



Dear Parent and Carers,

As you are probably aware, late last week the State Government announced some new guidelines regarding students returning to school in Term 2. The announcement stated that WA public schools will open for all parents and carers who choose to send their children. Parents who wish to, may continue with 'learning from home' using the education packages and resources that will be provided. **The new start date for Term 2 is Wednesday, 29th April.** This date will apply for all students whether at school or learning from home.

The announcement suggested that there will be further social distancing and hygiene protocols put in place in order to ensure the safety of students and staff. Once we are updated by the Education Department later this week and have had time to formulate a school based plan, we will provide families with the details of these additional measures in a communication before the start of term. Parents should be aware that these measures are likely to be significant and inconvenient but we ask again for your support in carrying out Government directives and Health Department advice.

At Mullaloo Beach PS, all teachers were prepared and ready to implement our home learning processes but in this rapidly changing environment, staff will now need to replan for classroom based learning with the likelihood of a greater number of students at school. We are happy at the prospect of our students returning but as you will understand, planning how our teaching and learning programs will look is difficult given that we don't know how many children will be attending.

So that we can have a better understanding of what will be necessary, we ask all families to complete a brief questionnaire (attached) on your intentions regarding your child's attendance at school. We understand that many of our families are still deciding what to do. The questionnaire is really to give us some idea of numbers and you will, of course, be free to change your mind at a later stage. This should only take a minute or two to complete but to be of any use it needs to **be completed Wednesday 22 April, 2020.**

We will continue to work hard for the education of all our students. We again thank our community for the support given to us as we navigate this evolving situation together.

Kind regards

Michael Black
Principal

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