



# Newsletter

## ***A message from the Principal***

Welcome back everyone to what I expect to be another busy year at Vacy School. To all of our new families, we particularly welcome you and your children to our wonderful school and we hope that you immerse yourself into the positive school culture that we offer our students. Please remember that if you have any questions about anything, it is much better to come straight to us for answers so we can relieve your concerns.

During the holidays we have had some renovations completed in the school. Our 3/4 classroom has a new roof and will soon have the sink cupboards replaced. Our administration building also has a new roof and the colourbond fence has been replaced up near the sensory garden. Work is also going to be done replacing the flyscreens on the two original buildings (5/6 & K) so that we can open our windows without being inundated by flies. Tomorrow I am meeting with a landscape designer who will be assisting us to make our school look and feel a warm and inviting place for all.

It has been good to receive a little bit of rain over the past weeks after a harrowing holiday period with fires and drought. On behalf of our school staff and students, I would like to thank all of our community members who have worked to save lives, homes and wildlife by putting their own lives at risk for the betterment of others. Saying thank you will never be enough. A particular mention goes out to Mr Andrew Viner who is our General Assistant here at Vacy. We are so proud of him and his service to the community and wish him well during his absence from school for the next 6 months.

The Department has recently put out a directive regarding the Novel Coronavirus. Please make sure that you are aware of the requirements regarding the attendance of students who have recently travelled to China. A letter from the government is attached and will also be published on our Skoolbag and Facebook sites.

2020 welcomes a new staff member to Vacy School. Due to my permanent appointment as Principal, a teaching position became vacant at the end of 2019. This term, beginning in Week 6, we welcome Miss Courtney Trudgett to our team. Courtney will be taking over the 3/4 class from 2nd March and I know that she is very excited about her appointment. I'm sure our school community will welcome her with open arms and support her transition.

Our other teaching staff is as follows:

Kindergarten—Mrs Kristy Grainger (M, T, Th F) & Mrs Sally Rogers (W)

1/2—Mrs Maree Greaves

2/3—Ms Sue Graham

3/4—Mr Lachlan Prior (M, T, W, F) & Miss Kylie Saxby (Th)

Miss Courtney Trudgett (full time from Week 6)

5/6—Mrs Jamie Babic

Beginning Week 6, Mr Prior will be working 3 days a week (W, Th, F) doing release from face to face teaching on 3/4, 1/2 and 5/6. He will also be teaching a whole school library program.

Mrs Babic will be running a dance program within the school as part of our curriculum requirements and on Thursdays all of our classes will be participating in a Mindfulness Program with a specialist teacher. More information will become available shortly regarding that program.

Again, I welcome you all back to Vacy and I look forward to meeting you soon at our first P & C Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 25th February where we can begin to work together in partnership to provide the best educational experience for your child/ren as possible.

Kind regards,

Karen Fonti

Principal

# Vacy Public School Calendar 2020

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| Friday 31 January                         | First day for Kindergarten   |
| Tuesday 28 April                          | School Photos  |
| Tuesday 30 June -<br>Friday 3 July        | 5/6 Camp   |
| Monday 23 November<br>> Friday 4 December | Swim school<br>(first 50 students only after permission note is published) |

## VACY PUBLIC SCHOOL – CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2019

Thank you to our volunteers, without you our canteen is not able to run.

It's that time again, so please if you are able to spare a couple of hours either Monday or Thursday check your diaries and let me know.

Tanya 0429800608 or find us on Facebook "Vacy School Canteen"

| Week | Monday                    | Thursday  |
|------|---------------------------|---|
| 1    |                           | 30 <sup>th</sup> January<br><b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b> |
| 2    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | 6 <sup>th</sup> February                          |
| 3    | 10 <sup>th</sup> February | 13 <sup>th</sup> February                         |
| 4    | 17 <sup>th</sup> February | 20 <sup>th</sup> February                         |
| 5    | 24 <sup>th</sup> February | 27 <sup>th</sup> February                         |
| 6    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March     | 5 <sup>th</sup> March                             |
| 7    | 9 <sup>th</sup> March     | 12 <sup>th</sup> March                            |
| 8    | 16 <sup>th</sup> March    | 19 <sup>th</sup> March                            |
| 9    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March    | 26 <sup>th</sup> March                            |
| 10   | 30 <sup>th</sup> March    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                             |
| 11   | 6 <sup>th</sup> April     | 9 <sup>th</sup> April -<br>Canteen Closed         |



