

## UPDATED COVIDSAFE COMMUNITY RESTRICTIONS

### 5 DAY COMMUNITY SHUTDOWN

Acting upon health advice, the Victorian government has introduced a five-day lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19 due to the recent Holiday Inn hotel quarantine outbreak. This short lockdown is designed to stop the spread of the more infectious and deadly UK strain of the COVID virus.

Detailed information about the restrictions can be found [here](#).

#### FOR ALL VICTORIANS:

From 11.59pm Friday to night until 11.59pm Wednesday, 17 February

- There are only four reasons to leave home: 1. shopping for things you need, 2. care and caregiving, 3. exercise, and 4. work;
- The 5km limit for leaving home will be reintroduced;
- Faces masks will be required at all times outside the home, both indoors and outdoors;
- No visitors will be allowed in the home;
- Public gatherings will not be allowed.

#### FOR SCHOOL:

All Victorian schools will be closed next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday except for vulnerable students or children of essential workers.

On these days the school is only able to provide on site supervision for:

1. children whose parents work in one of the [defined essential continuing industries](#).
2. vulnerable children
3. children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories, or where the family is experiencing severe stress.

If you must send your child(ren) to school on Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday, you must register your child by no later than 6.00pm on Sunday using the *REQUEST FOR LEARNING AT SCHOOL* form on Skoolbag. Children will not be accepted unless registered.

During this short lockdown, **there will be no home learning program offered**. The children have not been provided with work to complete at home. Due to the short notice given about this lockdown it has not been possible for the teachers to prepare work to do at home.

Our Before and After Care Program will continue to operate on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

We will ensure that the children's learning program is resumed as usual once the children return to school on Thursday.

**If you, or any member of your family has symptoms - no matter how mild - you must get tested.**

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## OUR PRAYER



*The more I call on you Lord  
the more I can feel your Presence.  
Day by day you draw me closer  
to your loving heart.  
Let my heart rejoice and be glad  
in this time of prayer.  
Remind me often of the great  
blessings You have bestowed on me.  
Lord, I know that when I turn to you  
there is no need for words.  
You can see into my heart.  
You know my desires and you know my needs.  
I place myself into your hands.  
Lord, you are always there  
waiting for me.  
May I never be too busy to  
find time to spend in your presence.*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

### We Welcome Another New Member of Staff

This week we welcomed Ms. Maddie Comrie to our school staff in the role of Year 5 White Home Group Teacher. After an exhaustive search, I am thrilled to welcome such a bright and energetic young teacher. Maddie will commence in this role on Monday.

I am very grateful to Mrs. Maria Ossino who has steered 5 White through the beginning weeks of the year while we were searching for a teacher. Maria has ensured the children have had a smooth transition into the new year.

### School Liturgies & Assemblies

Today we conducted our first liturgy celebration as well as a school assembly. It was wonderful to be able to once again gather all the children together in prayer.

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to invite parents and family members to attend school liturgies and assemblies. This is due to the current level of community COVID restrictions which limits the number of adult attendees that we can have in the school hall. I am very grateful for everyone's continued cooperation and patience while these arrangements are in place.

## 2021 First Eucharist and Confirmation Sacramental Programs



This year's Parish Sacramental Program will take place as follows:

### **First Eucharist**

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held at 12.00pm on Saturday, 5 June at Our Lady's Church, Craigieburn

This year the First Eucharist program will be open to children in years 4 and 5. Details regarding the program will be sent home at the commencement of term 2.

### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 28 August at Kolbe College.

Details regarding the Confirmation program will be sent home at the commencement of term 3.

## School Uniform

Now that we are back into the routine of school, it is important that all children are wearing the correct school uniform.

A few reminders:

1. All children attending Good Samaritan are required to wear the correct school uniform.
2. To ensure comfort and that the uniform meets a diverse range of needs, the children have a number of options for their daily wear.
3. All items of clothing, including shoes, should be clearly named.
4. The old dark green polo top and jacket may no longer be worn.
5. Grade 6 students are permitted to wear the Year 6 jacket throughout the year.
6. School shoes must be **totally black** in colour - no other colour is to be visible. Here are a few examples of acceptable school shoes:



I look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

God bless,

PAUL SEDUNARY  
Principal

## COMING UP THIS TERM:

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Monday 15 Feb</b> B	<b>NO SCHOOL DUE TO COMMUNITY LOCKDOWN</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL DUE TO COMMUNITY LOCKDOWN</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL DUE TO COMMUNITY LOCKDOWN</b>	Year 3 Incursion	2.30 Whole School Assembly
<b>Monday 22 Feb</b> A	Year 4 Incursion	6.00pm Year 6 Camp information evening	No School for Foundation	 Family Learning Conversations 9am -7.30pm	 Family Learning Conversations 9am-1.30pm
<b>Monday 1 March</b> B					2.30 Whole School Assembly
<b>Monday 8 March</b> A		7:00pm First Reconciliation Family Workshop	 Year 5 Mt Evelyn Camp	 Year 5 Mt Evelyn Camp	 Year 5 Mt Evelyn Camp 2.30 Whole School Assembly
<b>Monday 15 Mar</b> B	 Year 6 Phillip Island Camp	 Year 6 Phillip Island Camp	 Year 6 Phillip Island Camp Year 5 Kolbe Discovery Day		2.30 Whole School Assembly
<b>Monday 22 Mar</b> A				7:00pm Celebration of First Reconciliation	 <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> Children must wear full school uniform
<b>Monday 29 Mar</b> B	2.30 Whole School Assembly			<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>



LIBRARY NEWS



Hello Families! A warm welcome back everyone and a special welcome to all our new students.

