

# Gidge Gazette

Gidgegannup Primary School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

*Until Further Notice*

*No Parents or Visitors on School Grounds*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

*School Development Day – No Students*



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an interesting start to Term 2. Thank you to everyone for your support during this most unusual time.

I have appreciated your flexibility and your cooperation, particularly at short notice, in regards to the constant change that has occurred this term. We are in for more change in the near future.

We will continue to be in regular contact with you via Connect, email and newsletters.

I would like to acknowledge our staff for the fantastic efforts they have made to ensure that Term 2 has started well for everyone. Our teachers and EA's have been engaged in devising three types of learning for our students (face-to-face teaching, online programs & work packages for distance learning). Thank you to our parent and guardians who have guided their children through the distance learning over the last four weeks. We are all looking forward to the time when we can have everyone back at school.

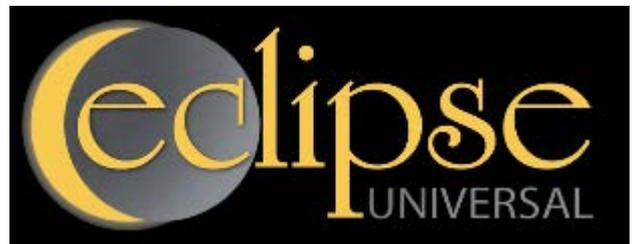
I would also like to thank our office staff, our cleaners and gardener for all the extras that have had to be done at very short notice.

### Welcome

I would like to welcome Miss Ashleigh Kinsella to our staff. She is teaching Year 4 this term while Mr Dent is on leave.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open online only. Eclipse will pack the orders and we can give them to your children to bring home.



### COVID-19

The Department of Education has a Parent Helpline for any questions that you might have.

**Parent Helpline**

**1800 882 345**

## Wet Weather Procedures – Drop Off & Pick Up

While we still have the restrictions on parents and visitors on school grounds and some inclement weather, we will maintain the following:

### Drop Off and Pick Up Zones:

- All drop off and pick-ups (K-6) will be from the Kiss and Drive near the Science Room, the temporary Early Childhood Kiss and Drive won't be used.

### Staggered Start and Finnish Times

- In order to reduce congestion at the Kiss and Drive we will stagger the start and finish times.

#### K - Yr 1

- Start Time 9:30am / Finish Time 2:30pm
- Drop off times 9:00 - 9:30am
- Pick up times 2:30 - 3:00pm

#### Yr 2 - Yr 6

- Start Time 8:55am / Finish Time 3:05pm
- Drop off times 8:25 - 8:55am
- Pick up times 3:00 - 3:30pm

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these arrangements.

## Prevent the spread of COVID-19

Follow these steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and slow its transmission.

For the latest health information and health related enquiries, refer to the [WA Department of Health](#) or phone the helpline 1800 020 080.

## Regular and thorough hand-washing

Staff and students should:

- wash hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty;
- wash hands with soap and water and use alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR), before and after eating or prior to food preparation;
- wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet;
- avoid using handkerchiefs;
- cough and sneeze with a tissue or bent elbow, dispose of used tissues immediately, and use ABHR or soap and water;
- avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose;
- wash hands with soap and water or ABHR when caring for the sick;
- **if unwell, avoid contact with others. Sick children and adults need to stay away from school until they are well;** and
- make sure workplaces are clean and hygienic, surfaces (e.g. desks and tables) and objects (e.g. telephones, keyboards) need to be wiped with disinfectant regularly.

## 2020 Voluntary Contributions

We would appreciate payment of 2020 voluntary contributions as soon as possible. The contribution is \$40 per Kindergarten student and \$60 per Pre Primary – Year 6 student. These contributions are an important addition to your child's schooling, as funds collected go towards the purchase of extra classroom resources, or subsidies for activities during the year.

Payment can be made to the office or the classroom teacher by cash or cheque (made out to Gidgegannup Primary School). Payment envelopes are available from the Office or the classroom teacher. Alternatively, Direct Deposit is available.

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BSB: 633 000

Account: 156300055

Please include your child's surname, room number and the payment reason.

Eg: Citizen, Room 1 Vol Cons (Voluntary Contributions)

We would like to thank families who have already paid contributions for this year.

## REMINDERS

### Student Absences – SkoolBag App / MessageYou

From April we will **no longer** be using the SkoolBag App. The Department of Education WA's Connect program has the same functions and is free. The MessageYou mobile phone system has been discontinued and as such we won't be using it any more. If your child is absent due to illness, please phone, use the Connect absentee form, email the school in the morning, or send a written note to the class teacher upon return.

If parents need to pick up students from school during the days for appointments, PEAC or similar activities, please ensure you ring the school and we will collect and sign out your child ready for collection.

Michael Kovalevs

Principal

## P&C News

Welcome back to a very different Term 2. We hope to see everyone soon and see some exciting and fun things happen around the school for the rest of the year. The P&C will reopen the canteen in a few weeks and will keep you all updated. Most importantly we wish to extend a HUGE thank you to the wonderful staff at Gidgegannup Primary School for all their efforts in the past few weeks, you have all been amazing!

Unfortunately, we have not been able to have our annual Mother's Day stall and we really miss seeing all the kids pick out a gift they love for mum, on that note we wish all you wonderful Mums a very happy safe and healthy Mother's Day.

