

7 October 2021

Term 4 Parent Information – Marsden Park

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to have joined the team as Head of Primary at Richard Johnson Anglican School - Marsden Park Campus and am eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get to know each family. This term will be an important one, with students returning to face-to-face learning, and we hope that it will be a smooth return to school for all students. Prior to commencing the staggered return to schooling onsite, we will continue our Distance Learning Program (DLP) for all grades. Children of authorised workers who cannot be supervised at home are the only students who should be registered to attend the campus.

Key Return Dates

Week 3, Monday 18 October – (all Stage 1): **Pre-K, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2** students resume face-to-face learning

Week 4, Monday 25 October – (all Stage 3): **Years 5 and 6** return.

Week 5, Monday 1 November – (all Stage 2): **Years 3 and 4** return.

We request that siblings of students who are returning to face-to-face learning remain at home, continuing their DLP, until their own grade's return to campus.

I refer you to Mr Dawson's email to RJ families last Friday that contained information for the upcoming term. Please note that the WWW days will not be continuing in Term 4 and that all students return to their usual campus and section for supervision from Week 3. As the face-to-face weeks draw closer, there will be further communication regarding drop-off and pick-up of students.

As a School we will continue to be guided by the State Government Health and Education authorities with regards to cross Stage student interaction, parents on campus and end of year events. At present there continues to be no parents onsite. If you do need to collect your child during school hours or to drop off medication or other essential items you will need to contact School Reception, on (02) 8806 6300.

Birthdays and Special Occasions - It is exciting for your child to share their birthday with their classmates. Parents may send in individually wrapped, store bought cupcakes, muffins, doughnuts, or sweets for the class on their child's birthday. For example, a bag of Freddo Frogs to share. Please be aware that some chocolates contain nuts or nut traces, so check the ingredients list first. Please do not send in party bags, unfortunately these will be returned home. Teachers will hand out party invitations only if they are for all children in the class. Parents should otherwise hand out invitations before or after school.

A **Christmas card only may be handed out in the last week** of the school year. Please **do not send in Christmas candy canes** or any other gifts, including for Halloween – which is not celebrated in our School. These gifts will be returned home.

Nepal Child Sponsorship

Thank you to families who regularly sent in gold coin donations to support our sponsor children during first semester this year. \$2 per month per student allows us to sponsor a child for each grade level, making a huge difference to the lives of these children. As the year has progressed and with limited students onsite last term, our donations have decreased. If possible, please send a gold coin each month throughout Term 4 so we can continue to support the students over the longer summer break period. All classes have a collection box in the classroom.

School Uniform

Students should be wearing their full Summer Uniform in Term 4. To protect students from harmful UV rays, **all Primary students must wear their hat at School each day**. Students may wear either the Primary broad-brimmed hat or legionnaire cap during Recess and Lunch breaks and during PE/Sport lessons as per the Compulsory School Uniform and Student Presentation Policy.

Please ensure hats, like all uniform items, are clearly labelled with your child's name. After the extended lockdown period, please ensure that students do not wear nail polish or non-uniform jewellery to School. Mask wearing for Primary students is currently not compulsory but is highly recommended.

Term 4 Events

Please keep an eye on the fortnightly RJ Review from next Tuesday for updates on Primary events that may be allowed to proceed in a Covid-safe manner later in the term. This includes our Friday Assemblies. Below is a list of events that should be able to take place this term.

Event	Date	Additional Information
K-6 webinar Assembly	Thursday 14 October	Webinar link will be emailed to families in Week 2 Commences at 9:00am
Year 6 Leadership 2022 Applications due	Friday 15 October	For current Year 5 students- uploaded by 4pm
Pre-Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will resume face-to-face learning	Monday 18 October	Other grade groups will continue to engage with the DLP.
Kindergarten Marsden 2022 Orientation PowerPoint link emailed	Thursday 21 October	Actual Orientation Days onsite will be in January 2022
Zoom Q and A session	Thursday 28 October	Optional session for parents of kindergarten 2022
Years 5 and 6 return face-to-face learning	Monday 25 October	Years 5 and 6 return onsite. DLP ceases for Years 5 and 6.
K-6 webinar Assembly	Thursday 28 October	Webinar link will be emailed to families. Commences at 9:00am
Years 3, 4 resume face-to-face learning	Monday 1 November	Years 3 and 4 return onsite. DLP finished for all Primary students.
House Meetings	Thursday 18 November	Students are required to wear their House Shirt
Year 6 Marsden Park Graduation and Activity Day	Thursday 2 December	9:00am - Graduation Assembly, lunch, and activity for Year 6 students – details to follow mid Term 4.
Primary Leadership 2022 Interviews	Wednesday 23 November	For current Year 5 students short-listed for interview. Students will be advised prior.
Marsden Park Primary Presentation Afternoon	Monday 7 December (1:00pm)	If families still not allowed onsite, this event will be live-streamed. Student Reports distributed at the end of Presentation Afternoon.
Last day of Term 4	Wednesday 8 December	Christmas Mufti Day – students wear red, white, green Christmas attire
Optional Parent / Teacher Interviews	Friday 9 December	Staff available for interviews to discuss the Student Report. Please contact the Office if a booking is required.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Luke Sale
Head of Primary – Marsden Park