



# Newsletter

## Laurieton Public School

Responsibility And Respect

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### IF SICK STAY HOME!

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Dear Parents

Our rostered 'day a week' program has continued to be near perfect in the context of who we expect and who we get. Thank you. You're responsible for its success.

Last week I asked you to 'hang in there' and low and behold, schools return to normal on Monday 25 May. Technically there is now only two days to go! You've got this.

As a staff, we are excited to be able to do what we love and to have the children back where they belong.

#### We Are Back To 'Sort Of' Normal

Yes, next Monday 25 May (Week 5) all students are expected to return to school unless UNWELL or have a chronic condition verified by a doctor. Our attendance process will return to normal with SMS messaging to parents to validate their child's absence. Essentially the distribution of Home Learning packs will cease.

#### Arriving and Departing

Following the DoE guidelines associated with the school site, emphasis has been placed on minimisation of non-essential adults on site (basically anyone not working at the school). Unless absolutely necessary, please avoid entering the school and bag rooms. Obviously social distancing whilst waiting to collect your child is mandatory and gathering restrictions are also to be adhered to.

#### Things That Are Not Occurring Yet

- Infants, Primary and Whole School Assemblies
- Sports Carnivals
- Inter-school activities (sport, debating etc)
- Contact sports (soccer, netball etc)
- Excursions
- In-school activities for parents to attend
- Scripture and Ethics

#### Hygiene

We now have our normal before and after school clean and two high use surface cleans during the day which include play equipment, railings, outdoor furniture, toilet facilities, bubblers, light switches and classroom tables. All classrooms contain sanitiser, soap and paper towel.

#### Monday Fun

Please ensure your child's school bag contains a water bottle, crunch and sip, recess, lunch, learning pack (for return), pencil case if at home, hat, red school jumper and we see a beautiful smile, manners and behaviour. We shall take care of the rest!

I know many of you will be full of sadness and wishing home learning would never stop but alas... it has.

*Grant Timmins*  
*Principal*



# Olla! Welcome additions to our school garden.

A big thankyou to Sally Sainsbury for her hard work in creating some wonderful terracotta watering pots 'Ollas' for our school gardens whilst working from home these past weeks.



Olla (Spanish name for pot) have been used for thousands of years in agriculture and gardening practices and are traditionally **unglazed** terracotta jugs filled with water and buried into the soil, with their necks protruding slightly. Once the porous terracotta olla is in contact with the soil, water begins to seep into the surrounding soil, directly to the rootzone of surrounding plants. This should prove to be a very effective way to keep our gardens watered.

Last Friday some of our students had fun planting the first two of these pots into the garden beds. Keep an eye out to see how our new plants grow.

Leeanne Price  
Green Group Coordinator

