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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our new and returning Pentland families as we start the 2022 school year. This year promises to be a very exciting one for our community.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We start the year with our parent-teacher interviews. These will be held on Monday 31st January and Tuesday 1st February between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Grades 1- 6 students: The focus of our start of year interviews is to create your child's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for the coming year. These interviews will take place in the gym.

Foundation Students: As well as being focused on creating your child's ILP, there is a Literacy testing component and a Numeracy testing component for our start of year Foundation interviews. Literacy interviews will be held in your child's classroom and Numeracy interviews will be held in the library.

For all interviews on school grounds, all current government guidelines must be followed. All attendees entering school buildings must be vaccinated, must QR code upon entry and wear a mask. We request that on arrival for your interview, you wait outside until called in and sanitise upon entry.

Please contact the front office if you still need to make a booking.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

Free rapid antigen tests have been made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022. **Rapid antigen testing will be voluntary for all primary, secondary and specialist school students and staff.**

It is recommended that primary school students and staff test twice weekly (on school days).

Tests will be available for collection at our parent-teacher interviews next week. It is *recommended* that students are tested before their first day of school. Tests will be provided in packs of 5 individual tests. Parents/carers will be allocated one pack for each child at the start of week one (31 Jan) and one pack for each child at the start of week 3 (14 Feb). Where parents/carers are unable to attend the school on Monday or Tuesday to collect the tests, a pack will be provided directly to students to take home from Wednesday. The testing kits we have been provided are a nasal test kit.

Students and staff will do the tests at home and must report any positive test results to the school, either through the VicEd COVID portal or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school

community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must also report this through the Department of Health system (Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. They should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is available online.

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TO VISITORS ON-SITE

As we welcome our students back to school, we are also pleased to advise that parents/guardians are able to drop their children to the classroom. Unfortunately, we will only be allowing access as far as the classroom door, only students and staff will be able to enter the classroom building. At the end of the school day, students will need to be collected from one of the school gates, we will not be allowing access to visitors at the end of the day. For the Foundation students, their teacher will be walking them to a particular gate as a class at the end of the day. If a child is being met after school by their sibling/s that attend PPS, they will need to meet them at the applicable gate, there will no classroom pickup. The only exception will be Foundation students who are attending Camp Australia's OSHC program, where Judy will collect the Foundation students direct from their room after school and walk them to the gym.

Miss Terry's class – Red Gate (Wittick St)

Miss Hunt's class – Green Gate (main entrance)

Mr Ross' class – Blue Gate (bus shelter)

We expect this will occur from Thursday 3/2 – Friday 11/2 after which time your child will be able to meet their family independently at any gate they are comfortable with.

If at any time families need to come into the front office, you must QR code upon entry and wear a mask as per the current Government guidelines.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to advise that our Breakfast Club will recommence on Thursday 3rd Feb. Kaylene and Colleen look forward to welcoming new and returning students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.10am in Room 8. More information will be sent home once students return to school.

If you have any enquiries about the above communication, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone or email.

Here's to a great 2022!

Andrew Harrison

Principal

