



Term 2, Week 2



TERM 2	
Week 3	
Mon 11/5	Group A Students
Tue 12/5	Group B Students
Wed 13/5	Group C Students
Thur 14/5	Group D Students



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...**

**Joshua H., Levi S.
and Justin V.**

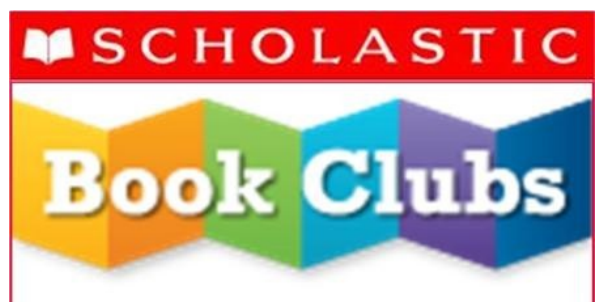


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If you wish to purchase books for a gift and would like the option to pick up from the School Office, there is now an option to select this when you order online.



Plans for Week 3 and Transitioning Back to School

NSW Public School students will gradually transition back to school, one day per week, beginning in Week 3 (Monday 11 May).

Schools are going about this a number of different ways. We tried to support families, and in particular those working from home, by having siblings attend on the same day. However, we also wanted students to be grouped with other students of the same stage. As you can imagine, this was a mammoth organisational task but we think we've managed to succeed! Due to the complexity of juggling so many families across so many stages we are unable to swap days allocated and thank you for your understanding.

By prioritising siblings and conforming to distancing guidelines, by having smaller groups, unfortunately we were unable to keep all class groupings together. This means your child may not be supervised by their class teacher on their allocated day, but in the majority of cases a teacher from the same stage will be with them.

Some other factors to take into account:

- Students at school AND at home will all be following the same learning program. This expectation has been made clear to us from the Department of Education.
- Should families choose to self-isolate we will still mark students as 'flexible' if they are submitting their work online. Please let the office know if you are choosing this option.
- Students who are sick, however mild, are not to attend school even on their allocated day. Contact the office and we will record their absence as 'sick'. Similarly, if a student is sick and not able to take part in learning from home, again, let us know and we can record them as 'sick'.

What students should bring with them on their allocated day:

- Recess, lunch, drink bottle and hat
- Learning pack, pencil case and school devices (and chargers) that are on loan
- Own device (and charger) if possible - a note will be available later in the week for parents to sign if this is relevant to your child
- Library bag and any books they have to return

Drop Off and Pick Up:

To adhere to social distancing we have staggered pick up locations and times:

Stage	Location	Time
Kindergarten	Old/Small COLA	2:50pm
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	New/Big COLA	2:50pm
Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	Old/Small COLA	3:00pm
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)	5/6TV Classroom	3:00pm

We realise staggered morning drop offs don't work for siblings, so we ask that you drop your children off as late as possible so that there are minimal numbers in our COLA areas. We will mark rolls at 9:15am and no-one will be marked 'late' unless they arrive AFTER 9:15am.

From the desk of the Principal

Where Students Go:

- If students are here prior to the bell they will keep their bags with them in one of the COLA areas.
- Teachers will let their students know where to go on their day via their class platform. We will also put a sign up out the front of the office so students can check where they are to go for the day.

Uniform:

Given the unpredictable weather at the moment students may wear either their summer OR winter uniform until further notice. We will see if there is a more consistent weather pattern by Week 5!

Hygiene

While schools will be receiving more cleaning as students return, can you please reiterate the importance of appropriate hygiene practices when coughing/sneezing and the need for regular hand washing. We will continue to do so at our end also!

To minimise communal contact students will need to bring their own pencil case etc rather than borrow pencils/pens from one another. For this reason we would also prefer students to bring a drink bottle rather than rely on the bubblers.

Parents at School

We have also been advised to reduce the number of non-essential adults in the school. Normally you are very welcome to drop by the office to make enquires but for now we ask that you do this via phone calls or by emailing the school, rather than stopping by. Thank you for your consideration.

Scripture

If you would like to continue with Scripture and Ethics education at home, you can access the following links which will provide you with activities. This is optional and will not be collected by the Scripture and Ethics teachers.

Anglican - <https://cepconnect.com.au/learningathome/>

Catholic - <https://www.ccdwollongong.com/>

Ethics - primaryethics.com.au/education

One More Thing...

