

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



Ph: 6649 3225

Email: couttscros-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Web: couttscros-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Week 4 – 18th May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week, we welcomed students back into classrooms for one day of face to face teaching and it was an absolute pleasure to hear the sounds of children playing and learning in classrooms and around the playground. This week we are continuing to implement phase 1 of the Department's phased return to school with the same timetable in place as last week. We are very hopeful that an announcement will be made soon in regards to what will be happening in week 5 and we will update families as soon as possible via email, Facebook and our website.

Our students have experienced many changes to their learning environment and routines over the past two months. As such, the transition from learning at home back to learning at school may cause anxiety for some students, please let us know if you have any concerns about your child so we can work together to support their well being during this time.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support during these very challenging times.

Michelle Dalglish

ABC Education

ABC TV is running an educational program to assist families while students are learning at home.

Each weekday starts with content for Kindergarten students at 10am. Primary level content will then continue throughout the morning.

<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/>

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Phase 1 return to school Monday K/1 Tuesday 1/2 Wednesday 2/3/4 Thursday 4/5/6	Week 5 onwards - families will be advised by email and Facebook when details are confirmed.	

Phase 1

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

We ask that parents respect the phased return to school model released by the Department of Education and only send their children to school on their designated day, if possible. There will be minimal supervision in place for students of essential workers who have no other supervision options.

Throughout the phased return to school, students will continue to learn remotely with Learning at Home packs on the days they are not designated to attend school.

Canteen will not be operating during the phased return to school. Please send students to school with morning fruit, recess, lunch and their water bottle.

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.				

Student Reports

Last week it was officially announced that there would be amendments to student reporting for this semester. Due to interruptions to teaching and learning during COVID-19, a simplified reporting format has been developed which will not include an A-E performance scale. The simplified report will consist of one A4 page outlining student progress and achievement on the learning covered during Semester 1 and will provide information about student attendance and commitment to learning.

Reports will be shared with families in week 9 of Term 2.

School jumpers

There are still some pre-ordered jumpers held at the school requiring payment of \$30.00. Preferred payment method is online, via the school website-

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

Click on the 'make a payment' option and follow the prompts.

Limited stock is now available for purchase at \$38.00 each.

Senior excursion reminder

The major excursion for Years 5 & 6 to Lake Ainsworth is scheduled for week 10, Term 3. At this stage the excursion is still booked to go ahead. While this situation could change, we would like to remind parents that major excursions have a significant cost involved - in the range of \$400. Please consider starting a savings plan for the excursion to reduce the financial burden at the time.



Students enjoyed their return to school in Week 3, spending the day with their classmates



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. As students begin returning to school, 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school safe.