

Trevallyn Primary School



NEW TERM DATES 2020

Term 1

Wednesday 5 February - Friday 3 April

Easter Break

Friday 10 April - Tuesday 14 April

Term 2

Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December

2020 Student free days

(Professional Learning Days)

Monday 6 to Thursday 9 April

Monday 20 July

Friday 30 October

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Currently, things are changing very quickly and our community is proving to be nothing but supportive. Thank you.

Thank you too for your appreciation of our incredible staff.

All staff and the students at TPS are to be commended for their hard work and support of each other. In particular, our EFA team that has worked tirelessly to keep us clean, safe and positive deserves full recognition for their outstanding attitude and efforts.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

I am sure you would like to know the answers to these questions.

Is my child safe at school?

Yes, very safe and children are also appearing to be happy and very pleased to be with their teachers and friends. Our cleaning regime is thorough and smaller numbers have greatly assisted with separation. Students have now mastered thorough handwashing.

Have many children been absent from school?

The numbers have been increasing each school day. Thursday 26 March there were almost half of our students absent. We also have quite a number of children away unwell, with coughs, colds etc. The numbers of unwell children is regular for this time of year.

When my child is at home the extra week this term, what is expected?

Firstly, we suggest you all take a deep breath, relax as much as possible and just make sure everyone is doing OK. The changes your child and everyone have experienced will be bound to have resulted in some uncertainty and feelings of unease. Concentrate on ensuring positive wellbeing during this week and during the holiday fortnight.

It is not expected that parents become home educators.

If your child has been home for some time, continue with learning activities you introduced. If you would like some guidance and support, please refer to the information, **Advice to Parents and Carers to Support Learning at Home** that we shared. Please contact the office if you don't have this. It can also be found on the Schoolzine app.

Please remember that prior to Monday April 6, there was no assumption that work would be provided for home learning as TPS continued to operate.

Parents who choose to keep their children at home are responsible for ensuring their children are safe, kept socially isolated and not putting others or themselves at risk.

Do parents need to email and request work?

Until Term 2, please work through the suggested sites and schedule, plus DOE sites.

In Term 2 you will be emailed work for home.

If any of this is a challenge for you, please contact school leaders:

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or 63319657 Main Office

How will I structure a day at home?

Set up a learning environment at home that is quiet and comfortable. It is recommended that this space is other than the child's bedroom. Use a family space that can be quiet at times and has an adult present for monitoring of your child's learning.

Support your child to take regular food and drink breaks and to move around. Following a school schedule of recess and lunch would be a good and familiar guide. Don't stress if things change and the routine is not tight every day. We find that fruit breaks and exercise are essential to ensure brains can focus. We are sure you will too.

Maintain morning and night routines. Structured days with regular mealtimes and bedtimes are an essential part of keeping children happy and healthy.

Will I receive my child's Maths text book and exercise books?

We have not offered these to families. The Maths text book is dependent on teacher instruction and requires considerable sequential planning and explanation. Teachers also appreciate your support in providing writing materials at home as they will require these for the remainder of the year. If this puts any families under stress, please contact us.

What will I do with school library books and home readers?

Please keep them at home and use them. They can be returned on return to school.

What will happen after the holidays?

Currently, the plan is that school will be open for children whose parents choose for them to attend and learning at home will be assisted by teachers, for those who wish to learn from home.

Based on Term 2 numbers, some classes may be combined.

Things are changing speedily. We will continue to update with Schoolzine and Facebook.

Will school supply take home learning packs in Term 2?

In Term 2 TPS will assist with learning ideas for children at home and this is also an ideal time to focus on learning of basic, but essential social skills. Learning to cook, make play dough, to do up your shoe laces, complete a jigsaw puzzle, write a diary, make a bed, plant seedlings, hang out or fold the washing, keep an organised bedroom, write a letter and sew on a button, are all examples of wonderful and extremely worthwhile learning.

Our department has been working very hard to assist schools to help parents/carers in this way.

A variety of resources will be shared with families including on-line a links and learning ideas. We will let parents/carers know when these are available.

