



22nd January, 2021

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to 2021. I am looking forward to welcoming our new families to our Darra family and seeing our returning families.

Wednesday 27 January (our first school day), is always an exciting day for families – our preppies starting their first day of school – a memorable day for everyone, older students returning to school, whether it is in Year 1 or Year 6 – seeing their friends, staff, new books – the smiles on the children and the buzz in the air is fantastic. Our tradition at Darra is to hold a 'Tim Tam Tea and Tissues' for families on the first day of school, this is a great way to welcome families to Darra and for families to connect with others. Unfortunately, with the current COVID situation, we are disappointed to have to cancel this event for this year.

It is fantastic that we are able to welcome families onto the school grounds for the start of 2021. However, we need to remember to follow these guidelines:

- Respect social distancing between adults (1.5m),
- Sanitise your hands regularly,
- If you are unwell, do not visit the school,
- It is preferable to wear a mask at drop off and pick up times, especially if it difficult to social distance.

I encourage you on Wednesday morning, when your child is settled or the bell rings (or the music plays) to signify the start of the school day, to say goodbye to your child/ren, let your child know you will be back to collect them at 3pm and leave the school grounds. There may be some children feeling anxious and worried, our staff is experienced at settling children and they usually settle very quickly, if we have any concerns about your child we will contact you.

Looking forward to welcoming all families on Wednesday 27 January.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

Gayle Healey
Principal