

19 March 2020

FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Wed 18 – Fri 20	Year 10, 11, 12 Surf/Kayak Camp
Fri 20	National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
Fri 27	SAPSASA Swimming, Adelaide - CANCELLED
APRIL	
Mon 6	SSSA Athletics, Adelaide - CANCELLED
Mon 6	Parent/Teacher Interviews, To Be Confirmed
Mon 6 – Thurs 9	Year 11 Careers Trip, Adelaide - CANCELLED
Tue 7	Parent/Teacher Interviews, To Be Confirmed
Thurs 9	Last day of Term 1, 2020



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE – TOMORROW FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Students are encouraged to wear the colour orange to school and earn house points to show their support! Friday 20 March is National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence. The theme of the day in 2020 is **“Take a Stand Together!”** It is also being linked with Harmony Day this year and its theme **‘Everyone Belongs’**. This year marks the 10th anniversary of ‘National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence’ which is supported by ‘Bullying No Way!’ The school and classes will participate in a range of class activities and lessons to focus on this year’s theme, the impacts of bullying and violence and ways we can all help.

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Student Wellbeing Coordinator

WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT COLLECTION

Students in our school have been invited to take part in a survey being conducted in Term 1 2020. This letter provides key information about the survey.

Purpose of the collection

Young people’s sense of wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students’ views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in year levels 4 to 12 across the State will be invited to participate in the *Wellbeing and Engagement Collection*. The information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people’s health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and

engagement and learning in school; and physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. Students’ answers will be kept confidential – no one (including school staff) will use the results to identify individual students.

What is involved in project participation?

Teachers will arrange for students to undertake the survey during class time. Students will be asked if they would like to participate and will be free to withdraw at any time. ***If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.***

Will students’ information be kept confidential?

The department takes measures to ensure students’ personal information and their identities remain anonymous when participating in the survey. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a school report in order to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

Whilst the survey questions are not expected to distress students, the survey includes questions that ask about topics such as students’ happiness and experiences of being bullied. Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey screen immediately
- that it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole, and
- students may also skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who may want to speak to an adult about concerns or issues and will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

Further information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search:wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au. Please let the school know by Monday if you do not want your child to participate.

STORIES & RHYMES



For babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. 9:30 – 10am

Tuesdays @ the Streaky Bay Area School Community Library. Reading, playing, talking and singing with children right from the start.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Covid-19 situation appears to be very fluid and is changing rapidly in terms of the Government's and our Department's information and responses to halt the virus.

Please ensure that you have read the Education Department's latest parents/caregivers Covid-19 update letter dated 18/3/20 - which is part of this newsletter. Please also ensure that you have read our school's latest update letter which was sent home yesterday and is being emailed out to parents today as a backup.

The Department has requested that all schools ensure they have a mechanism to contact all parents and caregivers quickly. We have decided that we will continue to utilise the Konnective App that most of our parents already have access to, along with email to parents as a back-up for information. All parents have now been added to the Streaky Bay Area School Konnective App group, if parents are new to the school or are not currently members they will now receive an invite to join our Konnective App group – parents can then register with Konnective to join the Streaky Bay Area School Group. This is a simple online process of which there are no costs – follow the links. The Streaky Bay Area School Group is a closed group that we control the membership of. As a school we have probably not used Konnective as regularly and effectively as we could have, but will now make this our schools 'single point of truth' for Covid-19 and publish all important Covid-19 information and updates to parents through this mechanism, whilst also sending information out via emails and hard copy. Please ensure that you have the Konnective App installed on your personal devices and that you are checking your email regularly as a backup.

Last night I attended an online meeting of the Port Lincoln Portfolio meeting of all Principals and Pre-School Directors for further updates of the Covid-19 situation. Some important points from this meeting for parents:

If parents are concerned they have vulnerable children or relatives, please seek medical advice.

I understand that Covid-19 testing clinics are being set up in Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Whyalla and will be operational next week – I understand a doctor's referral is required to attend these clinics for testing. Please check the SA Health website for more details. If people think they have symptoms of the Covid-19 virus, please call ahead before attending the surgery. You can also call the government's coronavirus health information line on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There has been an increase in Phishing emails purporting to contain Covid-19 information – increased vigilance of your emails may be required.

Today's Departmental Covid-19 updates:

Following further directives from the Education Department and School Sport we sadly inform you that:-

- *ALL those Eyre Peninsula Secondary School Sports events that have been programmed prior to Mid-June are CANCELLED.*
- *ALL Central Eyre Peninsula, Lower Eyre Peninsula and Western Eyre Peninsula events are POSTPONED until further notice.*

The secondary events currently not being conducted this year are:-

Surfing, Gymkhana, Tcharkuldu Cross Country, Open Boys Football, Years 8/9, 10 and Open Girls Netball, Open Mixed Hockey, 10 Mixed Volleyball, 8/9 Football 9-a-side Port Lincoln, 8/9 Football 9-a-side Cleve.

The *Lower Eyre Peninsula Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals* have also been cancelled with the view that possible Athletics trials may be conducted at a later date.

Those SAPSASA events that have been postponed will hopefully be conducted at a later date in consultation with schools and will be dependent on when, and if, State Championships are to be conducted. These include: CEP Football Trials, CEP Netball Trials, LEP Football Trials, LEP Netball Trials, WEP Football Trials, WEP Netball Trials.

Students returning from SAPSASA in Adelaide do not require self-isolation.

Already it is evident that there is some level of misinformation and speculation circulating in the community around Covid-19 and schools, I would encourage you to seek clarification from us if you are feeling uncertain about anything or if you have any questions – please do this via the Front Desk. Please ensure you are registered with the Streaky Bay Area School Konnective App group and checking this regularly.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear parent/caregiver,

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Australia's Chief Medical Officer Professor Brendan Murphy addressed the nation today and explained why the decision has been taken to keep schools and early childhood facilities open at this time.

Current advice is that pre-emptive closures are not proportionate or effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19. This position is endorsed by state and federal chief public health officers and the national cabinet made up of the Prime Minister, state premiers and territory chief ministers.

We have followed and will continue to follow the advice of public health officials. If the advice changes we will update our approach and let you know.

COVID-19 protocol

The Department for Education's current COVID-19 protocol is to close a site immediately for a minimum of 24 hours if a confirmed case is identified for someone at that site. If that happens parents and carers will be contacted to come and collect their child and/or agree how they can leave safely.

The closure allows public health officials to identify and contact people who need to self-isolate and for us to conduct a thorough, professional clean of the site. The site will only reopen once the agreed protocol steps have been completed.

Precautionary measures

Our sites are taking precautionary steps, including increasing the frequency of cleaning and promoting good hygiene practices.

In addition, they are practicing social distancing, including limiting the number of people involved in indoor and outdoor gatherings, cancelling sporting events and excursions, reducing the movement of services providers in and around the site and restricting travel.

What you can do to help

The community also has an important role to play, in particular in ensuring that children who are ill stay home. We also ask that you reinforce good hygiene practices by talking to your children about the need to:

- wash hands regularly and thoroughly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating
- avoid spreading infections to others by staying home if they are unwell
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue.

Please also ensure your contact details are up to date at your child's education or early childhood setting. It's essential they can contact you if the site has to close due to a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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Minister for Education

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