

**7/5/20**

## **Manor Lakes P12 College Update/Newsletter**

The ongoing information has been the on-line learning will continue until next term, though I will be monitoring announcements on Monday 11/5 to see if anything changes.

Currently there is a small cohort of students attending secondary and supported, and a larger group of primary students attending each day. The principals of each sector have received requests for students to attend school because they are struggling with the learning at home. I have clarified that while a small group of students are attending school, there are no lessons occurring. The students who attend are being supervised by teachers on a roster, and CRTs when our staff are not available. The students when they attend are completing the work provided by their teachers through the online process. Attending the school has no advantage to students doing their online tasks at home.

Feedback I am getting from staff is we are learning from the on line program. This includes:

- Better engagement from some students
- Practices that improve parent knowledge and access of the curriculum delivered
- Use of sites and delivery platforms
- Processes to improve student participation and outcome.

The staff and I understand this is not the case or every student, but we are considering how we can apply the above for students who will benefit from continuing elements of the on-line approach.

Staff I would like to draw attention to for their support to students during the online learning time. (This is not an exhaustive list and I will nominate others next week).

Jess Cook – praise for her work in accessing additional devices

Anthea Biddle – frequently attending to supervise primary students

John Dodd – attending daily to support students

Facilities team (Serkan Akceken, Colin Gadsden, Liam Gadsden, Mark Garner, Neil Regnier, Les Vinci) – have been working on a dry river bed

Joe Diamond - attending daily to support students

Viv Taggart, Jade Mckenzie and Jess Morrison- working from Victoria to supply hard copy packs and respond to queries.

Again, I thank all for their contribution, help, support and consideration during this period and I look forward to the return to school and bit more 'normality' returning.

### **New Primary School opening in 2021 in Woollahra Rise Rd**

Construction cranes can be observed from Ballan Rd as the skeleton of a new school goes up to open next year. A community member is being sought to assist the selected leadership, (principal), in providing community input. This might include uniform, motto, organisation, etc. If you live near the school, you believe you are likely to transfer your child/ren to the school when it opens, and you are interested in the role of community member, please get in touch with me by email or Mobile and I will refer your name to the Education Leader for Wyndham.

(Steve Warner, Mobile: 0425 729 304, Email: [stephen.warner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:stephen.warner@education.vic.gov.au))

### **Plans for the return to school**

Wall dispenser sanitizers have been ordered for every room, and will be installed when they arrive. We have also ordered upright sanitizers, similar to those in supermarkets for administration centres and the two gyms.

From my reading, it will be essential for all members of our community to be strictly adhere to whatever protocols are put in place around the return to school. I am anticipating, but it will be reasonable to expect the following:

- If a person; child, parent, or staff member, exhibits any flu like symptoms they do not attend school, but get tested and return after their results are confirmed as negative.
- Parents will need to follow whatever advice is provided around not entering school, not meeting up with other parents, maintaining social distancing.
- All students will need to maintain, and improve their hygiene behaviours using sanitizer, soap in bathrooms, bringing personal supplies to supplement the school provided
- Protocols established for students and staff while at school to maintain social distancing.

I expect information and instruction to come from the department/government when return to school is announced, about what measures will be required.

### Facilities Team:

The facilities team have been catching up on a number of tasks around the school and are working towards finishing a 'dry river bed' landscaping project in the secondary part of the school between Wyara and Cootabarlow. Tree planting will occur and while it will take a few years for the trees to reach a size to provide shade, the intent is to provide a shaded area that will also prevent mud being brought into building after every rainstorm. There is also an area that Ian McColl has frequently planted and has got a few olive trees to grow. This has been fenced and will have further fruit trees planted to create a small orchard. Once established, this can then be integrated into Horticulture and Food technology.



## T2 W4 Primary Newsletter

### Zoom Morning Check Ins

Last week our Learning Specialists trialled online meetings with their classes. The purpose of the trial was to inform our current practice and make improvements in connecting with students. We were so pleased with the outcome that this week, all of our Primary classes participated. To prepare for this, our Learning Specialists hosted a Professional Learning opportunity for all our teachers. The purpose of this session was to build familiarity with the platform Zoom and prepare all teachers for consistent structures and expectations when using Zoom for online meetings with their class.

As we gather more feedback from teachers, parents and students after the initial online sessions this week we will be able to provide students with a timetable that outlines the days and times of further online sessions. We hope that further sessions will begin to re-establish morning routines with students that we would otherwise lead in the classroom and we are looking forward to utilising many more ways to connect school and home.

Classroom teachers will contact families via Compass and Google Classroom about upcoming online sessions.

### Primary Camps Cancelled

Year 5 and Year 3 Camps have been cancelled for 2020.

### Primary Hard Copy Paper Packs:

#### Collecting & Returning Hard Copy Paper Packs

The Hard Copy Paper Packs are an exact copy of Google Classrooms. There is no different or additional content in the packs. Where you can, we encourage you to use Google Classroom. Some families are using both, which is also fine if this works for you.

Returning Hard Copy Packs: Completed hard copy packs can be returned to the school on the day you collect your child's new pack. We are sending these packs back to your child's teacher for assessment and feedback. Please ensure your child's pack is clearly labelled with their name and class/teacher name.

#### Collecting Hard Copy Packs:

Please see updated details for collecting hard copy workbooks and student belongings. Please note the collection point is now the Amadeus Building. (This is next to the Primary Main Administration at the front of the school, 2-50 Minindee Road).

Collections will occur each Friday, however we have adjusted our process to ensure we can keep up with demand while also following Social Distancing measures.

All families who have collected a pack are already on our list. If you haven't collected a pack, please contact the College to ensure we have one printed for you.

COLLECTION TIMES (Based on youngest enrolment):

9:00 Prep A-K  
9:30 Prep L-Z  
10:00 One A-K  
10:30 One L-Z  
11:00 no collections  
11:30 additional/make up collections  
12:00 Two  
12:30 Three  
1:00 Four  
1:30 no collections  
2:00 Five  
2:30 Six

If you cannot make your allocated time, please contact the College to make an alternative arrangement.

Please adhere to the following measures:

- Enter the school via the main entrance on Minindee Road.
- Line up using the social-distancing measures
- Enter Amadeus Hall and sanitise hands
- Line up using the social-distancing measures and collect packs
- On way out sanitise hands

Any questions, please email [manor.lakes.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:manor.lakes.p12@education.vic.gov.au) or call 0491 241 627 or 0477 017 092

### **Year 6 to Year 7 Transition**

As your child is in their final year of primary school, it is time to decide where they will begin secondary school. An information pack and application form has been mailed to your home address. Within the attached pack is information from the Department of Education.

To begin this process, families must complete the Year 7, 2021 Application Form. Enclosed in your pack is a stamped address to return your child's form to the school.

Please return your child's completed application form to Chelsey Marks by Friday May 15.

If your Year 6 child is not leaving Manor Lakes P-12 College, you do not need to complete the form. We will be in contact with you to confirm these details.

Please contact Chelsey Marks if you have any questions; [Chelsey.Marks@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Chelsey.Marks@education.vic.gov.au)