

Newsletter

15-25 Young Street, Deepwater NSW 2371

Ph: 02 67345395

Fax: 02 67345407

Email: deepwater-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.deepwater-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Newsletter No. 4

Term 1 Week 8

17th March 2020

Principal Report – School Processes around Student Absences and Roll Marking

Daily Roll Marking

This year we have commenced marking the roll with an Ipad. The roll is marked at 9 am whilst the students are getting ready for daily fitness. If students arrive any time after 9 am they have been marked absent. Parents will be required to come into the office to sign their child/ren in.

General Absences

If students are marked absent because they have been away without a pre-submitted justification and no explanation has been provided upon return, the roll marking system will generate a note which will be sent home.

Office Enquires

Anytime throughout the school day (between 8:30 am – 3 pm) parents/carers **must** present to the office for all enquires including late arrival of students and early departure requests.

Glen Innes Minerama Festival

Students enjoyed their *Rocking the Age of Earth* session presented by UNE Voyager Armidale at Minerama last Friday. They followed a time line of evolution and learnt about the development of certain things throughout different periods of time.



COVID 19 Update from the Secretary DoE Mark Scott

"As you are aware the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The situation in regard to COVID-19 continues to evolve with an increasing number of countries having sustained community transmission. In Australia the majority of COVID-19 cases are returning travellers or close contacts of cases, but there is evidence of limited community transmission in some states including NSW.

Efforts are now focused on considered actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community and protect those who are likely to experience more severe disease such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. These steps are also essential to reduce the demands on the health system so that it can function effectively.

The situation is evolving quickly and the DoE will continue to respond to the advice from NSW Health as they receive it."

The DoE will be in touch regularly with schools to keep us updated on their plan. The DoE are now asking us to implement some proactive measures in our workplace.

If staff suspect that a child is showing signs of COVID 19, parents will be called to collect their child.

Three steps everyone can take to stop the spread of COVID 19 are as follows:

1. Wash hands

Clean your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water is not available.

2. Cough and sneeze etiquette

Cover your sneeze or cough with your elbow or with a tissue (and dispose of it immediately). Wash hands. Avoid close contact with people who are ill. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

3. Stay home if you are sick

If your child is unwell with a respiratory illness they should remain at home until symptoms clear up.

Self-isolation is not required until a child or member of the family is symptomatic and has reason to be symptomatic.

How DPS is minimising the spread of COVID 19

As always students and staff are continuing to wash their hands thoroughly during the day. In the class we have hand sanitiser available all the time. Daily, we are reminding students of basic general hygiene practises. The Cross Country at Tenterfield and the next Assembly have been postponed until further notice.

2020 P&C Committee

A huge thank you to the outgoing P&C of 2019, both previous executive and general members. Your interest and dedication in supporting the students of DPS was appreciated. A warm welcome to the small committee for 2020 and congratulations to the executive committee.

President – R. Bischoff

Secretary – J. Robertson-Cuninghame

Treasurer – D. Vine

The next meeting will be in term 2. New memberships are always welcome.

Did you know?

The latest and most accurate information about COVID 19 can be found at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au



Clean your hands



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Stay at home if sick

Update of details

If any of your details have changed please return the yellow update of details form sent home last week. Details need to be kept up to date such as any change in phone numbers or address. If you have a new Medicare card or have new emergency contact details or any new health issues. Thank you to those families who have returned their updated forms.

Uniforms

We have sourced new grey track pants in all sizes. These are available to purchase from the office.

Cross Country

Training for Cross Country will commence this week. Students will run around the school block whilst being supervised by staff. More information about our interschool cross country event to be advised.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	16 Mar Harmony Week	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar Library Book club due	20 Mar Scripture
Week 9	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar Library	27 Mar
Week 10	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr Library	3 Apr Scripture
Week 11	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr Library Last day Term 1	10 Apr GOOD FRIDAY
Term 2					
Week 1	27 Apr Staff Development Day No Students	28 Apr Student return	29 Apr	30 Apr Library	1 May



Awards

You Can Do It

Mackenzi – YCDI – Organised
Levi – YCDI – Confidence
Scout – YCDI – Confidence

Book club orders due this Thursday 19th March. Don't forget you can order online using LOOP.

Emmaville P&C Disco!



All Students Invited!

Friday the 3rd of April

Time: 4:30-6:30PM

Location: Emmaville Memorial Hall

Price: \$5 Per person. (sausage sandwich and drink provided)

Easter Hat Parade and Prizes for best Easter hats!



Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands



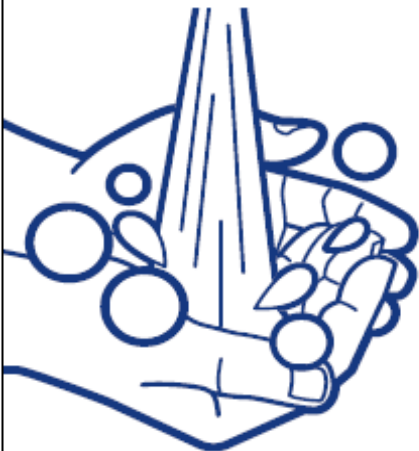
2 Apply soap



3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.