



Jandakot Primary School

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school for the 2020 School Year. I hope all of our families had a safe and relaxing break. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined us at Jandakot Primary School this year. Our school is a community where we work in partnership with families and other agencies to provide the best education possible for all children.

As the year begins, it is an exciting time for our newest students in kindergarten, and their parents, as they take their first formal steps in their educational journey. I sincerely hope you all enjoy your first year at Jandakot Primary School and take every opportunity to explore our school community, meet new people and develop new friendships. I also welcome our new staff to Jandakot PS .

- Mrs Jane COLE (Deputy)
- Ms Eleni LIPCAR (Year 5 teacher)

I would like to thank all parents and caregivers who have made such a great effort to ensure that their children are well-prepared for the new school year. I am delighted with the number of children who are proudly wearing their school uniform and have all the stationery items needed to support a successful year of learning both in and out of the classroom.

We always seem to be hit with extremely hot conditions on our return to school. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and hat and if necessary sunscreen applied. We endeavour to keep students out of the sun in these extremely hot days.

School Timetable and Breaks

School start time is **8.50am**, students are able to get into classes at 8.40am if the teacher is present. Any students arriving before this time are to be directed to the undercover area where they will be supervised.

Recess 10:40 - 11:00

Lunch 12:40 - 1:20 NB - This is a new time.

School finishes at **3:00** each day.

Coronavirus Update

Please see attached further information regarding how the Department of Education (Jandakot PS) are working with WA Health to monitor and respond to the coronavirus. If you have been in or travelling through China or have come in contact with anyone who has coronavirus you must advise me immediately.

Block 3

As many of you are aware we had severe vandalism to our school last year - Block 3 (Rm 9, 10 and 11). Unfortunately work has not started on this block yet due to the Department of Education not awarding the scope of work to any builder as yet. This is frustrating for all of us however I would like to thank staff, students and parents for their understanding and patience at this time. I will keep you up to date as information comes to hand.

Mobile Phone Ban

This week, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020. The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period. As we already have a phone use policy that meets these minimum requirements, there will be no changes for our school. Phones are to be off, in bags or given to teachers.

Margaret Gold—Principal

Dear parent/carer

Acting on the latest information re novel coronavirus from the Department of Health, the Department of Education is implementing the following for public schools.

Students who have been in the Hubei Province of China

Students who have been in the Hubei Province of China must be isolated in their home for 14 days after leaving the Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care. They are not able to attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges. This also applies to parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites and at school events.

Parents/carers should notify their school that the student will be away for the isolation period and confirm the date in which they were last in the Hubei Province of China.

Students who have returned from (including travelled through) mainland China (excluding the Hubei Province) or Hong Kong

Students who have returned from (including travelled through) mainland China (excluding the Hubei Province) or Hong Kong are being asked to stay at home until 14 days after leaving mainland China or Hong Kong.

While the risk of the virus spreading is low, this 14 day exclusion is a precaution to ensure the safest possible environment for children. After 14 days, if the student has no symptoms they may attend school.

Parents/carers should notify their school that the student will be away for the exclusion period, and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China or Hong Kong.

Students in close contact with a confirmed case

If a student has been informed by Public Health authorities they are a close contact of a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus, irrespective of whether they have developed symptoms, they cannot attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges until their local public health unit informs them that it is safe for them to do so. This also applies to parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites and at school events.

Parents/carers should notify their school, and evidence from the public health authority is required for the student to return to school.

The [Department of Health website](https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus) at <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus> has more information on the virus and a **WA Coronavirus Hotline, on 1800 300 243**.

If your child will be away from school for the reasons outlined above, please contact the school to let us know when they were last in China and to discuss any support for your child's learning while they are absent from school.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Gold
Principal