Do I need to keep informing the office about absences?

Yes. This is essential and if possible tell us the period of time that the absence applies to and message us if there is a change.

What do I tell the office staff about my child's absence?

The information required is why your child will be away and for how long. For example, unwell or COVID-19 concerns.

How will I get on if I don't have a computer, limited technology or no printer?

Please do not think that every child will need to have access to a computer and associated technology. You may need to get some ideas from links or search engines, but nearly all the work can be completed off line. Our plan is that children will not have extended periods of time on computers.

If you don't have computer access or a printer, please let us know.

Will I receive mid-year reports for my children?

Our Department has informed us that these will not be shared as expected. Details of this are yet to be finalised.

Can I help in any other way?

- Continue to act on advice relating to COVID-19
- Observe separation guidelines at school
- **Ensure you have provided us with your email address**

Take care everyone and be safe.

Annette



Staying Connected With Our Children

Now is the time to stay close to our children.

They need to feel us beside them so they don't feel as worried as they are.
We need to be honest with them and let them know that good people from around the world are working very hard to keep them safe and healthy.
Our children will believe us, we love them deeply.

Be Honest

"COVID 19 is a sickness like a cold. Some people will get it. Maybe someone in our family might get sick. We are all a little bit scared. Being scared is a sign that we are concentrating on being safe. There are really good people like doctors who know what to do. They are helping to figure it out."

Validate Their Feelings

"I know I might look worried sometimes. Mums or dads get worried too, just like children. I know it can make you feel scared. But I am ok."
"It is ok to be feeling scared, or worried, or whatever you are feeling right now. You can share that with me whenever you need to."

Acknowledge Day to Day Disruptions

"Even if school and your after school activities stop for a while, they will start up again. How about we think about some ways of doing versions of these things together at home if we need to?"

Remind Them

"I love you, and that is one thing that will never change."

Here are some ways that parents and carers can share connection, comfort and care with their children right now.

Look to History

"There have been sicknesses like this before. And they have stopped. Clever people from around the world have worked them out together. The scientists are doing this right now with this one."

Remain Available

"You can talk with me whenever you need to. I will answer any questions you have. If I don't know the answers, I will find out and then I will tell you."

Have fun

Share some time with your children that is just for them, and let them lead the play.

"Let's do some things that you like to do."

Create some quiet time

Find a regular time where you can just be still with children. Stroke their hair. Watch a favourite show on TV. Listen to music together. Let them decide if they want to talk. Be present with them. Enjoy it.



GRADE KINDER ARTWORK



GRADE 5-6 HH ARTWORK



GRADE 2 OB ARTWORK



GRADE 3 - 6 PRIMARY CLASS AWARDS - WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

3-4A Maggie Mc, Evelyn H, Zoe L and Seb B

3-4D Noah S, Lucy H, Kabelo N and Isla Mc

3-4R Millie V, Ruby M and Jack H

3-4T Lucia B, Ava C, and Jaylen F

3-4W Lucy C, Ewan D, Gabriella H and Linshan Z

5-6B Teacher absent

5-6C Ethan B-D, Lilly K, Annalise S and Tyler D

5-6FV Mia S, Tyler B-W, Victoria S and Alanna W

5-6HH Bella H, Chloe W and Millie S

5-6P Elsie O, Gemma D, Sarah S and Harvey Y

Congratulations to all these students.

KINDERGARTEN ARTWORK - PEPPA PIG



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

Congratulations to Josh A in 5-HH.

Josh arrives at school with a positive frame of mind and always strives to do his best. He is a kind and compassionate classmate who is respectful to fellow classmates and teachers. Josh is inclusive, accepting of others and goes out of his way to make others feel valued. He is a quiet leader and an excellent role model to other students.



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday afternoon 2:30pm – 3:15pm 30 March 2020, last day opening - Term 1. Orders can be sent to: tpsuniformshop@outlook.com

ABACUS CHILD CARE APRIL VACATION CARE

Abacus Child Care will be running April Vacation Care, for more information contact 6331 0982 or admin@abacuschildcare.org.au



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