

Term Dates

2022

Term 1

Mon 31st Jan - Fri 8th April

Term 2

Tue 26th April – Fri 1st July

Term 3

18th July - Fri 23rd Sept

Term 4

Mon 10th Oct - Thur 15th Dec

School Development Days

Term 1

Tues 8th March

Term 4

**Thurs 27th & Fri 28th Oct
Fri 17th Dec**

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Term 1, Week 1 2022

A message from our Principal

Welcome back, I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. It was great to see so many parents and students attend the welcome back to Alkimos Beach last Friday. We had a terrific start to the year on Monday with super excited students and staff.

I did send out via CONNECT some information regarding the government mandates that are in place currently. As these change, I will keep our community informed via CONNECT, so please contact the office if you are having any issues with logging into CONNECT or have forgotten your password.

At the moment, the following guidelines apply to schools:

- Parents are required to wear masks when entering classrooms. Masks are not mandated when outdoors.
- Social distancing of 1.5 square metres is encouraged.
- Students are not required to wear masks but may do so if they wish.
- All staff are fully vaccinated and will be wearing masks unless directly teaching their class.
- Whole school events such as assemblies are cancelled. Interschool events and some excursions are still able to go ahead at this stage.

Thank you for wearing your masks and also to those parents that have notified us that they have a mask exemption.

To maintain our healthy environment at Alkimos Beach, students will be continuing our hand washing practices with hand sanitizer also being available to all students. We do have a day cleaner who will continue to ensure that areas are well cleaned over the course of the day.

With the reduction in our numbers this year due to Shorehaven opening, our staff have remained constant. We have only two new staff members this year; Mrs Kara Pages who will be working in the Year 1 classrooms teaching Health and Mr Scott Pierce who is our new school psychologist.

I know that we will have a great year and we are looking forward to working with all of our families.

STAFF CAR PARK CABLE GATE

Please note the **staff car park** (which is the car park to the left of the admin office) has had a cable gate barrier installed so please do not use the staff car park for pick up and drop off of students. Visitor and parent parking is available in the car park to the right of the admin office and around the school.

2022 SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thank you to those families who have already paid.

This "one-off" payment is voluntary however it will be used to supplement expenditure in the following curriculum areas: Reading resources, maths resources and ICT equipment. Over the course of the school year, the contribution of \$30 equates to 0.75c per week.

Payment can be made directly into the school's bank account (**this is our preferred method of payment**). **Details as follows:**

Account Name: Alkimos Beach Primary School

BSB: 306-182

Account Number: 0085426

Please use your child's name as a reference. If using this method of payment, please ensure that you pay monies into the school account (as above) as we have had a few parents paying money into the P & C account in error.

Alternatively, you can pay by cash or EFTPOS in the office between 8am and 4pm daily.

If you would like to set up a payment plan for 2022 at any time, for any of the fees requested, including incursions/excursions, please call into the office and see me.

Tina Barton
Manager Corporate Services

ACROD Parking Bays.

Just a friendly reminder to please be vigilant when selecting a parking bay. Please leave all ACROD parking bays available for those who require one.

Vehicles using an ACROD bay must display a current ACROD parking permit, visible through the front windscreen.

Thank you.

STATE GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS FOR COVID-19 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, all school staff are required to be double dose vaccinated before Term 1, 2022 starts.

The State Government has issued [Education Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No. 3\)](#), which are published on wa.gov.au. These Directions include vaccination requirements for visitors entering school sites.

Students are not required to be vaccinated.

Parents/carers **are not required** to be vaccinated when:

- dropping off or picking up their child from school;
- volunteering at school on an ad hoc basis;
- attending an event such as an assembly or parent teacher interview; or
- entering the school after hours.

'Ad hoc basis' means attendance at no more than one education facility no more than once per week.

Parents/carers **are required** to provide vaccination evidence (single dose vaccinated from 1 January 2022 and double dose vaccinated from 31 January 2022) or exemption when:

- volunteering at the school more than once a week (this includes volunteering at the school canteen, uniform store or an in-class literacy or numeracy program);
- working in an unpaid capacity at the school more than once a week.

The following are acceptable forms of evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or exemption:

- written confirmation of the COVID-19 vaccination issued by the Department of Health;
- the COVID-19 digital certificate, which shows only your COVID-19 vaccinations. Services Australia has information on how to [get your COVID-19 digital certificate](#);
- your immunisation history statement, which shows all vaccinations you've had. Services Australia has information on how to [get your immunisation history statement](#);
- an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Commonwealth Government. This shows the COVID-19 vaccination recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register;
- medical exemption issued by the Australian Immunisation Register; or
- temporary exemption granted by the WA Chief Health Officer.

We are committed to ensuring our school is a COVID-19 safe space. We have been provided with a clear direction of what we all need to do to keep students, colleagues, and our community safe. If you have any queries, please contact the school on 9561 7200.

Thank you for your support.

SAFKINOS SAFETY BEACH

Find the **FUN** between the flags!



WESTERN AUSTRALIA



This summer's hottest new game is Safety Beach, helping teach kids essential beach safety tips.

Play anywhere on a touchscreen device and level up your lessons about surf safety.

INTERACTIVE

Learn the rules of the beach and become a hero by saving the swimmers on screen. Each rescue puts you higher on the leaderboard.

FUN

Enjoy beach fun even when you're not near the surf. Great gameplay gives you the experience of what it's like to be a real lifesaver.

FREE

Plus, no towel or bathers needed! Download the app from the App Store or Google Play and play for free, with no in-game purchases.

Each level helps you learn about the beach.



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DOWNLOAD THE APP





Getting Results

By Professor Matt Sanders

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Getting Results

By Professor Matt Sanders

It's natural to want your child to do well at school and some parents use a reward such as money to encourage their children to get better grades. I've often heard of parents offering their child money for every "A" on their end of term report card.

One of the problems with giving children financial incentives for good end-of-term grades is that the reward comes too long after the effort is made.

Rather than waiting till the end of term, it's much more effective to set up a system of rewards which are brief and frequent and which encourage positive daily habits. These daily habits then build towards an eventual outcome, such as a good homework and study routine.

However, you can encourage children to build good study and homework habits without having to resort to offering money.

Why not try a reward such as spending time with your child doing an activity they really like? Or you could offer a special treat you know they'll enjoy. The object is to encourage good routines by giving extra attention and praise or small frequent rewards when they are doing the right thing.

When kids are struggling that little bit of extra attention can encourage them into new patterns of behaviour – and they may end up getting that A after all!

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