



Dandenong North Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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I wish to thank and congratulate the adults of our school community for the support and understanding they have demonstrated during these very difficult times.

We are beginning to see for ourselves the absolute infection rate of the Delta variant of COVID-19.

Children are particularly vulnerable because they are not able yet to be vaccinated. We practice good hygiene, our cleaners are particularly serious about the cleaning they undertake, our staff are all double vaccinated, we all wear masks but, still, transmission occurs. Some is probably from school but not all of it. We all need to take precautions because a lot of children who are positive do not show any symptoms. The trouble is that they are still infectious and other members of the family – adults, too, then become infected.

We are all desperate to spend teaching and learning time with our students. Disruptions are awful for our students, and if we can minimise them we will do whatever it takes.

Today is our third school closure and we just hope that it is our last. It may not be, however we need all of our parents and carers to keep in touch with See Saw, our app UPDATE or our Web-site to learn about any future closures made by the Department of Health Services. We are usually advised of a closure after “home-time” and cannot send home a letter advising of a next-day closure.

Dandenong North Primary School will re-open tomorrow – Wednesday 24th November – for students who have not been required to isolate or to get a COVID test.

I apologise for the disruption to everyone’s lives and routines and regret very much the lost learning time for our wonderful students.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Mackay

Principal