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Principal's News

Tuesday 28 April 2020

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you were all able to find some enjoyment during the term break while observing all of the restrictions our current situation entails.

Thank you for your efforts last term. We have certainly been thrown many challenges to start our year and I am in awe of the resilient nature of our students, community and staff in coping with all the changes, some at very short notice.

Term 2 will begin in the same way Term 1 ended, with children participating in learning from home where possible. School is open and operational for students that need to attend but where practical, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. Teachers have planned the same learning for students at school and at home which you would have received at the end of last term or has been made available through the student's Google Classroom. Lessons will resume through the Google Classrooms and on Zoom Wednesday 29 April.

Phased Return to School

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced a <u>phased operating model</u> for NSW schools during COVID-19. The new model will see students being **rostered back to school** for face-to-face learning **with their teacher one day a week**, starting from Week 3.

We are currently working on the rosters and will be letting you know what day your child will be at school as soon as possible.

More information around the Department of Education's phases can be found at: <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/managed-return-to-school-guide-for-families</u>

It is important to remember that the phased return is guided by social distancing requirements, which means not having all students back at once. While at school we will put procedures in place for good hygiene practices and social distancing in the classroom and playground.

When dropping your child off during the COVID-19 measures, please say your good-byes at the front gate and allow your child to come into school themselves. If you need to see the teacher, please come to the front office or contact them through the class blogs.

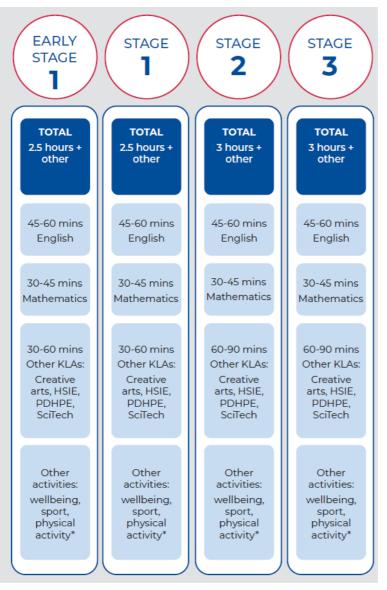
Learning from Home

As mentioned before, where possible parents are encouraged to keep their children at home where they access the learning from home units and lessons prepared by their child's teacher. Our staff at Broulee have worked hard on developing these units that they will support through the Google classroom, with lessons on Zoom and videos they are creating.

To assist with the learning from home we have developed a support website for our school. On it we have links to helpful learning websites, websites to support parents and everyone's wellbeing. The BPS Learning @ Home page can be found on our school website at: <u>https://broulee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u>

Students who need to come to school will participate in the same learning as the students are at home.

We know that many people last term were concerned about the amount of time they should be spending on subjects and tasks with your children. While this may vary between tasks and child, the Department have released a guide to help parents understand time for different activities when supervising the at home learning.



There are plenty of resource links and information to assist parents on the Department of Education's Learning from Home hub (<u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home</u>).

50K in May

We have an activity for all students to participate in, a school based 50k in May Challenge. There is more information on this challenge posted on the school website. Join in and stay fit and healthy.

ANZAC Day

What a fantastic school we belong to. We have a wonderful tradition of participating in ANZAC Day ceremonies and even though this year it had to be different, it was great to see the students getting out in their school uniform and continuing the tradition.

Matthew Rose Principal

ANZAC DAY 2020











Community News

Broulee After School Care - Unfolding COVID-19 situation

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are keeping well in these changing and challenging times.

So just confirming that After School Care will open from start of Term 2.

All fees for attending booked children will be covered by C.C.S New Emergency Relief package. Meaning FREE child care available until end of financial year.

Please advise us preferably the day before if you plan to send your child to A.S.C. so that we can prepare ourselves accordingly.

Thank you for your assistance as we navigate this new way of working together. Understandably, in the current extraordinary situation, the children's health & safety as well as our staff's is our priority.

For more info go to: https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

https://broulee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/4/nsw-students-to-transitionback-to-the-classroom-in-term-2.html

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