

## COVID-19 Update for Mundijong PS Families

### Dear Parents, Students & Caregivers,

Below are some answers and clarification around some questions that are being asked by our families. We thank you all for your patience and understanding during this process.

### What is happening in Term 2?

We are planning a 'learning from home' program for each year level. Staff are setting up student work (both digitally and in hard copy form) and are planning on using a variety of methods to communicate with families.

We are proceeding on the basis that:

1. All Public Schools will be open – however parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. Those who need to send their children to school to maintain employment, children of essential workers, and those who require support to overcome particular vulnerabilities, may choose to send their children to school.
2. School staff will be present on the school site.
3. All students will be taught; those attending and those learning at home.
4. Student wellbeing will remain our number one priority.

### How do I access my child's work?

Connect is now being implemented across our school. Connect is a learning, support and communications platform developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. Each parent will be given their own secure login to Connect. As well as being able to login to Connect on any internet-connected device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone. If you have multiple children, you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools. When you log into Connect you will be able to see information specifically for your child. Teachers will deliver fortnightly planners which are to be distributed to parents both digitally and in the form of a booklet/hard copy. Hard copy work packages can be picked up at the front of the school administration block between 9:00am – 3:00pm (see dates below). If you would like to collect these work packages, please contact your year group teacher or the front office. Please see the schedule below with the release dates of fortnightly work packages:

**Week 1** – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Week 2** – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Week 4** – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Week 6** – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Week 8** – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June

## How will I know what to do with the work provided?

Included with the student work packages and lessons via Connect will be information/instructions from teachers, what we want children to learn, how much time is needed for the activity and if any extra equipment is required.

Work packages should be dropped back when you pick up your next available work package – a returns box will be available please, make sure your name and year group is attached.

## What if I'm having problems at home with the work, accessibility etc.?

Contact your year group teacher via email or call the school on 9526 7150. Teachers will be available during normal school hours in Term 2 and will be available to assist you if you're having any issues relating to the work provided.

## What type of schedule do I follow?

Routine remains paramount. Teachers will provide a sample timetable which will provide a basic outline of the tasks they can complete each day (flexibility is important). Parents or caregivers have one advantage: you know your child and when they learn best. Your day could be structured around that, there is no 'right' or 'wrong' way until you trial different activities throughout the course of the week.

## Who is creating the work for my child?

Teachers are currently planning based on individual year groups, rather than individual classrooms. Teachers will deliver plans to students and parents via Connect/work packages and will have a list of students from each year group to deliver the curriculum at that particular year level, as well as some extension/differentiation. Please see the list of teachers/year groups below for Term 2.

### Term 2 Teachers

Junior Team	Senior Team
<b>Kindy</b> Miss Humphreys	<b>Year 3</b> Miss Johnston
<b>PP</b> Ms Dreaden	<b>Year 4</b> Miss Webster
<b>Year 1</b> Miss Surya	<b>Year 5</b> Mr Blechynden / Mrs Myers
<b>Year 2</b> Miss Manna	<b>Year 6</b> Mr Wilson / Mrs Rees

## What online programs/platforms are being used to support my child?

Students will have the ability to communicate and undertake lessons with teachers through 'Webex', where teachers can record lessons for students to view and respond to. This will ideally include explicit lessons and weekly check-ins, with Webex easily accessible through Connect and in any web browser. For further information on 'learning from home', please see our website –

<http://mundijongps.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home/>

## **What about online safety?**

We have selected to use Webex as it is recommended by the Department of Education. Please be conscious that whilst you and your children are working online, do not post personal information and remember to write messages that are respectful and kind if you wish to communicate with others. If you require help and the matter is related to your child only, please send an email to the allocated year group teacher.

## **Final reminder!**

There are a wide range of variables to consider and plan for to be able to provide an equitable distance learning program for all of our students. We are currently working through these and we thank you for your understanding. In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank all of our Mundijong PS staff for their commitment and hard work during a difficult few weeks. Happy Easter everyone and we look forward to seeing you all (in some capacity) in Term 2!

**Sean Wilson**

Acting Principal

8<sup>th</sup> April 2020

