

# Shelley Public School



Tuesday 17th March, 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thank you for your support and understanding as we manage the current situation relating to CoVid19 at Shelley PS. In line with the advice received from NSW Health, we have been assessing ways to reduce the mixing of students, outside their own grade.

As notified yesterday, for the foreseeable future, we will not be holding assemblies or major whole school events.

In addition:

- Scripture classes will be cancelled at this time.
- Students will not participate in activities which involve children from multiple grades (eg. choir, gardening club, dance groups, knitting club, PSSA training or PSSA games).

The most significant change we will be implementing is to bell times and the timing of play breaks. In order to reduce the amount of contact, we have today introduced split recess and lunch breaks. Utilising three main play areas (K-2 Quad, 3-6 Quad and Back Courts), this will allow us to greatly reduce the number of students at any one time in the playground. (We will have a maximum of 95-130 students together).

This means that our students will still get the opportunity for outdoor play (weather permitting) for two 20 minutes sessions per day. They will also have some additional play time in their classrooms.

ALL students will have their Eating Time in the classrooms, at the same time.

We would like to request that where possible, parents do not bring students to school until close to the bell time at 8.55am, to reduce the number of students mixing in the playground in the morning.

I would like to sincerely thank our teaching staff who have been so willing to trial these changes, knowing that it impacts significantly on their own break times. I also thank Mrs Keri Farkas and her canteen helpers, as these changes will impact them considerably.

Please find below the bell times we will be trialling this week, as well as a list of which classes will be having their breaks during Recess / Lunch A and Recess / Lunch B.

<b>8:55am</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Morning Bell – Commencement of School Day</b> All students to line-up outside classroom or in designated spot.
11:00am	Bell	Start of Recess A
11:20am	Music	End of Recess A
		Start of Recess B
11:40am	Music	End of Recess B
1:10pm	Bell	Start of Lunch A
1:30pm	Music	End of Lunch A
		<b>Start of Eating Time (all students K-6)</b>
1:40pm	Bell	Start of Lunch B
2:00pm	Music	End of Lunch B
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Bell</b>	<b>End of School Day</b>

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Recess and Lunch A	Kindergarten and Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
Recess and Lunch B	Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
NB: Each class will also have their Crunch and Sip time during the morning – at a time appropriate to the individual class.	

Other Updates:

- **Harmony Day Thursday 19th March will go ahead as planned.** Our Harmony Day activities will take place in the classrooms. Students are encouraged to come along to school dressed in their National Dress or the colour orange to celebrate!
- **Whole School Easter Events, ANZAC Service and Term 1 Assembly have all been cancelled.**
- **P&C Events.** Following discussions with the P&C fundraising team, we have decided the P&C Easter Raffle and the Mother's Day Breakfast will NOT be held in 2020. At this time, we are still planning on holding the Mother's Day Stall. We hope you will look out for and support the P&C's other fundraising events later in the year.

Below I have provided the information about our NEW SKOOLBAG School APP, which we use regularly to keep parents up to date. Whilst I have had some parents tell me the APP is not working, it appears some may be still trying to access the OLD APP.

Kind regards,

**Ms Jo-Ann Campion**

Principal



# Skoolbag App

The Skoolbag app is an important communication tool which we now use on a regular basis to send important reminders and urgent messages.

**If you have not yet downloaded the Skoolbag app please take the opportunity to do so today.**

The app is free – and available from your preferred app store.







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