Principal



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

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO OUR CHILD SAFE [STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT](#).

