

# St James Updates

Term 2 Week 7

*'St James School Community is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards.'*

Dear Families,

We thought tomorrow would never come!!

We are all very excited and well prepared to have our Prep - Yr 2 students return for onsite learning. We look forward to our Yr 3 - Yr 6 students return from their Remote Learning experience in two weeks' time.

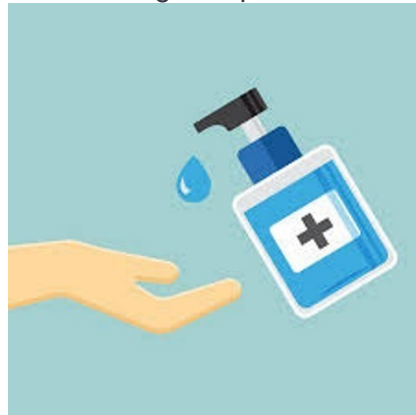
I must give a BIG SHOUT OUT to all members of our St James community for the way you have all worked together to help educate the students; parents, teachers, Learning Support Officers, school leadership and of course the students themselves.

## **Here are a few reminders for the week.**

We will be introducing many practices, which no doubt the students are well aware of, to become part of our regular hygiene habits over the next while.



**Handwashing** - To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent handwashing.



**Hand Sanitiser** - While there is plenty of hand sanitiser and soap throughout the school, children may bring their own hand sanitiser to keep at school if they wish.



**Social Distance** - We will alter the use of class room spaces to provide more social distance spacing for our children (even though not mandated). We are very lucky to have excellent playground and learning spaces for the children and staff.



**Unwell Children** - If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

### **Drop offs and pick ups**

We are going to implement the following procedures from Tuesday 26 May until at least Friday 5 June. I ask all Prep - Year Two families to take careful note of this.

- The clear preference is that you, 'Kiss and Drop' each morning and students exit the car from the curb side of the vehicle
- All families are to use the gate designated to the youngest sibling attending school please.
- **Preps** - Top main gate next to the driveway
- **Year Ones** - Top single pedestrian gate on the West side of Centre Rd
- **Year Twos** - Bottom gate next to the Kindergarten in Frank St. PLEASE NOTE: Eastmont Kindergarten in Frank St have sessions starting at 8:30am each day. Please aim to arrive at 8:40am. The crossing will be supervised by staff.
- **Additional Yr 3 - 6 students** - the usual top gate
- **Students will also be dismissed from the same gate**

### **Transfer of Equipment and Personal Belongings from Home to School**

So as to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within our community, we are asking families to follow the procedures listed below and to adapt other instances to fit in with this pattern.

- Students do not need to bring along any sports equipment, games or other items to play with. We will provide such equipment here at school
- Students may bring along one item that may assist with their wellbeing if required. (Eg: a teddy or soft toy). This would be required to stay at school and not go home daily
- Drink bottles can stay at school and be refilled each day in the classroom. Drinking taps at school are not in use.

**Assembly will be live streamed online - Tuesday Morning 9am for Year 3 - 6 students**

- [Parish Website link to view Fr Dispin's weekly mass](#)

***We're all looking forward to the hum and excitement of learning bubbling along at Centre Road - all cosy in our St James winter uniform. We've missed you!***

***See you soon,***

David Mutimer  
Principal