



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Message

I hope all Dad's, Grandad's, Uncle's and important men in our students' lives had a fun and relaxing Father's Day yesterday.

Attendance

Sometimes despite your best efforts you may be running late or you may need to pick up your child before 2.30pm. If you are late then be aware that any arrivals after **9.00am** are to report to the school office to be signed in. The office will then ring your child's class to come and collect them. If your child is being picked up from school before **2.30pm** you must also ensure they are signed out from the school office prior to leaving.

Parent Survey

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who have completed the 2020 'Tell Them from Me' survey. The survey takes just 15 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. You can even complete the survey on your phone. We'd love to hear your feedback so don't miss out on your chance to have your say on topics such as communication, learning and behaviour support. The 'Tell Them From Me' survey can be accessed at: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/njs20>

Student Illness

As a parent of school aged children I know it can be tricky to decide if your child is well enough to go to school or not. Unfortunately at Newcastle Junior School we can not administer Panadol, Nurofen and cold and flu tablets to students when they are sick with coughs and colds.

With the NSW Department of Education's **COVID-19** rules in place any child sent home from school cannot return to school until parents/carers provide a negative COVID-19 test result or medical clearance from a doctor. **If your child is unwell please keep them home** until they are well enough to attend school again. A negative COVID-19 test result or medical clearance from a doctor will then not be required.

As well as coughs and colds we have had several cases of Gastro across the school. Any child that presents with Gastro like symptoms will be sent home. Junior School follows NSW Health Department Guidelines. This means that a child who is sent home with Gastro cannot return to school until **48 hours after** symptoms have stopped.

We have many students at our school with impaired immune systems and the health of all students is a priority. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Communication

Junior School values and appreciates open communication with parents and carers.

Please be aware that calls made to school during class time can't always be transferred through to teachers while lessons are taking place. Teachers will endeavour to return calls as soon as possible. We also ask that you do not ask the Assisted School Travel Officer/Driver to pass on messages as morning drop off is a very busy time.

Thanks

Graham Finch
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