



31st January 2022

Day One – Parent Information

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our students and families for 2022. We would also like to extend a special welcome to our Kindergarten students starting this year and new families to our school. We are all excited about seeing our students return.

In the morning

Students will return to their classrooms from last year in the morning to find out their new class and teacher. From there, students will go to their new classrooms and meet their new teacher.

Afternoon pick-up

To minimise contact, students will go home via an allocated gate in their sports house groups to ensure siblings go to the same gate. We ask that parents please go to the correct gate to minimise confusion. Please see the map over the page and discuss this with your child before next week.

If your children happen to be in different house groups, please choose one of their designated gates and inform them to both go to the same gate.

If your child has a sibling in support, they may leave with support students at the designated times (please talk to the classroom teacher about this).

Morning drop off procedure (Support Unit)

For parents who drop their child off at the support unit area, a staff member will meet you at the support unit gates to walk the students in. Please ensure that you follow COVID procedures (e.g. social distancing, etc) while you wait for a staff member to come.

Afternoon pick up procedure (Support Unit)

Like last year, we will have staggered finish times to minimise contact. We ask that parents please come and collect their child at these times unless negotiated prior with the classroom teacher. A staff member will walk the students to the Support Unit gate on Aberdare Road at the times identified below:

- **2:45pm:** K/6E, K/6J
- **3:00pm:** K/6B, 3/6C
- **3:15pm:** K/6T, K/6R

Session times

This year we are changing our session times to give students and teachers more sustained learning time in the classroom, to maximise learning. We will provide more information about this in our first newsletter. Students will have the same amount of class and play time but, will now only have two breaks instead of three.

Canteen & Breakfast Club

At this stage, there will be no canteen or Breakfast Club, initially for the first few weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we are hoping this will only be a short term measure.

Swimming Carnival

Due to the current COVID restrictions and staff absences, the whole school swimming carnival that was planned for Wednesday the 2nd of February will be postponed until term 4.

In order to meet our requirements for the Zone swimming carnival, we will run a small carnival for students who are able to competitively swim 50m or more (as indicated on the permission slip at the end of 2021). Families of those students competing will be contacted separately.

We appreciate that this is disappointing for many of our students, however we will be looking at an alternative whole school swimming carnival at the end of the year where spectators will be welcomed. We appreciate your understanding and support.

RAT kits

I would like to thank our wonderful SLSOs, who have assisted families with the collection of these kits the last two days. Thank you also for all the families who have already collected their kits. If you have not yet collected your kits, please contact us to arrange to do this.

Finally, thank you all for your continued understanding of all the changes to the usual start to the school year. The first few days may be a little bumpy, with student and staff testing and the impact this may have on staff and student absences. We will be doing everything we can to ensure the smoothest possible start to the new school year for your child.

Kind Regards

Merilyn Burton
Principal

