



Howrah News

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CALENDAR

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15 May

Walk Safely to School day



27 May

National Simultaneous
Storytime

8 June

Public holiday

3 July

Last day of Term 2

In line with the latest advice from the Minister of Education, all assemblies, excursions, travel, fetes and fairs, concerts (with audiences), all sports carnivals, school camps and parent teacher meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear families,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday, 25 May. However, as communicated regularly by the Minister of Education, it is strongly advised where possible students remain at home until this date.

Once children are back at school, we will need parents to observe physical distancing here at school. This will mean that the map of drop off and collection points for all children remains. I have attached the map for your information. Parents are politely reminded that they are not to enter classrooms. If you need to talk to a teacher for any reason please email them or leave a message at the office for a teacher to return your call when they are off class, which is most likely to be the end of the day.

We will be advised by the central office of the Department of Education about when we can resume LiL and LIFT. At the moment, because we cannot have parents in or around classrooms, it is not possible to run LiL or LIFT. We are looking at online options for both wonderfully valuable programs.

Currently our school library remains closed. Again, this is based on advice from the central office in the Department of Education who in turn take advice from the Health Department. Similarly, we are unable to hold assemblies or other events where large numbers of children congregate indoors. Principals have not yet been advised as to when band can begin and choir, instrumental and marimba are all on hold.

Last week, all schools received a non-contact infrared thermometer for testing the temperature of students who present to the sick room. There is a very clear directive from the Department that all students who show signs of sickness such as a snuffle or complain of a sore throat will need to return home. Please ensure you have a parent, carer or family member available who can be available in a short time frame should we need you to come and collect your child. We thank you in advance for helping us follow this very clear Department directive.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is important that you notify the school on the day by calling the absentee line.

6246 6366

or

SMS 0418 159 088

We need you to provide - the child's name, your name, your relationship to the child and a detailed reason for the absence.

If you are unable to do this, we require a short note explaining the reason for the absence.

DUTY OF CARE

Our staff has a duty of care for students from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

TERM 2 ATTENDANCE

Further to advice from families at the end of Term 1 as to their intentions for student learning in Term 2, if circumstances and intentions change could you please advise the school office in writing by emailing howrah.primary@education.tas.gov.au.



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As students are back on campus from Monday 25 May, teachers won't be calling families individually next week. They will however be using Microsoft Teams and Seesaw to communicate with students learning at home. If you would like personal contact with your teacher, then please email them.

Thank you

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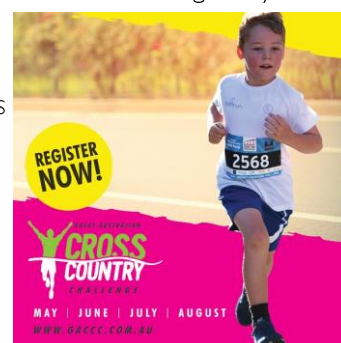
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GREAT AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

As you may know, all our school cross country carnivals have been cancelled this year. But there is now another way to be involved if you love to run. It's called the Great Australian Cross Country Challenge! It's a virtual run, meaning that you run OR walk when and where you want.

The Southern Primary Schools Sports Association has organised that all our member school students can compete in this event for free. This is a great opportunity and replacement for school and inter school cross country carnivals for 2020. Students submit their run times and therefore will be able to see how they improve and what affects their time; weather, track variations etc.



Parents need to register their children online (not schools). For more information and to register visit www.gaccc.com.au.

After completing name/address/school information, scroll past the payment option and write the following **Promotional Code** when asked. Use the code **SPSSA** during the registration process so there will be no cost.

Good luck to all our families that choose to be involved!

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

This year we will be participating in the National Simultaneous Story Time on Wednesday, 27 May. Students will be listening to the story being read online from our Storybox account and then will have the opportunity to undertake some classroom activities. This year the book is called **Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas** which is Written and Illustrated By: Lucinda Gifford. We are all looking forward to the event. Has your family been using Storybox at home?

