



# Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **Re-opening for Term 1B**

The Education Minister has confirmed that all schools will re-open for the remainder of the term this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Breakfast Club and Transfer Club as normal on Monday). We look forward to welcoming your child back to school and hearing all about their Halloween adventures!

## **Enhanced Focus on Safety Protocols**

We thank you very much for your support and patience over the last 3 weeks. It has been a difficult time for the school and a number of parents, pupils and staff have spent the majority of the extended break in isolation.

As a school community, we must re-focus our attention on the most up-to-date advice and guidance from the PHA. It is very important that we focus on our hand hygiene at all times and that we do our utmost to ensure that social distancing is maintained. We ask that parents are mindful of this when dropping-off and collecting children from school and that you continue to refrain from gathering in groups or breaking the 2m social distancing rule in the school car park.

A close contact can be defined as someone who has been within 2m for more than 15 minutes or within 1m for any amount of time with a positive case. If we adhere to the guidelines, we will minimise the chances of being identified as possible close contacts and we will minimise the risk of a potential outbreak within the school.

If your child is feeling unwell, please do not send them to school until they are feeling better. If you or your child are showing Covid-19 symptoms, do not send them to school and contact the PHA helpline (119) to arrange a test. Your child can return to school if the result is negative and if they are feeling well enough to do so. We ask that you liaise closely with the school even if your child's symptoms are not Covid-19 related.

We understand the challenges for parents surrounding the closing of bubbles within school. It is important that we do everything that we can to minimise the risk of this happening. In the event of a bubble being shut-down for a 14-day period, your child's teacher will lead their learning via the Seesaw app. In the event of your child going into isolation due to a positive case at home, your child's teacher will send work home via the same app.

## **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Meetings will take place throughout the month of November. Your child's teacher will arrange to have either a face-to-face or over-the-phone meeting with you when we return. For face-to-face meetings, strict social distancing will be in place and teachers will be wearing face masks (masks will be made available for parents also should they wish to wear one).

## **Flu Vaccination**

Flu Vaccination forms for those that did not receive them will go out on Monday and must be returned to the school as soon as possible.

## **Payments**

Please make sure that all payments are up-to-date (milk / French / dinner) as soon as possible. Payments can be sent to school in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope.

## **Raffle Fundraiser**

Details of when the school raffle fundraiser will take place will be issued soon.

I hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable Halloween and I would like to thank you all for the great response to our Pumpkin Carving Competition! Please share any festive Halloween pictures on twitter and remember to tag us @roanstpatricks.

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

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