# Stanhope Primary School

Stanhope Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and safe learning environment, where our children are protected from abuse and where we maximise individual academic and social growth through explicit teaching and taking responsibility for all our learning.

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**Inspiring Lifelong Learning** 



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### **REMINDERS & THINGS TO DO**

Welcome back to the very different Term 2 scenario of

REMOTE & DISTANCE



The Stanhope School community would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Anita Hageman and her family on the sad passing of **Bill Hageman**, a warm-hearted and community-minded man. Bill and Anita tended our school grounds with great care for over 16 years, they were always there on VIP days to cook the BBQ, and Bill coached our students indoor-bowls sessions.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### Wednesday 22nd April

◆ School Council 7pm via video conference. Details will be emailed out with your school council packs.

All school sporting events, excursions, camps, Mother's Day stall, etc have been cancelled until further notice in line with DET advice due to COVID-19.

Please make sure that you can login to UEducateUs for information, announcements and details of how to connect to student work.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO USE HAND SANITISER



WHEN YOU COME TO SCHOOL & TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

We are very pleased to advise families that our school has been antibacterially sprayed during the last week to help safeguard our school community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# From the Principal

This week we began with a whole new world of schooling! It will be essential for families to connect to uEducateUs to receive vital information and communications about what is happening this term.

This week and into next week, we will all be finding our feet, so do not panic and feel you aren't doing things correctly or the kids are doing enough work. We will get there, together. Parents are not expected to turn into teachers! Parents are asked to provide a work space and supervision and support. You do not, and should not, do your child's work for them!

At this stage, there will be the facility for families who do not have internet, to have hard copy packs. Ultimately, we aim to deliver all materials online and for work to be submitted online.

The Department of Education has a number of strategies and actions in place which will alleviate pressure on families in terms of internet and device provision. Information about these arrangements will be sent out once we receive the details.

Wednesday morning was our first use of Webex for our regular morning check in sessions. We had an amazing turn out of students and families across the two classes! There were one or two hiccups, but that was to be expected. Within minutes of the check in session, students had begun uploading their work on Class Dojo! Other students had been working on other tasks their teachers had set. Fantastic effort from our students and their families who support them.

I'm aware that families have purchased devices to enable online connectivity for students with their teachers and classmates. This is just an overwhelming response especially in these really, quite scary and difficult times for many. The teachers and myself are full of admiration for the way our families have responded so positively.

We'll continue to maintain close connections with all our students throughout this time of remote and distance learning.

Stay safe everyone! Christine Owen







## Christine Owen

At Stanhope Primary School we welcome families to ask questions, share concerns or information we might need about your child/ren through making a time with the principal or their child's teacher. You can now do this via 'Conversations' on uEducateUs as well as the more regular channels.

#### **PARENTS**

Please note that permission forms & money need to be returned to the school prior to the day of the excursion or your child risks not being able to attend.

Forms are unable to be printed out on the day of the excursion, so parents & guardians will have to handwrite missing permissions on the day of the excursion.

Thank you.

**FROM THE** 

Business Manager



Mica will still be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am happy to discuss confidential payment options for fees or camps and excursions with you.