

8 July 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

### **Week 1 Term 3**

Many thanks to those who completed our learning from home survey on Class Dojo. 70% of families have responded and the majority of our students will be learning from home in Week 1. The executive team have met and made some decisions in regards to how learning will be structured for the first 4 days of Term 3.

### **Schoolwork for Tuesday 13 July – Friday 16 July**

YPS staff have been completing a lot of professional development on cognitive science and retrieval practice. The executive team see these 4 days as the perfect opportunity for our students to enhance their retrieval practice of knowledge and skills taught in Semester 1. Work that will be sent home and completed at school will be the same unit and will be based on revision. New knowledge and skills will be taught as of Week 2 when the students return face-to-face. We hope that this will support those families who are keeping their children at home as well as strengthen all of our students' long-term learning.

The assistant principals are busy putting together these revision booklets. All work for the 4 days will be completed in these booklets and returned to classroom teachers on Monday 19 July (Week 2). Current restrictions do not allow non-essential adults on school grounds so we will be placing the booklets in labelled tubs on a table near the gate on the council oval. They will be available for families to pick up from 2:00-3:30pm on Monday 12 July or from 7:30-9:30am on Tuesday 13 July. If your child attends school for part of the week, they will need to bring their booklet with them.

Our means of taking attendance for the day will be via Class Dojo. There will be a welcome message every morning on Class Dojo. We would like all parents to write a message on the story stating that their child is learning from home. It is vital if you are learning from home that you comment on this story by 9:30am every day. If you need any help, please contact us. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Covid Restrictions**

There have been some changes to the current Covid restrictions in schools. All staff on site will be required to wear masks. There is no requirement for the students in primary schools to wear masks, however if they wish to do so they will be supported.

All staff and any visitors to the school site must use the QR codes to check in and out of the school premises.

Schools are to restrict non-essential visitor access to the site. Parents and carers are not to come on to the premises. Drop off & pick up arrangements are outlined below.

Any student, teacher or staff member with any symptoms, or who is feeling unwell, should not attend school and should take a Covid test immediately. Anyone who has been off sick from school will be required to

return a negative Covid test before being permitted to return to school. Students and staff who have attended any venue of concern identified by NSW Health should follow NSW Health advice.

More information in regards to restrictions will be made available to principals shortly and I will communicate these as they come through. This will include restrictions to singing, dancing and when non-school based staff are allowed on school sites (including our dance teacher, Music Bus, scripture teachers etc.).

## **Drop off and Pick Up Procedures**

As the Premier noted it is important that we reduce mobility and non-essential visitors are restricted from the school grounds. Parents are to drop their child(ren) off at the gate in the mornings. A member of staff will be available at the pedestrian gate nearest the electronic sign to provide any support. There will be a staggered pick up of students as we have done in the past.

Kindy – 3:05pm

Stage 1 – 3:10pm

Stage 2 – 3:15pm

Stage 3 – 3:20pm

Siblings are to be picked up at the later time e.g. a Kindy & Stage 3 sibling pair would get picked up at 3:20pm. Any children attending The Cottage will be dismissed at 3:20pm. We will be dismissing via the council oval gate as parents are not allowed onsite and this is the larger area for dismissal. Our risk assessment of this means that the students are to remain in the school grounds until they are directly dismissed to a parent / caregiver. No student will be on the council oval without a parent / caregiver.

## **Other School-Based Safety Measures**

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available and hand washing promoted during the school day. We request that students continue to use the hand sanitiser when entering the premises. Day cleaning will continue. Stages will go back to eating in separate areas, supervised by a teacher. There will be no face-to-face assemblies (these will go back to being virtual) and all planned community events are postponed until further notice. Parent communication with teachers will be arranged via email. Please email the school at: [yarrowarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yarrowarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

All the staff at Yarrowarra PS realise that uncertain times can cause each of us different pressures. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can assist in any way. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. I will be in contact again when we have further information to convey.

Enjoy the remainder of the school holidays and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Kyleigh Nash, Jane Thomas, Alison Hanegraaf, Sam Crawford, Peter Kingham

Yarrowarra PS Executive Team