



# Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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**Term 2 Week 4**

**21 May 2020**

CALENDAR - TERM 2 2020		NOTES
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time &amp; Event</b>	Please regularly check Skool Bag for messages and Seesaw - these communication tools will keep you informed.
May 22-23/5	Eid Mubarak to our Muslim Families	
From Mon 25/5	School open for face-to-face learning 5 days - all students	Winter Uniform available
Wed 3/6	Whole school Eid Picnic (modified in line with guidelines)	

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

This year has been a most unusual experience for everybody, young and old. All families have found the isolation measures difficult to manage, especially in the last few weeks with lots of media information and the interpretation of it. Please read the information I am sending you today as carefully as you can. This information is the advice the DoE have sent all Principals to implement into school contexts in order to return students to face-to-face learning at school from Monday 25 May. (Mrs Rieger, Principal)



**A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning.** This guide is for parents and carers

**Adapted for Mount Lewis Infants School: 21/05/20**

## Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.



### **School attendance**

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. **These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period.** If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.



**What students can't do:**

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers

**School grounds**

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

**Reporting and assessment**

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.

**Altered Drop off and Pick up Procedures, T2 Week 5 Onwards**

As you can appreciate we need to keep the school free of adults congregating in the morning and the afternoon. In order to do this the following plan has been organised. Please follow it as much as possible for the first week and if changes need to be made to improve things we will do so. Thank you so much for assisting us in this next phase of returning to school.

Time and Gate:	Class:
From 8:30-9am Gate B (Noble Ave)	KG KP KB KY 1W
Students will be dropped off at gate	
From 2:30-2:45pm Gate B (Noble Ave)	KG KP KB KY 1W
Students in COLA parent/carer collect	and go
From 8:30-9am Gate D (Lowry St)	1C 1E 1/2A 2S
Students will be dropped off at gate	
From 2:30-2:45pm Gate D (Lowry St)	1C 1E 1/2A 2S
Students will be on silver seats parent/	carer collect and go

**\*Brothers/sisters can be dropped off & picked up together\***

\*In summary, school is returning to 5 days of face to face teaching for all students from Monday 25 May.

\*If your child has a medical certificate to state that he/she is unable to return to school for learning, please send or bring the certificate to school.

\*If your child has a sick day or is away for Eid or any other reason from Monday, please send a note to let us know why he/she was absent when they return.

\*Roll marking will resume as normal from Monday. Late notes will need to be collected from the office after 9am.

\*Teachers are not available for individual face to face meetings for the remainder of term. If necessary, please call the office to make a phone appointment with your child's teacher.



Winter Uniform on display (gold skivvy not sold at school). Winter uniform worn in terms 2 and 3.



## Preventing the spread

The best way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by continuing effective hygiene practices:

### Protect yourself from viruses



**Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



**Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



**Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.

- Clean your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow or a tissue
- Stay home if you are sick.





## SOME SAFETY MEASURES IN OUR OFFICE AREA:

When you visit the office, you will notice there are some new protocols to follow. We ask for your cooperation and patience. I know you will understand that we are following the best practices in order to keep staff, students and the community safe.

1. No more than 4 people in the foyer
2. Stand or sit on the spots clearly marked
3. Use Efptos whenever possible to minimise money handling by you and staff
4. Use hand sanitiser provided, if required
5. Please leave the foyer as soon as your business has been taken care of

\*Enter the school through gate A (near park) & go straight to the office. Please only visit the school if necessary\*



This PBL week's school value is:

**CONFIDENCE**

At MLIS we show confidence through:

- working with others
- trying our best
- sharing our understanding



*A Note for students-It's very important to remember our PBL values at all times, especially as we are home with family and we may be getting a bit bored or cranky. I know you know how to be polite, kind, fair, tolerant.*

*Happy Eid, Eid Mubarak to the families celebrating. I'm sure this year will be different in how you see your family and friends but I'm sure it will be a special weekend.*

