



Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten

(Nunawading)

Saturday, 11 April 2020

Dear Families,

We are wanting to communicate with you around Kindergarten in Term 2 at MPRPS&K, we will be resuming normal Kindergarten sessions from Tuesday 14th April with additional measures put in place. As the Premier has communicated, all students who can learn at home must learn from home. Within Kinder, we are open for onsite learning, however, with the substantial added requirements to follow as well as understanding the large majority of our families choosing to self-isolate their children in Term 1 and with the school moving to online learning, we will be using the schools online learning strategies and doing the same for those who choose to stay home.

Firstly though, we need an indication of your intention to physically to attend using this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkwf0eAwoWm74MTKhgltRZu9tC_JSwT9CjrRRcH668ZA5VA/viewform?usp=sf_link

This will allow us to staff and implement the appropriate health and logistic measures that are needed, we understand that these may be inconvenient, but they are necessary in the current circumstances.

For our four year old families, whether you choose to send your child or keep them at home, Kinder will be free for Term 2 due to government funding.

For our three year old families, we are applying for funding to cover fees, in order to put in a strong application we are needing to know one the following in the link provided.

- Yes I will be accessing the three year old program and will pay the necessary fees unless the school is successful in obtain funding for term 2 from Department, in which case these will be free.
- Yes I will access the 3 year old program only if the Department funds the program.
- No I will not be sending my child for Term 2 to the three year old program and wish to withdraw my enrolment (this will mean that I will lose my enrolment for the 2020 and possibly the 2021 kindergarten years.)

Kinder will look very different in Term 2, the following measures will be in place from Tuesday:

- Parents will enter the school hall via the side door (between the school office and the kindergarten yard/ building). Entry via the school office/foyer will be restricted to children from the school only.
- There will be marks set on the floor of the hall in which families are asked to wait within, this will be strictly enforced to comply with social distancing measures.
- Families will be brought into the Kindergarten foyer one at a time, children will hang their bags on a hook, say good bye and enter the rooms. Parents are not allowed in the Kindergarten room at any point at any time.
- Parents will then exit the foyer via the side door- staff will sign children in and out.

- Children will be accessing their snacks/ lunch from their bags, they will eat in staggered times, with greater distance between them at meal times. Learning will not be occurring in large groups and we must work to encourage as much social distancing as possible.
- Children will be using the toilet/ washing hands in the bathroom one at a time. We will be implementing a regime of hand washing and/or sanitizing regularly within each session.
- Sick children will be required to stay at home until all symptoms are gone- ie: runny nose etc.
- Picking up your child: We will ask families to enter the hall through the same doors as in the morning (the access between the office and kindergarten rooms) you will wait in the designated and marked spaces within the hall, we will bring the children out to you and you will be able to exit via the doors out to the Junior School building. We require your co-operation to do this in a timely manner- waiting behind and talking to other families will not be allowed.
- All children and families are STRONGLY encouraged to have a flu vaccination by May 1st as per AHPPC recommendations.

The management and staff of Mt Pleasant Primary School and Kindergarten thank you for your understanding and co-operation in navigating these changes, we acknowledge that this is an unfolding event and we will be updating you of any changes or modifications to the daily practices at Kinder.

Have a wonderful Easter weekend, stay safe and don't hesitate to email me with any questions.

Regards,

Alan Milsted

Director and Kindergarten Teacher.