

Wednesday 02 June 2021

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Staying Connected No. 13. 2021.

Dear Parents,

It is now official. Melbourne remains in lockdown through until 11:59pm on Thursday 10 June 2021. Therefore, SMMPS is closed to all children except those of essential workers.

You know the routine:

ESSENTIAL WORKERS

If you are an essential worker and you **absolutely** require your children to attend school, please email Anthony D'Amico on adamico@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au

Please state:

- your child's/ children's name
- the days that care will be required
- the best contact (mobile) number to reach you on if required.

MOVING TO ONLINE LEARNING

We will, as planned, move to online learning as of next Monday. You will receive full instructions and the children's learning grids, which will be posted by Friday 5:00pm at the latest on SeeSaw.

I appreciate at this time it is only for four days, however, we really don't know how long the lockdown will last, so we just simply need to get started.

ROLLING OUT OF CHROME BOOKS

We are fully aware many families only have a limited number of devices available in their home. Hence it is difficult to have two or three children online and, in some cases, parents needing the device too, so they can continue working.

We are currently preparing devices for distribution. If you require a chrome book, please email Anthony D'Amico on adamico@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au, stating your name, children's names, classes and the number of devices required.

They will be ready for collection from school on Friday morning.

FIRST COMMUNION

The decision has been made for all of us... due to Lockdown:

First Communion will not go ahead this Saturday.

We have met with Monsignor Portelli and we have

rescheduled First Communion to Saturday 16 October 2021.

We have decided on this date, because of prior church bookings and by that date, we would hope density limits in churches might be lifted, even a little. (If you recall for much of last year, no more than 50 people were permitted into a church at any one time, and that was at best.) We don't want to risk such low-density limits for First Communions.

In effect, we are guided by Government directives.

And let's look on the bright side. The weather will be warmer by October!

SCHOOL CLOSURE

You may recall we had scheduled a school closure for teacher professional learning on Tuesday 15 June 2021.

The children, and all families for that matter, have had enough disruption over the past weeks. I cannot in all conscience allow for a school closure. Hence, I will postpone this school closure to later in the school year, when things are a little more back to normal!

TUESDAY 15 JUNE is a usual school day for all children (if we are out of lockdown!)

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support.

Keep physically well, look after your mental health, get tested if needed, and if eligible get vaccinated. It is the only way out, if we want to resume normality one day soon.



Anthony McCluskey

Principal