Given the upheaval to 'normal' life impacting on our students (and parents!) we were asked to try and support families with learning at home by minimising the 'teaching' aspect and make the volume of work we were wanting uploaded manageable. We hope we have done that for you. Should you find there was anything in their learning pack that caused concern please send a note in with them so the teacher they are with on their day can further assist. I know it seems like such a long time, but many students have been on family vacations that lasted longer than our learning from home situation...and those students still finished school able to function and flourish successfully. So please don't add the stress of what's being 'missed at school' to your worries.

When we are all back on track we will get our students up and running again. In fact, we are very much looking forward to it!...as I am sure you are too! ☺

From the desk of the Principal

Last Word



Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal



Fathering Project Tips

Working at Home with Kids

With many families now working, living and learning within the confines of the family home, it can get tough to find the balance.

Here's some tips on how you can keep the home and home-office working well:

- Set the children up first so they have everything they need to be engaged for the time you have planned.
- Explain to your kids that you will have work to do on your own, and at the same time they will be doing things on their own as well.
- Let them know that you will be taking some breaks and during these breaks, they will have your attention and you can do things together.
- You could go for a walk (if you're not self-isolating), play a game, do some schoolwork or read a book together.
- If you have a partner working from home as well, you can take turns in scheduling work times and breaks.

Be very positive and encouraging when they do the right thing.

Dad Jokes

Q: Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

A: Great food, no atmosphere





COVID-19 Education Relief Package

17 April 2020

nbn is working with internet providers to connect low-income families with home-schooling needs

nbn is playing its part in helping students get connected to the internet during COVID-19 by working with internet providers to make possible cheaper **nbn**[™] network connections to eligible households.

To help unconnected low-income families with school children get connected, **nbn** will be waiving its \$37 monthly wholesale charge for internet providers for many services on the 25/5 Mbps speed tier between April and September. This is intended to enable internet providers to create more affordable offers to connect these families as term two of school starts across the nation.

How are schools involved?

Schools are encouraged to pass on information to families who may be eligible. Information on participating internet providers will be provided to schools starting from 28 April 2020.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

If internet access has not been within your budget previously and you have children requiring broadband access for school purposes, then you may qualify for this support. This offer is available only for households that were not connected to the **nbn** access network before 1 March 2020.

I think I qualify, what do I do now?

nbn is a national wholesale provider of broadband services which means we supply internet connections to internet providers who then supply to the public. We are working closely with internet providers and we expect those internet providers who will participate in offering **nbn**[™] powered plans for low-income families will be ready to do so from as early as 1 May 2020.

When should I contact participating internet providers?

nbn will know which internet providers will be participating from 28 April and will make this information publicly available in readiness for **nbn**[™] powered plans becoming available.

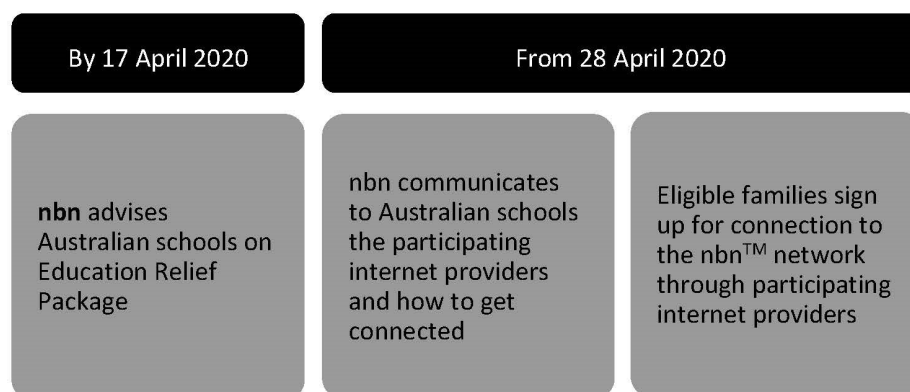
nbn and internet providers are currently working through how to provide the support. We kindly ask that you refrain from contacting internet providers until advised. As you may appreciate, internet providers are dealing with unprecedented volumes of enquiries at this time.

It is a good idea to make yourself known to your school so that you can be kept informed about the offers when they are available. Please also check **nbn**'s website at <https://www.nbnco.com.au/campaigns/covid-19>

What if I already have an **nbn**[™] powered plan and I'm experiencing financial hardship during COVID-19?

Internet providers can help with financial hardship in some circumstances. Please contact your current provider to learn more.

What happens next?



For **nbn** COVID-19 latest updates: <https://www.nbnco.com.au/campaigns/covid-19>



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