



NEWSLETTER

Tamworth West Public School

Week 4 Term 2 2020

FROM THE
Principal



Hello Parents and Carers



Please find following information provided for our families by the Department:

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

This guide is for parents and carers.

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

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.

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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 us at school.

Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

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. We will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress before the written report is issued.

School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

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



- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

We are receiving additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

We have received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

School grounds

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

We will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.

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May 2020

Please find on the next page an overview of what it will look like at Tamworth West Public School when students return to face-to-face learning next week. In the interest of health and wellbeing we ask that everyone adheres to our guidelines.

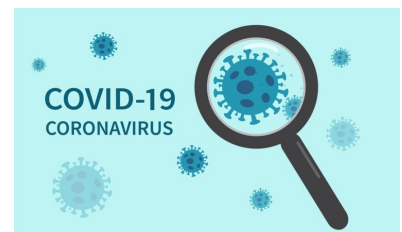
We are really looking forward to seeing and working with all our students next week.

Terrie Kay
Principal

Tamworth West Public School

Guidelines for students returning to face-to-face learning

- School recommences on Monday 25 May 2020 for all students.
- School buses will operate as normal.
- Morning drop off—Students can enter through William Street, Church Street or Bridge Street gates. **Parents and carers are asked not to enter the school grounds unless absolutely necessary.** If it is necessary, parents/carers are to enter through the Bridge Street gate and only go as far as the front office.
- Afternoon pick up—Students will depart through William Street or Church Street gates. **Parents and carers are asked not to enter the school grounds and to wait in cars where possible.** If it is necessary to enter the school grounds, parents/carers are to enter through the Bridge Street gate and only go as far as the front office.
- There will be NO assemblies until further notice.
- Students are to move straight to their classrooms when the bell rings of a morning.
- Our canteen will be open with limited menu options. We will not have volunteers until further notice.
- There will be NO Breakfast Club until further notice.
- There will be NO parent helpers until further notice.
- Students will NOT be able to use the bubblers until further notice. Please ensure that your child brings their own drink bottle to school each day.
- As per Departmental guidelines, until further notice students ARE NOT permitted to play the following games during play time:
 - Soccer
 - Football
 - Tips
 - Bullrush
 - Basketball (students can shoot hoops)
 - Netball (students can practice passing and shooting)
- Playground equipment will be open.
- The library will be open.



FROM THE *Deputies*



Road Safety—Grant

Due to ongoing parking and road safety issues the school has been exploring options to assist our community with access to parking and education re: safe driving around the school and the use of safe entry and exit points. After a meeting with council, roads and the Department's Asset unit council have supported the following:

- Re-zoning of William St parking from no parking to school zone parking to allow increased positions.
- Application to provide fencing along the Church St bus zone to limit access for entering and exiting buses.
- Continued monitoring from council rangers of traffic activity around the school and adjacent properties.

The school will continue to explore options to assist with safe parking and driving. Please be aware of the following:

- Pedestrians should not be using the Church St bus gate unless entering or exiting a bus.
- Children should be accompanied to and from the school to parking areas.
- Vehicles should not use or park in the turning area at the front of St Pauls church. We have permission to use the churches dirt carpark on Church St but not the concreted area at the front of the church for safety reasons and for vehicles causing damage to property.
- Council rangers have provided infringement notices to vehicles parked in non parking areas, in particular for parking on the sidewalk.
- Police have been requested to patrol the area for unsafe driving behaviour including u turns on all streets around the school, overtaking on these streets and parking inappropriately.

Thank you for your support to ensure our children and community are safe and property is respected.



School Zone Road Safety

Understanding the road rules



No Parking

A driver must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.



No Stopping

A driver must not stop in this area.



Bus Zone

Vehicles other than buses are prohibited from parking or stopping in this area. Hours of operation may apply. Restrictions apply for those times only.



School Zone

40km/h speed limit during hours of operation. Double demerits apply for speed offences in a school zone.



Crossings

A driver must stop at the white hold line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians and must obey instructions from School Crossing supervisors.



What you can do

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your child and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week.

- ▶ Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- ▶ Its safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.
- ▶ Where provided, use Children's Crossings to drop-off & pick-up children.
- ▶ Always hold your child's hand – young children may be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- ▶ Always give way to pedestrians especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- ▶ Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- ▶ Make sure your children are in the correct child car seat that it is fitted and used correctly.
- ▶ Make sure your child is wearing a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skating.
- ▶ Look out for buses - a 40km/h speed limit applies which school bus lights flash.

Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them across.

**Your child's safety depends on you.
Young children can learn these
safe habits from you.**

Visit: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



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Teaching and Learning



Learning from home and learning from school



Name the Greyhound Competition!

The winner is....**KELSIE JENNER!**



Finalists were: Aiden Gray 5/6M, Aria Burgess KM, Tilly Crelley 1/2D, Jasper Taylor 3M, Blair Hottes K-3M, Sarah Love 2R.

Prize packs donated by Greyhound Re-homing.

Oreo has now been adopted!!



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au



Check us out on Facebook [Joss Cleaning](#)

or visit our webpage www.jossgroup.com.au

Join The Tamworth Regional Youth Council

Are you...

- interested in being a leader in your community?
- aged between 15 and 18?
- living in the Tamworth region?

Tamworth Regional Council are looking for passionate people to join the **2020/2021 Youth Council**.

You'll get to meet new people, help shine a spotlight on the issues affecting young people in our community and learn some new skills.

Like what you see?

Register your interest at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/youthcouncil, or give us a call on (02) 6767 5555.



Good for Kids good for life

EASY HEALTHY LUNCH IDEAS

Learning from home can be a great time to try out some new lunch ideas. You could try:

- Chicken and vegetable rice paper rolls
- Pasta salad
- Zucchini slice
- Corn fritters
- Vegetable fried rice



Get the kids involved to help cook, or make these as part of dinner one night and portion out lunches for the week.

They are all easy to pack in the lunchbox too.

All recipes available at: <http://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/recipes/>



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