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## Principal's Report

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Dear parents and friends,

Over the past 6 weeks we have experienced a very interesting time in the world and even our great place of Ouyen with student learning. This week we had our grade F,1 &2 plus our VCE children return. It was great to see the smiles and hear laughter from children back at school. We have been putting regular pictures up on social media so families can see the process of children reconnecting at school.

Staff this week have focused on the wellbeing of each child and helping them reconnect with school learning and it will be a large focus of our work all children return to school. If you have any questions please email year level leaders during the school day if you would like to discuss and concerns or worries. While school is back there are a few changes which have happened. All children need to bring their own refillable drink bottle, no contact sports. Washing/sanitizing hands regularly and before and after using equipment in the yard, cleaning of shared items, no lunch orders or heating of lunches, adults not coming into the school unless essential.

### School reports

Our reporting timelines and reports themselves will be changed as of the impact of Home and Flexible learning. The Department of Education has sent new guidelines for how we report to parents for semester one. We are working as a whole school team to modify our reports and the timelines for sending home and parent teacher interviews. I can confirm semester 1 reports will be sent home in term 3 and interviews will be in term 3 as well. As we confirm dates we will inform parents and students promptly.

### Drop off and Pick up

With the return to school we need to ensure safe drop off and pick up of our children. If walking your child to school parents will need to drop children at the gates and not come into school. If coming on the bus to come as normal. If being dropped off by car, you need to be dropped at the Ritchie street entrance or the Fuller street entrance on the school side of the road only. (This is to help with congestion and student safety). Teachers will be on duty at both Ritchie and Fuller street drop off areas. It is an Education Department directive about parents not coming into the school, if you need to come and see us please call the office and we will make a time.

### If a child is sick:

A letter was sent home last week about our processes when a child comes to school or becomes sick with Covid 19 type symptoms. As a department we have clear guidelines on how we must make decisions on children or staff who present with symptoms and how we act to support the child and family. During this time I ask all families to be considerate and supportive when calls are coming home to fetch children from schools.

### Take Home packs

Thanks to all the helpers in delivering our take home packs and the teachers and their wonderful work in getting these ready each week. This week is the last delivery of work to come home. Any work completed between now and June 9<sup>th</sup> needs to be sent back to school with the children.

***Daniel Nemtsas***

***Principal***