



Principal's Letter

The staff and I are so excited to welcome back the students to Furlong Park this Tuesday 13 October! Once again I would like to thank each parent and family member who supported the students of Furlong Park during the remote and flexible learning time. I know it wasn't easy, as you were juggling life in a pandemic and we are very grateful for everything you did to help your child to continue learning. I'm sure all the children are looking forward to seeing their friends again. With every dark cloud there are silver linings. One positive point to come from this was that our staff got to know your family a little better and that you were able to see our staff on a regular basis and see the wonderful teaching that occurs in our classrooms!

As mentioned before, we have three priorities this term.

1. Mental health and wellbeing – this is our highest priority
2. Learning – supporting the children to catch up on any progress lost
3. Transitions – supporting the students moving into their first year of school and those moving to secondary school next year.

Keeping everyone as safe as possible is also very important and this will be done by ensuring:

- We use hand sanitiser and wash of hands throughout the day
- We social distance where possible
- All children and staff who are sick are sent home
- Regular clearing occurs throughout the day
- We teach the children good hygiene habits such as coughing into their elbow

You can help us to keep our school community healthy by keeping your child at home if they are sick. If anyone has the slightest symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested.

If you have any concerns about your child and their wellbeing, please arrange a time to speak to your child's teacher.

For COVID-19 advice, please refer to the [Department's website](#).

Term Dates 2020

Term 4 – 5 October – 18 December

Upcoming Events 2020

Monday 12 October – Curriculum Day –
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 13 October – Students return to on-site learning at Furlong Park! (Buses will be running)

Monday 2 November – Curriculum Day –
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 3 November – Melbourne Cup –
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Wednesday 2 December – Student Support Group meetings via Webex

Thursday 17 December – End of Year Party –
finish at 2pm

Friday 18 December – Clean-up day

Welcome back

Welcome back to our students!



If you or a loved one need support with mental health during this time, please find resources on the [DHHS website](#).

Take care of yourselves during this time.

Warm regards,

Lee Bullock
Principal



Room 2

Room 2 have been working very hard during remote learning. They drew self-portraits for the new home readers in the Big Room. They are very excited to borrow books again to read and share with their families.



Will you be dropping off or picking up your child?

This term, parents will not be allowed into the school.

If you are dropping off your child by car, we ask that you do this between **9am and 9:05am**. There will be a staff member to greet you. To help your child, please arrive on time. It's very important for their wellbeing that they can start the school day with their friends and find out from their teacher what is happening for the day.

If you **arrive after this time**, please ensure you notify the office staff that your child has arrived and they will sign them in.

If you need to **pick up your child early for an appointment**, please inform your child's teacher or phone the school office. We will ensure your child is waiting in the office foyer at the right time.

If you are **picking your child up at the end of the school day**, please ensure you wait for all the school buses to leave and then drive your car outside the school office and your child will be brought to you. Please do not get out of your car if you can avoid it. Thank you for your support in making the start and end of the school day as smooth as possible for everyone involved.



iPad return

On your child's first day back, please make sure that they return the following:

- iPad
- iPad pencil
- iPad cover
- iPad pencil lid
- iPad pen
- iPad charger (and cord)



Canteen

The canteen will be open on Fridays.

The [new menu](#) can be found on our [school's website](#).





National Week of Deaf People

Thank you to all students and staff who have contributed their part in celebrating the National Week of Deaf People (NWDP) which occurred from the 19th – 25th September. We celebrated this event by sharing our favourite signs, what we love about Auslan and why we think people should learn Auslan. Wednesday 23 September was also the International Day of Sign Languages. Our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, made a [video in Auslan](#) encouraging all Australians to learn Auslan! You can see both videos on our [website](#).



No hat, no play

Every day in Term 4, students need to wear their hats when outside in the sun. The school uniform is a broad brimmed navy hat. Bucket hats like the one below are sold for \$6 in the uniform shop at school. Although we have sun cream in the school, it's always a good idea to apply sun cream on hot days before leaving home.



Water bottles

Please remember to bring a water bottle each day. Bottles with straws like the one below are good as they don't spill easily. Keeping hydrated helps us to be good learners!



Size 12 Polar Fleece ONLY \$5

We have ten half zip polar fleeces in size 12 in our uniform shop. This is old stock that we will not be ordering again. These would normally sell for \$20 though we have reduced them to just \$5!



Student support group (SSGs) meetings

Furlong Park School have previously held SSGs in Term 1 and 3. However, we will now hold them each term for the school aged children. Our SSGs will be held in Week 9 on Wednesday 2 December. This will be for Rooms 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Room 4, Maria Burgess's class, will have their SSGs earlier in the term and we will provide more details of this soon.

Please look out for your booking form on Compass. All meetings will be held via Webex. This meeting will be a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child's report, the progress they have made this year and draft some goals for next year.



Do you know these signs?

- [‘Health & Wellbeing’](#)
- [‘Seesaw & Technology’](#)
- [‘Learning at home and school’](#)
- [‘School holidays’](#)
- [‘General everyday signs’](#)
- [‘Medical related’](#)
- [‘People related signs’](#)
- [‘Places’](#)
- [‘Celebrations’](#)
- [‘Time-related’](#)
- [‘Opposite words’](#)



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