

COVID Update

What a crazy COVID19 ride we are on. I am impressed with the way we have all coped with and supported each other through a very unknown ever-changing situation. Particular thanks to the families involved with contact tracing processes over the past week. You really stepped up and supported us without a fuss. I appreciate your calm acceptance. Keep phoning and asking questions as this helps all of us to do our best. As a community we are very strong and work together to keep children happy and safe.

Yesterday, key changes were made to the contact tracing processes in schools. The changes should reduce the number of close contacts identified in Years 4 and above where mask wearing is occurring. When we are alerted to a positive case in a classroom, we are asking the children to stay home while we go through the contact tracing process. In most cases, it will only mean 1 day at home unless identified as a close contact. We are making contact with families by phone, text, email and class dojo. It is **very** important that contact details are correct and that you respond if you receive calls from school.

In the meantime, look after yourselves and take care of those you love. "Watch out for those symptoms!"

After School Pick Up

Thank you for waiting behind the pink line at the end of the day. Children will be collected for you from 2.45pm not 2.30pm. If you need to take your child earlier you may go to the office and they will help you.



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

The timing no longer feels right with COVID 19 still impacting on each day and altering what we do here at school; however, at the end of last year, I made a decision to retire from my role as Principal at the end of this term. I have been on the staff at Bankwood since 1994 when my first role was as Assistant Principal, teaching in the new entrant class. I then became the Deputy Principal and in 2003 was appointed Principal.

Every moment of every day since then has been an honour. There is something very special about this place.

Every year:

- The children are happy, engaged, kind, caring, creative and curious
- The staff are enthusiastic, talented, inspiring and committed
- The community is diverse, caring, involved and supportive

I have watched several generations and branches of families attend and this has given a real sense of tradition alongside a trust and belief that the community has about what we do at Bankwood.

Every day there is joy and over the weeks until the end of term, I intend to soak up as much of the joy that I can.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all parents and caregivers for working in partnership with us.

Your support and care has made my job so much more rewarding.

I will need lots of tissues on the last day of term.

Kay Cleaver,
Principal.



From the Board of Trustees:

It is with great reluctance that the board has accepted Kay's resignation as Principal of Bankwood School. Kay has been a strong Pou in our school's caring and welcoming environment and will be greatly missed. The Board has begun the process of appointing a new Principal to start in Term 3 this year. Toni Holford, our current Deputy Principal will become the acting Principal for Term 2.

Tania Abrams

Board of Trustees Chairperson