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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to have the Kindergarten and Year 1 children back this week; they have all settled in extremely well and it is great to see them all so happy, catching up with their friends and teachers. We are all very excited to welcome back our Year 2-6 students on Monday and I would like to thank you once again for your support and cooperation during the learning from home period. The staff here at Kariong are appreciative of your hard work; we could not have got through this time without your support, so thank you once again.

As all students will return to Kariong PS on Monday, we have had to make some changes to school organisation and operations to support the safety and wellbeing of everyone at school. This will ensure that we are following both the Health and Department of Education guidelines for the safe return to school.

Mornings Before School - When students arrive at school from 8:25 in the morning, **Kindergarten and Year 1** students are to go straight to the **hall**, **Years 2,3 and 4** students to the **courtyard** and **Year 5 and 6** students to the **COLA**. At 8:45am all students who are at school will be directed to classrooms where they will be met by their teachers. All children arriving at school between 8:45am and 8:55am should go straight to their classroom.

Afternoon Dismissal – The procedures for this will only be different for Kindergarten and Year 1. The teachers will walk **Kindergarten** students to the gates at **2:45pm** and **Year 1** students at **2:50pm**. Students in **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6** will exit through the school gates at the regular time of **2:55pm**. We ask that parents comply with social distancing guidelines whilst waiting outside the school gates.

Break Times – During recess and lunch, student cohorts have been allocated separate areas for eating and playing, thus ensuring cohorts do not mix in the playground. Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will be having their recess and lunch at a separate time to the rest of the school to further support reduced mingling and physical distancing of our students. Stage 3 will now have their recess break from 10:15- 10:55am and their lunch break from 1:35-2:15pm. All other grades will keep to the usual break times.

Canteen – The school canteen will be re-opening on Monday 25 October for recess and lunch orders only. There will be NO opportunity for students to purchase and line up for items during break times. Parents are to order on the online platform, or children may bring their orders on the day. Students are to hand in any orders they have to their class teachers in the morning.

Parents on School Site - Unfortunately, parents/carers are not permitted on the school site at this time. Access to the office is via the Truscott Ave entrance for such purposes as picking up a child early due to them being unwell or an appointment. A special school visitor QR code is to be scanned at the office. Whilst visiting, a mask is required upon entry.

Unwell Children - If your child is unwell, we request that you please keep them at home. Any child who becomes unwell during the day, will have their parent contacted so they can be collected from the school. If your child needs to go home as they have COVID-19 like symptoms, then a negative result must be sighted by a member of staff before they are able to return.

Wearing of masks - The wearing of masks for primary school students (when indoors) is strongly encouraged by the Department of Education but is not mandatory.

PBL – To encourage students to uphold the school values of Respect and Responsibility and striving for their Personal Best, we continue to implement our PBL rewards. We have adjusted our current system, so students are still able to achieve Diamond level this year. A separate PBL note will be sent home shortly outlining the PBL changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. All the staff are looking forward to seeing everyone back again. Have a lovely weekend.

Toni Skinner
Principal