



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



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*Welcome back.*

I hope everyone is doing well and has survived the break without too many issues.

As I stated on Skoolbag our school is now open and operating. Things may not be 'as usual' as yet but we expect that to happen fairly soon, depending on the number of students coming back. At present we have over 50% of our students back at school.

We are running two classes but will go back to three, as normal, once we reach our 'critical mass'. Moving from two to three classes cannot be done at a moment's notice; we would need a day to organise things. This is why we are asking you to notify us when your child/children will be returning to school. Also please let us know if your child/children will **not** be returning so you are not bothered by us chasing you up all the time.

Please remember that the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee has advised that schools should be open and that it is safe for children to attend school. The AHPPC does not believe that the following is appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors:

- maintaining 1.5m between students
- the 'venue density rule' of no more than 1 person per 4 square metres.

The AHPPC continues to note that there is very limited evidence of transmission between children in the school environment, and population screening overseas has shown very low incidences of positive cases in school-aged children.

AHPPC believes that adults in the school environment should practise room density measures (such as in staff rooms) given the greater risk of transmission between adults. As such we are still asking all parents/carers not to enter any of the buildings and observe the 'one person at a time' rule for the front office.

### **Hygiene Measures**

We have extra cleaning at school with the amount of hours for cleaning tripling. The playground will be sprayed with disinfectant every morning and at lunch time all desks, surfaces, door handles, taps etc will be wiped down with disinfectant.

We have our new filtered water drink bottle filling station operational so students will be asked only to drink from their own drink bottles and not the drinking fountains (these will be turned off).

Same as last term students will be encouraged to wash and/or sanitise their hands before eating, after play times and before and after using shared equipment.

### **IMPORTANT**

On advice from the Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier, **please keep your child/children at home if they are sick.**

Parents/carers will be contacted if their child is showing **any** cold and/or flu like symptoms at school and asked to collect them immediately.

*Regards,*

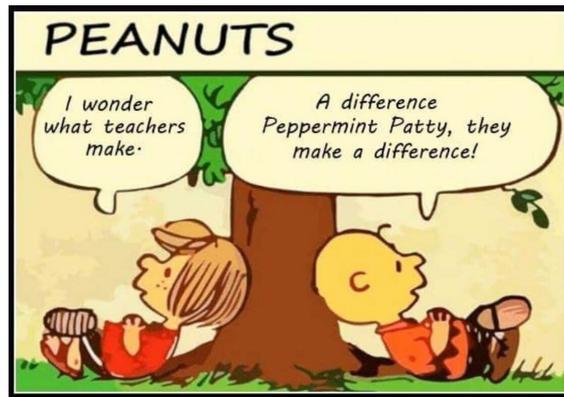
*Tony*



# THANK YOU



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, in particular our wonderful teachers for the huge amount of work and effort they have put in to organise Learning from Home in such an incredibly short amount of time . Thank you to everyone of the staff for being so flexible and easy to work with to ensure we are doing our best for every one of our students.



Thank you to the parents for being so understanding and willing to play your part in keeping all of us safe. It is a difficult thing to attempt Learning from Home but we have been very impressed by the efforts people have gone to.

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## Learning Choice Term 2

We would like to know as soon as possible if your child/children will be returning to school and when.

You can notify us in the following ways:-

- Phone the school on 8568 2170
- Send a message to the class teacher via Class Dojo or SMS (if you have their number)
- Reply via email on Skoolbag
- Fill in the form below and drop it off at the school

My child/children .....

Will be returning to school on .....

Will not be returning to school at this stage and will be learning from home.

Signed ..... Date.....