



## **MOWBRAY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Families

The way your child learns at home will be different from how they have been learning at school. As a parent or carer your role is not to replace the teacher. Your role is to support your child with their learning, with tasks that have been provided by our teachers. The learning activities that are provided are a combination of both online and offline tasks. The learning is designed to meet your child's needs and is adjusted for the home environment.

Thank you to the many families who managed to come into school to collect their child's Learning Pack. For those families whose children are at school, we will send home the Learning Pack with your child to use at home when needed. Teachers have emailed the Week 1 learning matrix to all families who have provided an email address. In addition the learning matrixes are available on our school App and website.

Every Monday morning before 9:00 am, for as long as we are learning at home, your child's class teacher will email the week's learning matrix and we will also upload these to our school App and website. For those families who we are aware of that do not have internet access a paper copy will be posted home. Teachers will be connecting with families and students who are learning at home via email or phone on a regular basis, so you can ask any questions, and provide comments and feedback.

Juggling learning at home, work and family may bring both joy and challenges. This is new for everyone! The following tips will hopefully support you as we navigate this new way of learning:

- Keep in regular contact with the class teacher
- Take the time to find what works best for your family, not every day will work out as planned
- Set up a space for learning
- Develop a routine for learning
- Encourage your child to do their best and help them when you can
- Support your child to connect with other students and friends online or by phone, for learning and social reasons
- Keep to the normal routines of sleep, meal times, exercise and free time.

We would love to see what students are getting up to at home so please feel free to email photos, samples of work and demonstrations of learning. And finally, thank you for the very positive feedback we are receiving about the way we have approached this new way of being.

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*Sharon*

## Update on School Levies Refund

The Tasmanian Government recently announced that they would be refunding all school levies. In response to community feedback they now have a safe and secure process to allow refunds to go straight into your bank account.

Please complete the online form by 1 May 2020 which can be found here <https://levyrebate.education.tas.gov.au>

Once a validated form is submitted the reimbursement of funds will occur within 5 business days.

If the online option is not possible for all families, please be assured that where an online form is not received by 1 May an alternative arrangement will be provided.

For any enquiries regarding your refund, please contact 1800 827 055 or email [stas@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:stas@education.tas.gov.au)

## Key Dates for 2020

**Term 2** Tuesday 28th April - Friday 3rd July

**Term 3** Tuesday 21st July - Friday 25th September

**Term 4** Monday 12th October - Thursday 17th December

### Professional Learning Days

Monday 20th July

Monday 30th November

## School Photos

MSP are not currently operating their business. As soon as the restrictions relating to COVID-19 are lifted they will start processing our order.

## Metro Operations during COVID-19



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23 April 2020

Dear Madam/Sir

### Update on Metro Tasmania operations during COVID-19

Metro Tasmania is continuing to respond to COVID-19 under the guidance of the Department of Health, and the health and safety of passengers and staff is our highest priority.

In order to transport students to and from school, all services will continue to operate to their regular timetables.

To prioritise safety, our free travel period has been extended until Sunday 31 May. Additionally, rear-door boarding has been implemented on all services state-wide until further notice.

Any passenger with an access challenge that restricts them from boarding from the rear door can still board and alight from the front door by asking their driver.

Greencards will remain free for the duration of our free travel period. Any passenger without a Greencard is encouraged to get one by signing up on the Metro Tasmania website, or by visiting a Metro Shop, depot or agent.

We would appreciate your assistance in communicating the information in this letter to your school community before the start of Term 2. Please do not share or reproduce this letter in its current form.

If you require any assistance, contact Gregg Lennox, State-wide Stakeholder Engagement Manager, at [gregg.lennox@metrotas.com.au](mailto:gregg.lennox@metrotas.com.au) or 6233 4215.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Breen  
General Manager Business Improvement Services

## Thank You and Best Wishes Mrs Swinton

It is with a heavy heart that I announce to our school community that Mrs Joy Swinton retired at the end of Term 1.

Mrs Swinton has been employed by the Department of Education for 47 years and has been at Mowbray Heights Primary School for all of that time. Mrs Swinton has held the positions of Bursar, Teacher Assistant and Administration Clerk at Mowbray.

It is very hard to put into words how amazing this lady is and how much respect and admiration we have for her. Mrs Swinton has been an absolute asset to our school, completely trustworthy, professional and loyal. I know that I speak for our whole school community in thanking her for her service and wishing her well for a wonderful time in retirement.

Sharon



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