

7 July 2023

Semester Two welcome message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to Semester Two, 2023.

I trust that you have all had a thoroughly restful, relaxing and refreshing break with your family and loved ones. I welcome all in our community to this year and particularly welcome new families to St John's and extend God's richest blessings to you.

I strongly affirm that building positive relationships with each other is an expected matter of continued priority in our school.

Again in 2023 we will primarily focus on the things which will not ever change – the academic, pastoral, spiritual, physical and emotional care for and development of our students. Our Mission Statement – *Loving, Living and Learning with Christ* exists in, through and under all decision-making and operations. In 2023, our operational theme is '**Growing Together**', highlighting two major pillars: the aspirations and obligations of all St John's community members as lifelong learners to 'know and grow'; and the related obligation to use our God-given gifts and talents for the good of our community, near and far. Our focus remains on working together to maximise opportunities for our students to realise their individual and collective bests.

Please see below, information regarding timetabling for the forthcoming semester.

School Timetable

8.00 – 8.25 am	Arrival at School
8.30 – 8.35 am	Mark Roll
10.45 – 11.00 am	Morning Tea Play (P-2)
11.00 – 11.15 am	Morning Tea Eating (P-6)
11.15 – 11.30 am	Morning Tea Play (3-6)
12.40 – 1.10 pm	Lunch Play (P-2)
1.10 – 1.25 pm	Lunch Eating (P-6)
1.25 – 1.55 pm	Lunch Play (3-6)
3.00 pm	School Conclusion and Student Dismissal

School Start and Finish Times (8.30 am – 3.00 pm)

It is an expectation that children **arrive at school no later than 8.25 am** at which time staff collect and take children to class in readiness for roll marking. *To that end, the roll will be marked at 8.35 am sharp, each day.* Students arriving at school after **8.35 am** of a morning are to proceed to the office to collect a late pass.

Supervision commences at 8.00am. Please do not leave children outside the school gates unattended before staff supervision commences.

Please note: School finish time is **3.00 pm**.

School Drop Off and Pick Up Routines

Morning:

The gates in **Bell Street** will be unlocked at **8.00 am** of a morning and staff members will be on duty under the Mango Tree in order to welcome children as they arrive at school. When staff have finished morning Devotion they will collect their students from under the Mango Tree and proceed to their classroom. For security reasons, all gates will be locked at 8.30 am of a morning.

- Prep and Siblings Only – Please use George Street gate (adjacent to Tennis Court)
- Years 1 – 6 – Please use Bell Street gate (adjacent to Church Hall)

Afternoon:

The gates at Bell Street (near the Church Hall) and the (Soccer Oval end) will be opened between **3.00 pm and 3.20 pm each afternoon**. Staff members will be on duty during this time. As last year, children will be allocated pick-up areas according to surnames.

Children with surnames A-K will be required to be collected at Bell Street (Church Hall).

Children with surnames L-Z will be required to be collected at Bell Street (Soccer Field).

- Prep and Siblings Only – Please use George Street gate (adjacent to Tennis Court)
- Years 1 – 6 – Please use Bell Street gate (adjacent to Church Hall and Soccer Field)

Routines and Expectations

Please observe the following in preparation for your child/ren's return to school.

- Particularly, during winter months formal jumper must be worn with formal uniform only and sports jacket is to be worn with sports uniform only. *Sports jacket is not to be worn with formal uniform, please.*
- A school hat is essential. *Spare hats won't be issued meaning 'no hat, no play'.*
- We respectfully ask that toys, games and other general personal items be left at home, please.
- Children are to bring their own (named) water bottle, lunchbox (brain-break), fruit snack, morning-tea and lunch.
- General Expectations – Our expectations of courtesies, manners and general behaviour remain as high as always. Our 6Rs have been designed so that the school community functions within certain standards of safety, comfort and hygiene. We would appreciate it if you could continue to reinforce our 6Rs and ensure that they are followed.
 - *Respect*
 - *Responsibility*
 - *Random Acts of Kindness*
 - *Rigour*
 - *Resilience*
 - *Relationships*

Sick Children

We respectfully ask that sick children **not** be sent to school. Any child who presents as, or becomes unwell, will be immediately isolated and parents/guardians called to collect them from school as a matter of priority. *Please see attached appendix regarding Queensland Government health exclusion information.*

Nut and Egg Allergy – Health Reminder

The health and safety of our children is of very high importance. As such, we remain to have in place the following safety guidelines so as to maximise the safety of all children. ***I appreciate your assistance regarding this important health-related matter, as below:***

