

I have been impressed with the way everyone within our school community is dealing with COVID. As always, we all play our part to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Thank you for:

- Keeping children home when they have any symptoms
- Letting us know if there is a positive case in your house
- Isolating for 10 days if you have a positive case in your house
- Encouraging the Year 4-6 children to wear masks
- Reminding children about hand hygiene
- Wearing masks if you come into school
- Waiting behind the pink line for your children
- Not going into classrooms

The organisation each day is very flexible. I commend the teachers and teacher aides who are providing warm and welcoming classrooms. Children are happy and calm regardless of who is at school.

To date, we have had 48 positive cases spread across the school. The 10 days isolation required for the household members as well as the actual case means that all classes have large numbers absent. We really appreciate the way you have responded to this isolation requirement because it does help with the spread.

Over the past 2 weeks the numbers at school have ranged between 143 and 167. When every child is at school, we have 332 smiling faces. We are catering for needs by combining classes but keeping teams together. This has meant that we are able to fill staff gaps and children remain in the same block of classrooms.

Considering that we do not know what each day is going to bring so cannot plan easily, the classrooms are ticking along and everyone is settled and happy.

You should feel so very proud of your children for their resilience and acceptance. You also need to feel proud of yourselves as you have prepared your children and had positive, kind attitudes throughout the process.

Moving Forward, we will continue with the current practices except that notification of case numbers will only occur in the newsletter each week. Now that the cases are right across the school, it is important that everyone keeps an eye on symptoms.

I am super proud of all the staff who are literally "going with the flow".

What an amazing place this is.

Keep safe.

Be kind to each other.



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.