



15 July 2021

Parent Information – Marsden Park Campus

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I welcome and introduce new and returning staff members to our Marsden Park community:

- KM and Learning Support Teacher Mrs Vanessa Dillon
- KC Class Teacher Miss Danica Potgieter
- 3/4M Class Teachers Mrs Samantha Blok (Monday/Tuesday) and Mrs Hannah Kaleeny (Wednesday-Friday – both returning from leave following the birth of their gorgeous babies)
- Administration Assistant Mrs Renee Smart (Monday, Thursday and Friday)

We commence Term 3 under 'Stay at Home' orders from our Government and under the Distance Learning mode of providing education; not how we were hoping to start an exciting new school term. However, we know that God is in control of this current outbreak and we put our faith and trust in Him for a timely return to our normal daily routines. The safety and well-being of all members of our School community remain paramount at this time. Subsequently, parents should seek to support their child/children's learning from home where possible. Earlier today, Mr Dawson sent a COVID update to parents. Please ensure you read this document carefully. Additional information below will further assist our Primary families.

DISTANCE LEARNING PLATFORMS AND LEARNING MATERIALS

For 2020 RJ families, the journey into Distance Learning is not a new one. For some families new to RJ or those whose children have commenced school for the first time this year, this will be a new 'adventure' as parents engage much more actively in the practical day-to-day education of their child/ren with learning materials provided by your child's teacher. As always, our staff remain dedicated to providing quality learning experiences for students across Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 at each student's individual learning ability and support students as required.

The attached '**Primary Parent Distance Learning Plan 2021**' outlines important information about Distance Learning at RJ. Teachers will provide pre-recorded videos and teaching materials via Seesaw. Separate emails will be sent by Mr Reed with login details for Seesaw and other learning platforms such as Mathletics (Yrs 1-6) and Wushka (Yrs K-3). This year, parents will be emailed weekly '**e-Bundles**' (online Learning Bundles - worksheets) to print at home rather than having to attend the School to collect printed 'Learning Bundles'. Printed Bundles will be available for parents without printers. Please email the class teacher prior to 10:00am on Monday 19 July if you require a printed bundle. Only those requested will be printed. Bundles can be collected on Monday 19 July:

- Eagles and Lions - 2:20-2:40pm
- Rams and Sharks = 2:40-3:00pm

As per Government guidelines, parents are to remain in their vehicle and bundles will be handed to you by staff.

LIVE ZOOM PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Teachers will be hosting live Zoom meetings for parents during the next 2 weeks. These sessions are not compulsory but provide opportunity for the teacher to explain the week's learning and answer any questions parents may have. Each session will be 15 minutes only. Where classes have new teachers for Semester 2 (KM, KC and 3/4M) or if you are a new family to RJ, students may like to join their parents to see their new teacher. Zoom session times are:

Class	Tuesday 20 July and Monday 26 July
Pre-K	8:45am
KM	8:45am
KP	8:45am
KC	8:45am
1M	9:15am
1/2P	9:15am
2M	9:30am
3/4M	9:00am
3/4P	9:45am
5/6M	8:45am

STUDENT SUPERVISION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

RJ will provide supervision to students to complete Distance Learning onsite to support parents who are essential workers on the days they are required to work and where they are unable to provide supervision to their child/ren to perform this essential work on these days. Please follow the link in the Principal's communication if you require this supervision, noting that only pre-registered students are able to attend School each day. Staff will predominately be working from home, with only minimal staff on Campus each day to supervise students of essential workers. **Student drop off is between 8:30-8:45am** and is **'Kiss and Drop'** at the internal gate. Parents are not permitted to exit their vehicle (unless required to assist with seatbelts) or enter the School beyond the internal gate. **After School pick up is at 3:10pm** and is **'Kiss and Collect'** only. Again, parents remain in their vehicles unless their child needs assistance with their seatbelt.

EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

All excursions and incurSIONS planned for Weeks 1-4 of Term 3 have been cancelled and staff are in the process of rebooking these exciting events for later in Term 3 or early Term 4.

Both the Principal and I will continue to provide further emails based on Government guidelines for Schools over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work together with the children through these challenging times. Do not hesitate to contact me via email ntaylor@rjas.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns during the Distance Learning period.

Yours sincerely,

Narelle Taylor
Assistant Principal/Head of Primary