- **Our school is a nut and egg free eating zone.**
- Please do not send any nuts, peanut butter or foods containing nuts or peanut butter in your child's lunch box. Please check labels if unsure.
- If you would like to send in birthday cakes for your child's birthday please be careful about the ingredients. Please ensure that they do not contain nuts or nut products. *Any food-allergic child will be providing their own treats, but we still need to be careful.*
- Please do not send any whole eggs, egg sandwiches, quiche, etc. in your child's lunchbox. Eggs baked in cakes are usually fine.
- Please do not send foods with nuts for any shared lunches throughout the year.
- Please ensure that if your child has had peanut butter or eggs for breakfast that they thoroughly wash their hands and face with soap and water before coming to school. Water alone is not sufficient to remove the food traces.
- We will not be doing any classroom activities that involve nuts – cooking/craft. Please do not send in any boxes for craft that may have contained nuts and eggs.

Beginning of Semester Two

Students are required to be at school and ready for the school day on **Monday 10 July** for roll call. ***There won't be Chapel/Assembly scheduled for Friday 14 July owing to the Senior Athletics carnival.***

Pathways

The first Pathways for the semester will be available on our school website on **Wednesday 19 July**. Please read for general and specific information relating to all matters across the school.

Semester Two Key Dates

This semester's dates are listed below. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

10 July	Term 3 Commences
13 & 14 July	Senior Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6)
21 July	Term 3 Opening Chapel/Assembly
1 September	Student Free Day / Staff Professional Development
11 September	School Musical Rehearsal Day
14 September	School Musical – Moncrieff Theatre
15 September	Term 3 Concludes
2 October	Queens' Birthday Holiday
3 October	Term 4 Commences
6 October	Term 4 Opening Chapel/Assembly
23 - 25 October	Year 5 Camp
29 Oct – 3 Nov	Year 6 Camp
17 November	Whole School Swimming Carnival (TBC)
28 November	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
30 November	Graduation and Leadership Evening Service
1 December	Closing Chapel and Semester Awards Service
1 December	Term 4 Concludes

I look forward with great excitement to the opportunities of Semester Two, 2023 as we work together for the betterment of all in our community.

Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Grace and Peace

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Chris Mallett
PRINCIPAL



RECOMMENDED MINIMUM PERIODS OF EXCLUSION

(Information from the Queensland Department of Health – extracted Jan 2022)

CONDITION	CASES	CONTACTS
Chickenpox (varicella)	EXCLUDE until all blisters have dried and at least 5 days after the onset of symptoms.	EXCLUDE non-immune pregnant women and any child with immune deficiency or receiving chemotherapy. Advise to seek urgent medical assessment. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice. Also see Shingles information below.
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	NOT EXCLUDED if the person can maintain hygiene practices to minimise the risk of transmission. Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while sores are weeping. Sores should be covered with a dressing where possible.	NOT EXCLUDED
Conjunctivitis	EXCLUDE until discharge from eyes has ceased unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis.	NOT EXCLUDED
COVID-19	EXCLUDE those who have symptoms and relevant contacts. See latest Queensland Health guidance for exclusion periods and criteria.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	NOT EXCLUDED Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	NOT EXCLUDED Pregnant women should consult with their doctor
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting including: • amoebiasis • campylobacter • cryptosporidium giardia • rotavirus • salmonella • gastroenteritis excluding: • norovirus • shigellosis • toxin-producing forms of E.coli (STEC)	EXCLUDE a single case until the person has no symptoms (including vomiting), is feeling well and they have had not have any loose bowel motions for at least 24 hours or if the person has confirmed norovirus exclude for at least 48 hours. EXCLUDE all persons who prepare or serve food until they have not had any diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours. If there are more than two cases with diarrhoea and/or vomiting in the same location, or a single case in a food handler, notify your Public Health Unit. Diarrhoea: 3 or more loose stools or bowel movements in a 24 hour period. See information below if norovirus is confirmed or considered likely as the cause of diarrhoea and vomiting	NOT EXCLUDED
Enterovirus 71 (EV71 neurological disease)	EXCLUDE until written medical clearance is received confirming the virus is no longer present in the person's bowel motions.	NOT EXCLUDED
Fungal infections of the skin and nails (ringworm/tinea)	EXCLUDE until the day after antifungal treatment has commenced. (No exclusion for thrush).	NOT EXCLUDED

