



Dear Parents,

I'm sure that we were all caught by surprise by the sudden lockdown announced yesterday. The first day of school is such an exciting time for students and staff, and it is disappointing that this has had to be postponed for another week. I particularly feel for our Kindy, Pre-primary and Year 1 students who have probably been really looking forward to today.

As information from the Department of Education becomes available, we will be sure to pass it onto our community immediately. Communications this morning have confirmed that;
"Schools in Perth metropolitan, Peel and South West regions will be closed until Monday, 8 February 2021. This means, the school holiday period has been extended for one week for schools in these zones."

The Department has published a series of FAQs. Those relevant to MBPS are printed below:

Are schools in the lockdown zones required to provide work for students this week?

- No.
- As per the Premier's announcement, school holidays have been extended by one week. Impacted schools will commence Term 1, 2021 on Monday, 8 February.

If parents would like to provide educational activities at home for their children, where can they go for help?

- Parents should access the Learning at Home resources on the Department's website:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

Who can I contact if I need further information about the current lockdown?

- Contact the Department of Education's COVID-19 Support Team on 1800 882 345 or email coronavirussupport@education.wa.edu.au.

Are schools in the lockdown zones open to provide supervision for the children of essential workers?

- No.
- School holidays have been extended for one week in these zones.

We sincerely hope that this week of lockdown has the desired effect of ensuring that there is no outbreak and that our school year can commence as normally as possible. Further information will be forwarded as it becomes available.

Regards
Michael Black
Principal