

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2020! I hope everyone has had a relaxing holiday break and that you are ready to go for a busy year ahead. It's been great to see everyone back and eager to learn! Welcome to the new families that have joined us at Gladstone Views Primary School. A big thank you to all the staff, parents and students for making me feel so welcome! I am excited to be working at Gladstone Views Primary School as it's such an amazing school with dedicated staff. Over the holidays the Leadership Team and I worked on various things making sure we start the year on a positive. Many of the teaching staff came into school and worked tirelessly making sure their classrooms look amazing!



This year we are going paper free with our newsletters. Parents will be able to access a copy of the newsletter through COMPASS as well as on our school website. If you require a hard copy of the newsletter please let the office know.

A special welcome back to our staff at Gladstone Views PS. The staff are always willing to help in any way they can so please see them if you have any issues. I have listed them with their roles so you know who they are. They all have name badges so staff members are clearly identified.

**Assistant Principal:** Suzy Black **Leading Teacher:** Scott Woolcock **Student Wellbeing Leader:** Lucy Torre

**Foundation Teachers:** Nicole Jovic, Matilda Seru, Ruby Ippolito

**Year One Teachers:** Samantha Steele (**Learning Specialist**), Anna Bastowski, Jessica Bonnici

**Year Two Teachers:** Kylie Buckley, Jacinda Galgano, Carly Cheffins

**Year Three Teachers:** Michelle Rizk (**Learning Specialist**), Danielle Saddler, Teagan Crane (34T)

**Year Four Teachers:** Andra Bendrups, Meredith Kaefer

**Year Five Teachers:** Trent Crane, Ange Cetin

**Year Six Teachers:** Kristy Barnes, Laura Culleton

**Specialist Teachers:** Larissa Groch (Art), Julie-anne Kamvissis (Art), John Koutsonikolas (Performing Arts), Eliza German (Physical Education), Laura Marcucci (LOTE - Italian), Victoria Borg, (Classroom support) Christie Silva (Classroom support)

**Education Support:** Cinzia Natale, Narelle Larsen, Kerri Cliff, Penny Dawson, Alison O'Neill, Ashleigh Temming

**Business Manager:** Marg Wilson

**Administration:** Sharon Mazzeo, Linda Crawford

**Welcome to our new FOUNDATION STUDENTS that started their school journey THIS WEEK!** We are very happy to have them and their families join our school community. It is a very exciting time and we look forward to working with them all.





## Welcome to 2020 BBQ!

We will be having a Welcome to 2020 BBQ for Foundation to Grade 6 students and parents on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** between 5:00pm-7:00pm. Teaching Teams will be giving a short presentation about the expectations for the year and a summary of what areas of the curriculum will be covered. During this time, you will have the opportunity to talk to teachers about how your child has settled in to school. Please make sure you put the date in your calendar.

## Newsletter Update

Our newsletter will now be published fortnightly not weekly. The focus of the newsletters will be centered on the great work students are doing in their classrooms.

## Coronavirus Update

Please find attached a fact sheet regarding information about the Coronavirus.

### Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

Have a good weekend

**Belinda Karlsson**  
**Acting Principal**

## Term 1 Diary

**Welcome to 2020 BBQ: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Interschool Sport: Fri 14/2 - @ Aitken College**

**Public Holiday: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Curriculum Day: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (No students at school)**

**School Photos: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Portsea Camp: Grade 5 & 6 (14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> April)**

# Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

## Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

### What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

### What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

**All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.**

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to **other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:**

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

### What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

## **How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?**

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

## **Where can I get more information?**

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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