



READY FOR RETURN AND RESET

Patience and adherence to the mandated restrictions over the past three months is finally seeing the long-awaited return of students to onsite learning for all primary school students. Staff will be waiting eagerly at the gates to see the beautiful smiling faces of the students, we have all missed so dearly.

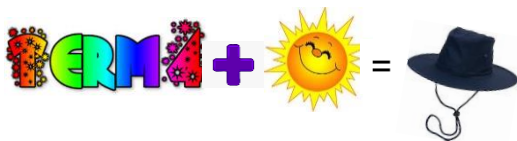
Families will have received COMPASS notifications last week regarding expectations around morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. Whilst these are similar to the last time, please read carefully for the main changes regarding gates access. What has not changed is the **8.45am entry time**. Students will not be let onsite before that time unless they are booked in with TheirCare.

The school has a COVID-SAFE plan which is in the final stages of revision to align with the most recent, Term 4 DET Operational Guidelines. These will include:

- The current start finish arrangements
- Staggered break times and designated play areas, to align with the 'bubble' model (in our case Modules) for breaks and playing outdoors.
- Students will need to bring their own plastic drink bottle that can be refilled at the drinking taps. Students will not be able to drink directly from the bubbler taps.
- No touching/hugging indoors and outdoors.
- Hand sanitising when entering and exiting the classrooms.
- The continuation of extra cleaning following the breaks by our very thorough contract cleaners.

* We are not required to temperature check students. **Students are not to be sent to school if they are unwell.**

Our School Captains, Sanika and Amelia, have been doing a terrific job of running our remote assemblies. The Webex format will need to continue however, until the DET guidelines change. We will keep the same time and link, Tuesdays at 9.30am <https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/tidey.sandra.j>



A reminder also that, rain, hail or shine, all students must have a school hat to be able to play outdoors. This is mandated by our school's SunSmart Policy. New hats can be purchased from the office or from Beleza.

Amongst all of this 'new normal', we are also launching into our Prep 2021 Transition Program. The Module One Team have set up a 'JCPS Prep 2021' transition website. The site can be reached via a link on our School website – www.jamescookps.vic.edu.au.



We are kicking off with a Prep 2021 Transition Information Evening, this afternoon at 4.00pm via <https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/clement.brad.b>. Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child starting school at JCPS in 2021. Enrolments for 2021 have not yet closed but will soon.

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"Patience is not passive, on the contrary, it is concentrated strength." (Bruce Lee)

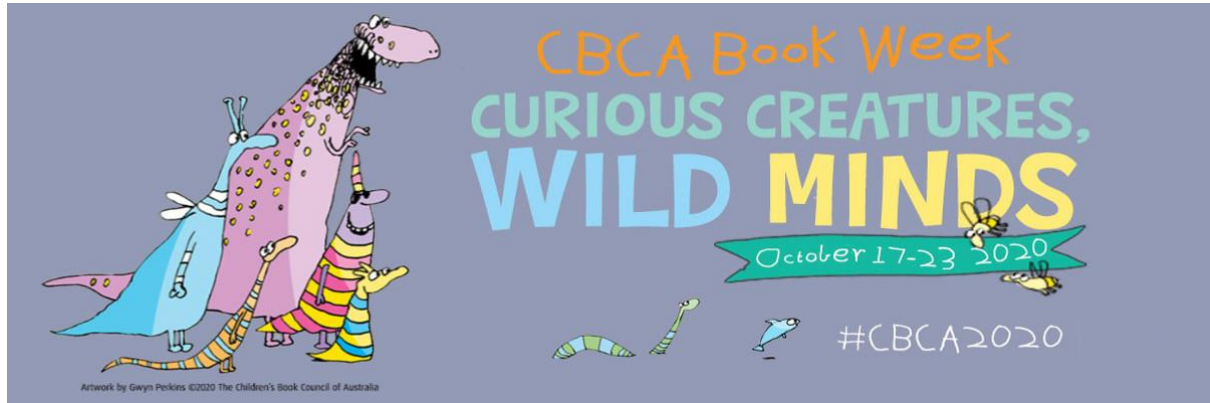


to go!



Your feedback is important to us. We want to know how you think we went with 'Remote Learning' in 2020. Teachers will also be posting this link on students' classrooms. We do ask if you would indulge us and complete one for each of you JCPS students, to help give a clear picture of our work together over the past 6 months. It is designed to be answered with your child and only takes about 10 minutes to complete. Click either the 'FEEDBACK' icon or the link below. Thank you so much in advance, for your participation in our survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B82Y9B>



BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY



This year Book Week has moved to 17th-23rd October. To celebrate we are holding our Book Week Dress-Up Day on **TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER**. The theme this year is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. Think about myths and mythical creatures. Vampires, bats, zombies, unicorns, mermaids, monsters are all characters that would fit this theme.



Due to the current restrictions, we will not be able to hold a parade, but there will be plenty of photos taken. Students will participate in activities during the day based on the Children's Book Council Australia Short Listed books.



<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>



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 **Compass**

Returning devices to school

Many families have borrowed technology devices from school over the remote learning period. There are also families who will need to provide medication to the first aid room that was sent home when remote learning began.

To support with this and help us set up for the return of students next week, it would be great if families could return devices and chargers to school this **Friday 9th October between 9am and 3.30pm**. You will be able to drop these off at the front office. This will give us the opportunity to sanitise all devices ready for the start of the day on Monday.

Any medication that needs to be held in the First Aid Room for your child can be dropped off during this time as well.

If you are unable to return your device and chargers on Friday, please send them along in a bag with your child when they return to school on Monday. We will be collecting returned devices at the gates as students arrive and taking them to be signed off and sanitised.

Please note that as per the DET restrictions, parents will not be allowed on site.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom next week!

LIMITED ACCESS



This is a COVIDSafe school



Access to school grounds is limited to:

- school staff
- students attending on-site learning
- contractors, including cleaners and maintenance workers
- outside-school-hours-care (OHSC) staff, enrolled children and their families.



James Cook University has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students during Term 4.



Reinforcing COVIDSafe behaviours



Creating COVIDSafe spaces



Promoting COVIDSafe activities



Responding to coronavirus (COVID-19) risk



RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- keep 1.5m wherever possible between yourself and other adults

- avoid handshakes and hugs



- wash your hands regularly.

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