



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay tuned...

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

Thank you to everyone for your support in what has been an interesting start to Term 2. The constant updates and changes in direction have kept us all on our toes. I have been incredibly grateful for the flexibility and resilience demonstrated by our staff. They left Term 1 with one set of plans and quickly amended these by the end of the holidays. The success of this would not have been possible without the understanding and consideration demonstrated by everyone. I know I speak for all Beaconsfield PS staff when I say that we have never been more thankful to be part of such a caring and compassionate community. Thank you!

It has been wonderful to have so many students onsite this week. Our attendance numbers have averaged 65%, with more returning Monday, which is reasonably consistent with the rest of the state. We understand that every family has unique circumstances that may alter, however we do ask that if you decide to change your method of schooling, to please let us know. We have a legal obligation to account for the whereabouts of all students, including if they are learning at home or at home sick, and document this.

Thank you to everyone for demonstrating patience with our gate system for drop off and pick up. I know for families with multiple children it has been trying and we appreciate your understanding. As the restriction regarding parents onsite is a State Government directive, this will potentially be in place until their review at the end of Week 3. A reminder for parents that the staff carpark is not to be used as a thoroughfare or for student drop off. This is now more vital than ever with numerous children and parents using this as an entry point into the school

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Julia Reay, Pam Dunstall, Celeste Franklin and Nicola Flowers who form our online home learning team. For those students at home, they will be a familiar face. They are implementing the plans devised by our teaching staff at the end of last term and support students at home with their learning. With additional students returning to school next week, there may be changes to the online teacher responsible for each year level, and you will be informed if there are any alterations. We know that Connect has been slow and we apologise for this. Unfortunately Connect has been put under pressure with so many schools utilising it. We are mindful of the delay in messages coming through and are working to rectify this.

You may have heard that our student toilets are being refurbished as part of the State Government's 'School Maintenance Blitz'. I have been assured that they should be completed by the end of today. Thankfully, with reduced numbers and staggered break times, we have managed with a limited number of toilets for the first three days. We are looking forward to newly fitted out toilets to begin next week!

I have included some photos that depict our first week back, including our hard working online team.

To those students working at home – we miss you and look forward to when we are all together again.

I hope you all have a great, albeit quiet, weekend!

Kirsten Dicker
Principal



