

Patrick Estate State School

Week 6 Term 2—2020

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome back everyone!

We were all very excited to welcome back all students to school this week! School is a lonely place without kids and they definitely bring the buzz and excitement that lifts everyone's spirits. It's been great having them back and we have looked forward to getting back into normal routine.



I would like to acknowledge all our parents/caregivers for adapting to the [learning@home](https://www.learningathome.nsw.gov.au/) platforms over the previous 5 weeks; you have helped us enormously to cater for essential workers and enabled us to maintain safe, social distancing measures at school! We all have much to be proud of in minimising the spread of COVID-19 and have made a HUGE difference, so I thank you for your enormous efforts.

Until notified otherwise, we all need to work differently to minimise non-essential adults being in and around our school. It is really important that we get the balance right while adhering to physical distancing protocols.

Advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) states that physical distancing is not required for students during classroom activities. However, it is still required between adults. I therefore ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres at all times while on school grounds.

Please do not gather in areas around the school such as carparks, at the school gate or outside classrooms. In addition, please make use of our stop, drop and go area wherever possible.

Therefore until notified otherwise, we will continue the morning drop-off arrangements where students walk to their classroom from the front gate. All students are to be congratulated on this as they have been doing an amazing job every day this week!!

School Photos Rescheduled: -Due to social distancing restriction laws, School Photos have been rescheduled **Friday 18th September (Week 10, Term 3)**. More information will be distributed closer to the date.

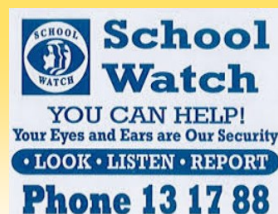
School Stream APP - Check out the new Patrick Estate SS, School APP on **school stream**:- This is still a work in progress aimed towards parents. You can receive instant notifications, news and keep up to date with events and reminders. Download instructions below:-

1. Go to App store and download "school stream"
2. Open the app and type the school name into the search bar to load the school's profile. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

What's Happening..

- 11th June 4.30pm -P&C AGM
- 15-16th June—
School Improvement Review
- 26th June -Rewards Day
- 26th June -Last day Term 2
- 13th July -BACK TO SCHOOL

TERM 3



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Every day
COUNTS!
School success starts
with attendance

On-site health and safety measures

Whilst the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advises that physical distancing is not required for students during classroom activities, these protocols continue to apply to adults in the school setting. It is important that all adults:

- maintain 1.5m physical distance from each other, including in staff rooms and offices
- conduct meetings online or via telephone wherever possible
- refrain from congregating in and around areas such as school gates, carpark and outside classrooms
- practise effective hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette

stay away from the school if unwell.

We are also continuing with a range of additional cleaning strategies across the school including increased cleaning staff and time allocations with special attention to high touch surfaces, playground equipment, male/female toilets, soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser. I want to acknowledge the cleaning staff for their enormous efforts in maintaining high standards with this.

As per current Departmental guidelines, the following areas/events will remain closed/cancelled until notified otherwise:

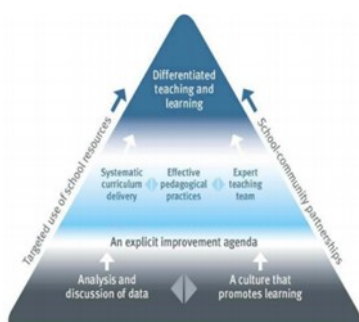
- Weekly assemblies
- Camps and other excursions/incursions
- Sporting events
- Swimming Pool

**MAINTAIN
SAFE SOCIAL
DISTANCING**



Observe a minimum 1.5 metres distance from person to person at all times.

School Review – Monday June 15th and Tuesday 16th (Term 2, week 9)



Every four years schools undertake a School Review. The last time Patrick Estate completed a school review was in 2016. This will be our second School Review process; taking place in week 9 of term 2. The reviews are an important part of how the department monitors and supports schools. The reviews are about providing schools with quality and independent feedback, tailored to the school's context and needs. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit (SIU). Reviews are undertaken by experienced educators trained in the use of the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT), a nationally recognised framework for reviewing

teaching and learning practices. The review team will consist of two reviewers (Lead Reviewer and a Peer Reviewer). Reviewers look closely at each school's performance data and speak with a wide range of staff, students, parents and community members/organisations to get an accurate picture of the school. Unlike many other review systems, schools aren't ranked or given a performance rating. Instead, the school is given a comprehensive report for consideration. The report outlines key findings and recommended improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes. Once the review is completed, I will share this information with staff and the school community. This information will help shape the school's strategic direction, as we have a new four year Strategic Plan to develop during Term Three and Four of 2020.

Developing close and supportive relationships with parents and community is critical. Not just involvement with the 'givens' - parent-teacher meetings, parent volunteers, parent involvement on assemblies, breakfast club and other events and of course, P&C involvement. At Patrick Estate we work together as a community to improve our students' reading skills, number facts, their vocabulary, building of resilience, modelling social-emotional skills and much more. Since 2017 our school improvement agenda focused on using evidence based practices to help support our student's growth in reading and writing.

School vision– To provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment to learn.



School reviews – information for parents and the community

Every Queensland state school is reviewed by the School Improvement Unit (SIU) at least once every four years. The reviews are an important part of how the department supports and monitors schools.

