

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 2– 4th May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back. Term 2 is shaping up to be another very challenging one for our school community. Be assured that we are continuing to focus on the safety and well being of our students and staff as we follow the Department of Education's phased return of students into classrooms.

This week, students are continuing to learn remotely 5 days a week and families are reminded to please keep students at home if possible.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our teaching staff who are preparing quality units of work to meet the diverse needs of our students as we continue to deliver learning remotely.

I would also like to thank our families who have been doing a fantastic job supporting students as they learn at home.

We appreciate the ongoing support and patience of our school community throughout these complex times and we look forward to welcoming students back for one day of face-to-face teaching from next week, May 11.

Michelle Dalgliesh

Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful mums, grandmothers and carers on Sunday 10th May. We hope you have a relaxing day full of pampering!



This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Remote learning continues	Phase 1 return to school from 11th May	Phase 1 attendance will continue in Week 4
Sunday 10th May	Monday K/1	Any changes to this timetable will be advised when confirmed
Happy Mother's Day	Tuesday 1/2	
	Wednesday 2/3/4	
	Thursday 4/5/6	

Term 2

From Week 3 of this term onwards, schools will begin to have students return in a very limited capacity, with the aim being that they attend school one day per week to begin with. As the term progresses there is an expectation the amount of time allocated for students to attend school will increase. For Week 3 beginning Monday 11th May, and Week 4 beginning Monday 18th May, our school will be implementing phase 1 of the managed return to school guidelines for our families.

In phase 1, students may attend school 1 day per week and will complete 4 days of learning at home. Students will attend in class groups to ensure every student will have the opportunity to have a full face to face learning day with their classroom teacher.

Families are asked to support the phased return plan by keeping children at home unless it is their designated day to attend school.

Although families are encouraged to send their child/ren on their designated day from week 3, parents who have an immune-suppressed student or family member may also choose to have students working from home during this time and continue remote learning activities 5 days a week.

Phase 1 attendance timetable:

Monday- K/1
Tuesday- 1/2
Wednesday- 2/3/4
Thursday- 4/5/6

Learning at Home Packs will continue to be sent home for every student each week.

New packs will be available for collection outside the school office each Friday throughout the term.

Completed *Learning at Home Packs* should be returned to school for teacher marking and feedback as soon as possible after they are completed.

Students will need to bring their current Learning at Home Pack with them to school on their designated day.

Phase 1 timetable- Week 3 & Week 4				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
K/1	1/2	2/3/4	4/5/6	Learning at home
All students have one day of face to face learning in classrooms and four days remote learning at home.				

At this stage, with phase 2 we will timetable students in for two days per week beginning on Monday 25th May (Weeks 5 and 6). I will continue to update you with further details over the coming weeks.

COVID-19 procedures

There are a number of guidelines which have to be implemented for the safety of our students and staff.

As part of the phased return to school, there will be additional protocols at school to minimise contact between families and ensure compliance with social distancing expectations.

- Parents are asked to maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside school gates or in the car park. When students begin returning to school from week 3, we ask that parents adopt a 'Drop and Go' policy when bringing students to school and wait in their cars to collect students after school. On designated Kindergarten days, there will be staff near entrances to welcome students and escort them into school and after school, Kindergarten students will be escorted to the car park to meet parents.
- Keep your child/children at home if they are unwell on their designated school day. Be contactable by phone if your child becomes unwell during the school day.
- Regular buses will continue to run each day.
- A variety of NSW Department of Education posters have been placed around our school displaying messages to remind everyone of the necessity of washing hands, maintaining a healthy distance, hygiene practices etc.
- Canteen will not be operational at school until all students are in attendance 5 days a week. Please ensure that when your child attends on their designated day, they bring recess and lunch with them.
- We ask that parents continue to contact the school via email or phone rather than attend on site until restrictions have been lifted.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands regularly and hand sanitiser will be in every classroom.
- Extra cleaning of high contact surfaces such as handrails and door handles will be conducted throughout the day.
- There will be no school assemblies or extra curricula activities until all restrictions are lifted.
- Students are required to wear school uniform to school during the phased return to school.
- Students will be required to bring their own drink bottle for refilling throughout the day as bubblers should not be accessed.
- Social distancing for spacing between all students and staff.
- It is still the case that any staff or students who are considered "at-risk" are not to attend school. This includes people who are sick, present with symptoms of COVID-19 and are awaiting test results, are under 14-day isolation for travel overseas or close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, and people considered in the "vulnerable" category.

School jumpers have arrived!

The new school jumpers have arrived! Pre-ordered jumpers will be sent home in learning packs following receipt of \$30.00 payment. Preferred payment method is online, via the school website-

<https://couttscross-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Click on the 'make a payment' option and follow the prompts. We ask that pre-orders are paid for by Friday 15th May.

When orders have been filled remaining stock will be available for purchase at \$38.00 each.



Year 6 shirts

2020 Year 6 shirts have also arrived and will be sent home following payment of \$36.00. Online payment preferred.



Anzac Day

Commemorating Anzac Day this year was very different as people honoured our Anzacs from home. Pictured is our School Captain, Traice, lighting up the dawn on his driveway. Lest we forget.

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

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