Glandular fever (mononucleosis, Epstein-Barr virus)	NOT EXCLUDED	NOT EXCLUDED
German measles (rubella)	EXCLUDE for 4 days after the onset of rash or until fully recovered, whichever is longer. Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	NOT EXCLUDED Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)	EXCLUDE until the doctor confirm the person is not infections and has completed 4 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.
Hand, foot and mouth disease (EV71)	EXCLUDE until all blisters have dried.	NOT EXCLUDED
Head lice	Exclusion is not necessary if effective treatment is commenced before next attendance day (i.e. the child does not need to be sent home immediately if headlice are detected).	NOT EXCLUDED
Hepatitis A	EXCLUDE until at least 7 days after the onset of jaundice or dark urine; OR for 2 weeks after onset of first symptoms, including dark urine if there is no jaundice. If a person is asymptomatic contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	NOT EXCLUDED Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice about vaccination or treatment for children and staff in the same room or group, children transferring to another centre and new enrolments.
Hepatitis B and C	NOT EXCLUDED Cover open wounds with waterproof dressing.	NOT EXCLUDED
Hepatitis E	EXCLUDE until at least 2 weeks after the onset of jaundice.	NOT EXCLUDED
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV/AIDS)	NOT EXCLUDED Cover open wounds with waterproof dressing.	NOT EXCLUDED
Influenza and influenza-like illness	EXCLUDE until symptoms have resolved, normally 5–7 days.	NOT EXCLUDED
Measles	EXCLUDE until the doctor confirms the person is not infectious but not earlier than 4 days after the onset of the rash. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialise advice.	Vaccinated or immune contacts NOT EXCLUDED. EXCLUDE immuno-compromised contacts (including those receiving chemotherapy) until 14 days after the appearance of the rash in the last case. EXCLUDE non- or incompletely vaccinated contacts, without evidence of immunity. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.
Meningitis (bacterial)	EXCLUDE until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.	NOT EXCLUDED
Meningitis (viral)	EXCLUDE until well.	NOT EXCLUDED

Meningococcal infection	EXCLUDE until the treating doctor confirms the child is not infectious and at least 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	NOT EXCLUDED Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice about antibiotics and/or vaccination for close contacts.
Molluscum contagiosum	NOT EXCLUDED	NOT EXCLUDED
Mumps	EXCLUDE for 5 days after onset of swelling. Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	NOT EXCLUDED Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Norovirus	EXCLUDE until no symptoms and no loose bowel motions for 48 hours.	NOT EXCLUDED
Roseola, sixth disease	NOT EXCLUDED	NOT EXCLUDED
Scabies	EXCLUDE until the day after treatment has commenced.	NOT EXCLUDED
School sores (impetigo)	EXCLUDE until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed. Cover sores on exposed areas with a waterproof dressing until sores are dry and encourage handwashing.	NOT EXCLUDED
Shiga toxin-producing E.coli (STEC)	EXCLUDE until diarrhoea has stopped and two samples have tested negative. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.
Slapped cheek syndrome, sixth disease (parvovirus B19, erythema infectiosum)	NOT EXCLUDED Pregnant women should consult with their doctor. Note: children are contagious until 24 hours after the fever resolves. Rashes generally occur after the infectious period has passed.	NOT EXCLUDED Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Shigellosis	EXCLUDE until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice
Shingles (herpes zoster)	EXCLUDE all children until blisters have dried and crusted. EXCLUDE adults if blisters are unable to be covered. NO EXCLUDED in adults if blisters can be covered with a waterproof dressing until they have dried	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice, including advice for pregnant women and any person who is immuno-compromised (including receiving chemotherapy).
Streptococcal sore throat (including scarlet fever)	EXCLUDE until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed.	NOT EXCLUDED
Tuberculosis (TB)	EXCLUDE until written medical clearance is received from the relevant Tuberculosis Control Unit.	NOT EXCLUDED
Typhoid and paratyphoid fever	EXCLUDE until appropriate antibiotics have been completed. Stool sample clearance will be required, contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice
Whooping cough (pertussis)	EXCLUDE until 5 days after starting appropriate antibiotics or for 21 days from onset of cough AND confirmed that they are not infectious. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.	EXCLUSION MAY APPLY for those in contact with the infected person. Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice regarding exclusion of non- or incompletely vaccinated contacts.

Worms	EXCLUDE until diarrhoea has stopped for 24 hours and treatment has occurred.	NOT EXCLUDED
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