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Dear parents and carers

As you are aware, the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic and the situation continues to evolve. For this reason, schools are being asked to take action to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Our school will continue to follow the advice of the NSW Department of Education and keep you informed and updated. At this stage there are no students or staff with Novel Coronavirus and the school is open and functioning as per usual.

For the wellbeing of our students and staff under no circumstances should children with flu-like symptoms be sent to school. If your child is feeling ill, please keep them at home and see your doctor. Students may only return to school once they have been cleared and can provide a medical certificate.

Students that present with flu-like symptoms will be sent to the school office and parents will be asked to collect their children immediately and see a medical practitioner for further advice.

School Events and Activities

As a result of the advice we have received, there are number of events and activities that will not take place. At this stage, we have only made decisions about events during Term 1. We will keep you updated about any changes for Term 2 and beyond as these decisions are made. We understand that there will be some level of disappointment about these activities not taking place, however we are acting in accordance with requests from the NSW Department of Education.

Events that **will not take place** as planned:

- Parent/Teacher interviews

- Friday PSSA sport
- Botany Bay Zone, Sydney East Region and NSWPSA School Sport trials including Boys and Girls Football (Soccer), Rugby League, Touch Football and Basketball as well as District and Regional Swimming carnivals
- 3-6 Cross Country
- K-2 and 3-6 assemblies
- K-6 Principal's Award assembly and Principal's Award activity
- Easter Hat Parade
- Early Stage 1 Toy incursion
- Morning lines
- Stage 2 Woolworths excursion – 3/4P, 4H and 4N
- Band
- Year 2 Dance and 3-6 Dance
- Year 2 Choir and 3-6 Choir

Other events and student activities may also be cancelled, but we will communicate this as we receive confirmation.

HYGIENE MEASURES AT KINGSGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

As advised by NSW Health, we are taking actions to manage the spread of COVID-19. Staff have discussed the following hygiene practices with their students and we ask that you reinforce these messages at home:

1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue**, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell** and students who show signs of being unwell through the day will be sent home.

Staff are also ensuring students wash their hands with soap before and after recess and before and after lunchtime.

All classrooms have been issued with hand sanitiser, gloves and antibacterial surface wipes.

Bathroom facilities are regularly monitored, ensuring soap dispensers are full. Additional cleaning across the school is being organised for high touch surfaces.

Posters from NSW Health have been placed in classrooms and bathrooms across the school.

If your child has chronic medical conditions or immunosuppression, they may be at increased risk of disease. Please contact us if your child falls into this category to allow us to discuss how we can best support you.

All information will be sent home as paper notes and also through Schoolzine. I encourage you to ensure you are connected through these platforms to allow you to receive these updates as soon as they are sent.

We thank you for your support and understanding as we work through the changes needed within our school to meet Department of Education requests. We will keep you informed of any changes through the communication channels outlined above.

Yours sincerely

Ms Fermanis
Principal