

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to thank you all for your support in what was one of the most unusual starts to a school term we have ever seen. Together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice.

As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- at school;
- have a medical referral to learn from home; or
- recorded as absent if they do not attend.

Over the last three weeks we have seen 92% of our students return to school, which has been fantastic.

Current health advice states that schools remain safe for staff and students and should remain open. We want to make sure all children get the best education possible, which is why attending school is so important. We are here to make sure all children are learning and there's no doubt, schools are the best place for them to learn.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will work together on next steps.

If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

The extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 will continue and as part of the social distancing measures, we continue to ask parents/carers to drop children at the school entrance and not enter the school grounds.

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Vanessa Blythe
Principal



Friday 29 May

Staff Development Day -
No students

Monday 1 June

Public Holiday





Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear parents and students

Updated Advice from the Chief Health Officer

Schools have now been open for students since the commencement of Term 2 and I am very encouraged by the way the school community, parents and students are caring for their health and attending school in a responsible way. This is building community confidence in the safety of our schools with the overall attendance rate reaching over 82%.

WA recently recorded 14 days with only 2 reported cases, both of whom were rapidly identified and are in isolation. With over 56,000 negative tests and only 7 active cases, there is no evidence of community transmission.

The WA State Government has recently announced further decisions about the easing of restrictions in our state as part of a phased approach in the management of the pandemic. These decisions have been based on public health advice and will continue to be carefully monitored in the weeks ahead.

Public health measures already in place to protect the community will remain a focus during this time, including broad testing, comprehensive contact tracing when a case is identified, isolation and quarantine measures where required, and education about social distancing and hand hygiene. Plans remain in place to ensure immediate response to any reported infections in the school setting when needed to prevent the spread of any illness.

I continue to recommend that schools should remain open to all students and families should be encouraged to return their children to the classroom. If your child is more vulnerable due to health problems or you have a vulnerable adult living in your home, then I would recommend seeking advice from your specialist medical practitioner as to whether returning to school remains the best option for you.

We need to remain diligent during this time and I encourage you to please make sure you keep your child home if they are unwell and, if you or your child have fever, cough or cold symptoms, get tested for COVID-19. We should all continue to follow the social distancing guidelines when interacting with other parents, teachers and school staff.

Thank you again for your leadership and support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

DR ANDY ROBERTSON

Chief Health Officer

May 2020

ENROLMENTS 2021

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary 2021.

Please download an application form from our website and submit to the following email address, together with copies of birth certificate/passport, immunisation history statement and proof of address:

Springfield.ps@education.wa.edu.au



MBA Sports will be coming back to Springfield in week 5 with their before and after school Sports program. For more details please contact them direct on:
www.mbasportscoaching.com, email: fb@mbasportscoaching.com or call 0467 156 964



P&C NEWS

Would you like to get more involved with supporting your school?
The P&C are currently seeking expressions of interest to fill the roles of Vice-President and Uniform Shop Co-ordinator. For further information or to register your interest please email Liz Grimes springfieldpsp.c@gmail.com.
This is a great opportunity to get to know your school community so come and join our wonderful team of volunteers.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our Uniform shop is currently closed but you are still able to order items from us.

Please see the attached order form or alternatively download one from our website which has all the details you need including prices.

To place an order, please email direct to springfielduniformshop@gmail.com or phone Kirsti on 0487 935183 and she can help with any queries.

Payment is to be made by direct deposit to the following account:
BSB 086-495 Account no: 356229666.

Please allow 3-4 days for delivery of the items via your child at school.

Please note we are unable to accept cash payments at this stage as we have to minimise direct contact as much as possible.



SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

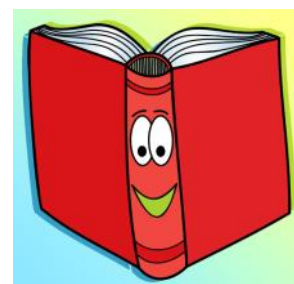
**BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue
while Students Learn from Home**

During these unprecedented times, Scholastic will have a Virtual Book Club for Term 2. Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue - it will simply be online rather than via a booklet.
All orders will still be delivered to the school as usual.

Please click the link below to access the Virtual Book Club

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Orders for the current catalogue need to be placed by Monday 18th May.



LIBRARY UPDATE



Any library books borrowed by students for school holiday reading are now due to be returned as book borrowing for Term 2 has commenced.

This term students are being asked to help decorate the library windows!

It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Collect a heart from the library during book borrowing lessons.
2. Write your favourite book's name on the heart. Feel free to write the book's name on both sides of the heart.
3. Put it in the box.

Students may do this once a week when they visit the library until the windows are full.

Thank you
Susan Peach
Library Officer



Enrolments for Year 7 2021 are now open

Enrolment packs are now available from
your primary school administration or
can be collected directly from
Belridge Secondary College

T: 9408 8000

E: belridge.sc@education.wa.edu.au

www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au



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for more information.