



Marayong South Public School
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Dear parents, carers and families,

We continue to operate for our students who need to attend school to allow their parents to continue to service our community. We thank those parents who are doing this important work, and I would like to assure you that all possible measures are being taken to care for your children while you care for our community. The Department of Education is in consistent contact with us to keep essential supplies of soap, sanitiser and toilet paper to us. We are strictly following all guidelines for students and staff who need to self-isolate, or to be sent home if they appear unwell.

If you are able to keep your child at home, we thank you for doing so and we will do our best to help you to continue your child's education there. Please ensure you have the Skoolbag App, as this is how we will communicate. We are currently developing activity grids for your child to complete at home. Teachers will communicate through already established online platforms of See-Saw for the K-2 and 365 Notebook for the 3-6. We will send out instructions and links for everything you need within the next few days. Please be patient with us, as we navigate this new world of remote learning. Please do not send questions about school operations or COVID-19 to teachers through See-Saw or 365 Notebook. Students may ask questions about their schoolwork on these platforms, but these platforms are **not** for parent enquiries. If you have any questions, please email us (marayongs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call the school (96224216).

We do need to make some adjustments at the moment for students in attendance, and we thank you in advance for your support. The situation continues to develop rapidly, so please be aware that things can change quickly and Skoolbag updates will be sent to keep everyone informed.

Parents on site:

I would like to continue to allow parents and community members to drop off and pick up their students in school grounds until we are advised otherwise. This avoids crowding at school gates. However, please drop your children off and leave the grounds immediately. Please practise social distancing and do not gather on site with other adults. Please do not try to talk to teachers in classroom doorways. Please distance yourself as much as possible from children other than your own as well. Please arrive to pick up your child just before the bell and again, please leave site immediately.

Assemblies, excursions and events:

There will be no assemblies or whole school community events this term. Playgroup remains postponed until further notice, there are no Monday morning assemblies and Scripture is cancelled for now. Students will continue to move straight to class, rather than assemble when the music plays for the start of school and at the end of play breaks. Breakfast Club is cancelled until further notice. NAPLAN will not proceed this year and we will postpone our Snail Trail Fundraiser. School photos have been postponed. A note regarding this is attached. Our canteen will be accepting online orders only, for the most part, with a largely reduced menu. A note about this is attached also. Please do not send in cakes or other treats to share in class for the time being.

Wednesday 25th March: Purple Day for Epilepsy.

This will proceed as intended with students wearing something purple with their uniform if they can and participating in a lesson to raise awareness of Epilepsy. (For example: students might wear a purple t-shirt, socks or hair ties).

Thursday 9th April: K-2 Easter Hat Parade- MODIFIED.

This will now take place as an in-class display. Students are encouraged to wear their Easter hats to school on the day.

Finally, please remember to ask your children about how their Kindness Campaign is going and keep it going if you are at home! 😊 We truly appreciate the community support and understanding we are receiving at the moment, as we continue to care for, and educate, your children as best we can in these exceptional times.

Thank you, Petrina Walker.



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CANTEEN.

To look after the safety of our canteen staff and our students, whilst still providing this important service, the following restrictions will be in place:

Wherever possible, please order online for recess and lunch for your child. Instructions are attached.

If ordering online is not possible, please send the correct money in a bag labelled with your child's name and order.

The menu will be updated on the Canteen's Facebook page and sent via Skoolbag. Please only order from this.

Please do **not** send your child with money. We will not accept purchases across the counter from adults or children until further notice.

Parent volunteers will be restricted until further notice with minimal people working from the canteen to meet the social distancing guidelines.

SCHOOL PHOTOS.

School photos have been postponed until Term 4. The envelopes will be reissued at this time so if you have not paid, please throw away your envelope. If you have paid, please fill in the slip below to indicate how you would like us to refund your payment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS REFUND

Oldest child's name: _____ Class: _____

Please tick the box for the option you would like:

- Please send the refund home with my child: (Name) _____
- An adult will attend the office and pick up the refund. Adult's name: _____
- Please delay my refund for now.

Parent/caregiver's name: _____

Parent/caregiver's signature: _____

Date: _____