



Sheoak Grove Primary School Newsletter

Interim Newsletter – Week 1, Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2! Let's hope it is a more straightforward set of 10 weeks than the one we just negotiated.

It has been so good to have kids back at our school! We have started the term with average daily attendances between 60 and 70%. Our attendance is increasing daily and if everything remains constant in terms of COVID-19 in Western Australia, we expect that trend to continue. We are looking forward to the day when everyone is back at Sheoak Grove!

I really do want to thank everyone in our community for your patience, flexibility and above all your outstanding support for our school and our staff through an incredibly changing school landscape recently. Our planning has changed every week in regard to delivering our teaching and learning programs in the last 3 or 4 weeks of last term, and then again during the holidays moving into term two. Of course, this could not be avoided as our governments fought to contain the pandemic, but we have never felt anything other than your understanding and support through all of it. Our staff thoroughly appreciate that and we want to say a big thank you to you all.

Of course, we are not through it all yet, and some restrictions remain at schools. You would all understand that social distancing is now not applicable to students, but remains in place for adults on the school site. That has required parents to stay outside the school gates this term. Thank you to everyone for accepting that and complying with that restriction. Your understanding has made before and after school procedures very orderly and safe.

We still cannot have school events and so we will be restricted in what we can offer our students in terms of assembly, carnivals and other things we would normally organize.

However, we are looking at creative ways to provide alternative settings for some of those. Please keep an eye out for these possibilities in future communications.

We have employed another full time cleaner for the time being so that we can meet the stringent requirements for schools in this area. Caroline Jarick will join us in that position from Monday and will be with us for the rest of the term. We welcome Caroline to the Sheoak Grove team! I'd also like to thank our regular cleaning team of Elaine, Kieko and Vicki for doing the extra hours to ensure we could meet those requirements this week.

I understand that some of our families are still having some issues with Connect. If you are experiencing any issues, please be sure to contact our school office. These issues are usually quite minor in nature and Connect is now our main communication source, so getting those issues addressed quickly is important to us.

Congratulations Mrs Gillman

It's fantastic to be able to finish by congratulating our German Teacher, Mrs Sonja Gillman who was appointed as our permanent teacher in this position in the last week of last term. Mrs Gillman has worked extremely hard to establish our program and is now looking forward to building on that going forward.

We are all very much looking forward to the day when everyone is allowed to be back walking through our gates again. In the meantime, if you have any questions about term two, please check the Connect notices or contact the school

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Principal