**Professor Brendan Murphy**  
Australian Government Chief Medical Officer

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

29 January 2020

### **Statement on Novel Coronavirus on behalf of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)**

**AHPPC provides the following advice to Australian Community following advice from the Communicable Diseases Network Australia**

AHPPC is aware of:

- very recent cases of novel coronavirus who are asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic, and
- reports of one case of probable transmission from a pre-symptomatic case to other people, two days prior to the onset of symptoms.

These data are very limited and preliminary and AHPPC still believes that most infections are transmitted by people with symptomatic disease. However, AHPPC believes that we should take a highly precautionary approach and is making the following new recommendations:

1. People who have been in contact with any confirmed novel coronavirus cases must be isolated in their home for 14 days following exposure;
2. Returned travellers who have been in Hubei Province of China must be isolated in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care.

Given the lower number of cases in China reported outside of Hubei province, we do not currently recommend self-isolation for travellers from other parts of China or other countries. We are closely monitoring the development of cases outside of Hubei province and will update this advice if necessary.

AHPPC recognises that the evidence for pre-symptomatic transmission is currently limited, and this policy is highly precautionary. At this time, the aim of this policy is containment of novel coronavirus and the prevention of person to person transmission within Australia.

Further details of the extent of pre-symptomatic transmission is being monitored, and may result in changes to policy.

#### **Summary of evidence to support the revised advice**

New international evidence suggest that asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic infection can occur, and that pre-symptomatic transmission has occurred in at least one case cluster.

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1. German case cluster: It has been reported that participants at a workshop in Munich had contact with a woman on 21 January. This woman, who had been in Wuhan, became symptomatic on 23 January and diagnosed following return to China. Four workshop attendees, with no travel history to China, have been confirmed with nCoV and several more are under investigation.
  2. A 10 year old child reported in a case series was noted as having no fever; although it is likely that this case may have had a cough sufficient to produce PCR positive sputum.
  3. A Japanese person reported as a case was a bus driver who transported Chinese passengers from Wuhan. The Japanese person had no history of travel outside Japan. None of the passengers were known cases.
  4. Several Chinese language media reports have detailed transmission from pre-symptomatic cases, but no confirmatory evidence has been published.
  5. WHO Sitrep (#8) states that 3 of 58 cases diagnosed outside China were asymptomatic.

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## PACKING AN EVERYDAY LUNCHBOX

Packing an everyday lunchbox does not have to contain fancy ingredients.

Make packing an everyday lunchbox easy by adding:

- **Crunch and Sip®:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables
- **Recess:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks e.g. rice crackers, yoghurt
- **Lunch:** Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients e.g. pasta, fried rice
- **Drink:** Water and/or reduced fat plain milk
- Don't forget to add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe

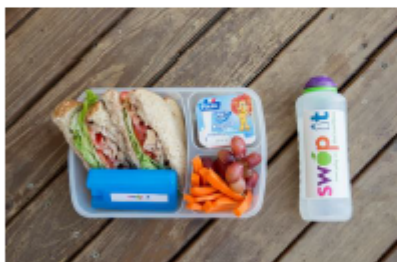
See our everyday lunchboxes below for ideas.



**Crunch & Sip®:** Capsicum sticks  
**Recess:** Mini rice cakes, banana  
**Lunch:** Multigrain wrap with chicken, cheese, carrot and lettuce  
**Drink:** Water



**Crunch & Sip®:** Cherry tomatoes  
**Recess:** Rice crackers, cucumber sticks and hummus  
**Lunch:** Raisin bread sandwich with banana  
**Drink:** Water, reduced fat plain milk



**Crunch & Sip®:** Carrot sticks  
**Recess:** Yoghurt, grapes  
**Lunch:** Whole meal sandwich with tuna, tomato and lettuce  
**Drink:** Water

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