The reviews provide schools with independent feedback, tailored to their context and needs.

Principals use the review findings to work with their school community and assistant regional director (or principal supervisor) to develop clear actions to move the school forward.

Review process

Reviews are conducted by experienced educators trained in the use of the *National School Improvement Tool*, a nationally-recognised framework for reviewing teaching and learning practices.

Each review team generally consists of two to four reviewers, but the number of reviewers and length of review depends upon a range of factors, including the size and context of the school.

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Parent and community participation

Feedback from parents and the community is an important part of school reviews, with everyone encouraged to have their say.

You can find out when your school will be reviewed by checking the schedule on the [School Reviews website](https://www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au).

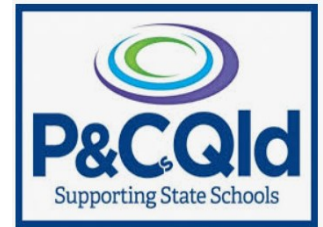
To register your interest in participating in the review, please contact your school office or email the SIU at siumb@qed.qld.gov.au.

More information

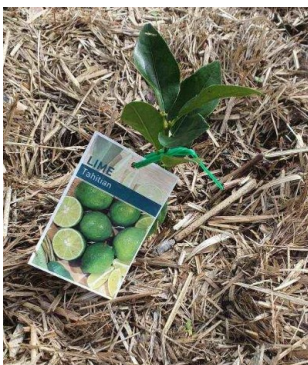
For more information about school reviews, please visit the School Reviews website at www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au or contact the SIU on (07) 3035 2217 or at siumb@qed.qld.gov.au.



P&C NEWS AGM –Thursday 11th June- 4.30pm in the school library. Please come along and contribute to your child's school. Remember, the more people who attend, the wider the variety of input into decisions and functions, and the brighter the future will be for Patrick Estate SS! A number of executive and committee positions are vacant and we encourage everyone to consider nominating to undertake one of these roles. Working with and supporting your child's school is not only rewarding but also really appreciated.



GARDEN GURU'S- We have been putting in a lot of effort and learning new things about gardening vegetables, herbs, seeds and fruit. Our gardens are coming along well and we are hoping for a bumper crop soon. Some plants we are growing are tomatoes, carrots, garlic, basil, capsicum, radish, pumpkins, passionfruit, lime and guava. We are looking for other fruits to add to our orchard and love raising our own seeds for herbs and vegetables.



Assessment and Reporting for Semester 1, 2020

As the term progresses, you may be starting to question how the learning@home arrangements may impact your child's engagement with assessment and what a Semester 1 report card may look like.

The Department of Education (DoE) has recently released guidelines to enable schools the flexibility to adapt assessment and reporting processes for Semester 1, 2020 to reflect the modified nature of learning over this time.

Patrick Estate State School is also currently planning how our Semester 1 report cards will look and what student data we will use to make the necessary academic judgements for student reporting.

At this stage, we can advise that we will not be assessing and reporting on the full suite of Learning Areas that we usually would. Students in Years Prep – Year 6 will receive a level of achievement result for English, Maths, Science and one other learning area. This learning area will be determined on an individual year level basis and parents will be notified once these arrangements have been finalised for each year level.

Reflecting the modified learning program that has been delivered, components of the report card will include:

- For Maths, English, Science and one other learning area:
- Level of Achievement
- Years 1 to 6 include effort ratings
- Overall Behaviour Comment
- General Comment

A statement will also be included that acknowledges that this semester's report card is indicative of the student's engagement with a modified curriculum program due to the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic.

With the current anticipated return of students in Years 2-6 in Week 6, and the return of Prep and 1 students this week, it is unlikely we will use the work that students have completed during learning@home to help make judgements for overall levels of achievement. The work students have completed at home will certainly inform and help guide teachers, as well as prepare students for the continuation of learning when they return to school; however, it will be more the work from Term 1 and end of Term 2 that will be the major contributor to the Semester 1 results.

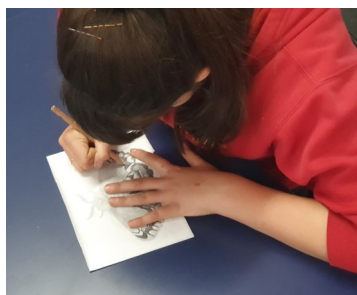
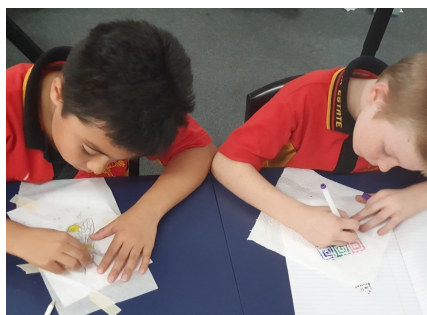
Semester 1 report cards will be emailed or sent out to parents on

Friday 17th July (end of Week 10, Term 2).



Breakfast Club is available for ALL students, every day from 8.30am until 8.55am

Year 3-6 ART Room. While we like to focus on the sound of the week, we are also honing our skills in sketch, line and blending colour. Insects, butterflies and flora are alive in the classroom.



Prep-2 ART Room– Art focus this fortnight was the sound ee (bee) and m (moon). Lots of bee's and a trip to the MOON.