My name is Naomi Marron (Mrs Naomi) and I am the Good Samaritan Teacher Librarian. I am also joined by Miss Rafaela, our Library Technician. We are looking forward to catching up with your children and building a love of books and reading in them.

We are lucky to have a large collection of books and each student is expected to borrow each fortnight during their Library Lesson. Children are encouraged to choose a variety of text types and genres.

The books are on LOAN to children for 2 weeks. All children are expected to look after our books by keeping them in their Library Bags when they are not reading them and to bring their Library books in their Library Bag to school on the morning of their Library Day.

Please encourage your child to take care of their books, perhaps, even have a special place their Library Bag and Books are kept.

Our Library Sessions started this week and will follow this routine:

Week A (beginning Monday 8th Feb)	Week B (beginning Monday 15th Feb)
Monday Year 3	
Tuesday Year 5	Tuesday Year 2
Wednesday Foundation	Wednesday Year 4
Thursday Year 1	Thursday Year 6

Our Library is also open before school Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 8:50am for children to return and borrow books if they need to change their books earlier. Children must go to their classroom first, put their school bag away and collect a Library Pass from their Home Room Teacher before coming to the Library.

The Library is also open after school Monday to Thursday from 3:15-3:30pm for returning and borrowing.



If you have any questions I can be contacted at: [nmarron@gsroxburghpark.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nmarron@gsroxburghpark.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you all for your support  
*Naomi Marron*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

It's important for us to have your current contact details and personal information. If anything has changed (phone number, address, emergency contact, employment details, living situation, etc.), please pass the details on to the School Office as soon as possible.

## OUR LADY'S PARISH MASS TIMES

For more parish news visit <https://www.our-ladys.org/>

<b>Saturday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
	6:30 pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
	9:30am	Good Samaritan
	11:00am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
	6:00pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Monday</b>	No Masses	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Good Samaritan
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Friday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>1st Friday</b>	7:00pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn

### Reconciliation

<b>Saturday</b>	10:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
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*It takes a Village!*



## COVIDSafe GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES



The following directions detail the measures that have been put in place to protect the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

They reflect the current health advice provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria.

These guidelines will change from time-to-time to ensure they reflect the most current advice provided by Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

### SICK OR UNWELL CHILDREN



**STAY HOME**  
If you are unwell

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, **they must not attend school.**

Unwell children must remain home and seek medical advice if required.

Any child who presents at school as either sick or unwell, no matter how mild their symptoms, will be sent home.

### VISITING THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR LEARNING VILLAGES

If you need to visit the School for any reason please:



**wear a face mask (must cover nose and mouth)**



**sanitise your hands upon arrival**



**keep your distance**



**Register your attendance**

## MORNING DROP-OFF



The school gates are opened at 8.30am

**Children are not to be at school prior to 8.30am.**

Any child who arrives at school prior to 8.30 will be sent to before school care and the child's family will be charged the full session amount.

Parents and family members are now permitted to enter the school grounds and go to classrooms - ***face masks must be worn at all times.***

***Keep your distance*** – stay 1.5 metres away from people where you can.

## AFTERNOON PICK-UP



The school gates will open at 3.10pm.

Parents and family members are now permitted to enter the school grounds and go to classrooms - ***face masks must be worn at all times.***

***Keep your distance*** – stay 1.5 metres away from people where you can.

Avoid gathering in groups while waiting for your child.

## DRINK BOTTLES

**Every child must have a water bottle** to use throughout the day at school. Due to covid safe health measures, the drinking fountains in the school yard have been turned off.

**Drink bottles need to be clearly marked with your child's name and grade.**

School drink bottles are available for purchase from the School Office. The cost of a bottle is \$5.00.

## WASHING AND SANITISING HANDS



The children will be required to wash/sanitise their hands:

- Upon every entry to the classroom (for example: at the start of the day, after going to the toilet, after delivering or collecting the office tub).
- After each specialist class.
- After each activity where shared equipment (eg: blocks, counters, scissors etc) has been used.

The children will be supervised by a member of staff when they wash/sanitise their hands to ensure it is done correctly.

Hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes are available in all learning areas and office spaces.

Parents/carers are encouraged to supply their child with a small bottle of hand sanitiser (50ml) for their personal use.



## HAYFEVER, ATHMA AND CORONAVIRUS?



Hay fever or asthma can produce symptoms similar to coronavirus such as a runny nose, cough or shortness of breath, and while good management can help prevent these, it is critical to get tested for coronavirus if these are different to your child's usual symptoms.

DHHS recommended that children with asthma, and particularly those with mild asthma, should see their GP to develop or review their asthma action plan and make sure any associated hay fever is well managed during the pollen season.

If your child suffers from hayfever it may be worth seeking advice from your GP or local pharmacist. Your doctor or pharmacist can give advice on which medication may be best for your child.

Should your child be diagnosed with recurrent hayfever, please provide the school with a medical certificate from your child's doctor.

### TESTING SITES

You and your children can get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) at either of the following nearby locations:

<b>Roxburgh Park Youth and Recreation Centre</b>	75 Lakeside Drive Roxburgh Park	Open Monday - Sunday 9am-5pm.
<b>Northern Health - Craigieburn Centre</b>	274-304 Craigieburn Road Craigieburn	Open Monday - Sunday 9am-7.30pm



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For daily updates from the Department of Health and Human Services, visit:  
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) updates](#)

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