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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 February	1 COVID Lockdown	2	3	4	5
Week 2 February	8 WELCOME!! First day of Term 1 for students	9	10 P&C Meeting	11	12
Week 3 February	15	16	17 Staff Meeting 3-6 pm School Board Meeting	18	19 Yr 4,5,6 Assembly 8.45 ~9.00 am
Week 4 February	22	23	24 Class Meetings 5- 5.25 and 5.30 – 6 pm	25	26 Yr 1,2,3 Assembly 8.45 ~9.00 am

Dear Parents and Carers, School Board and Staff,

School open on Monday 8 February – hooray!!

Echoing the Premier, thank you all for the part you have played in observing the lock-down. Together we have all ensured the community remains COVID-clear. And with the added complication of the terrible fires, we need to congratulate ourselves. I do hope you and your families are all okay.

All schools will reopen on Monday 8 February. This will be Week Two for schools, and the School Holidays will remain the same so now effectively we have an eight-week term.

Schools will open, but with changed conditions. A Public Health State of Emergency is in place until midnight Sunday 14 February 2021, unless directed otherwise, when these changed conditions may be reviewed, depending on whether further COVID cases develop in the community.

The Chief Health Officer has emphasised that is every person's personal responsibility to adhere to conditions outlined by the Government. Our role is not to police others, but to follow directives ourselves. The [Healthy WA](#) website remains the source of truth for us, and I encourage you to refer to it whenever you feel the need.



Adults need to wear masks

Primary School Children do not have to wear masks

Masks

- Parents are required by law to wear a mask outside of their home so you will arrive at school with a mask on. Should another parent not be masked up, it is not your responsibility to police that. Keep your own mask on and keep your distance; thank you.
- Teachers wear their masks at all times UNLESS they are providing instruction to students. This does include greeting your child, where facial expressions are important to convey trust and happiness.
- Masks for primary students are not mandated, however students may wear masks at their personal discretion outside of the classroom.
- There are some exemptions on medical grounds to wearing a mask. If you feel this might be you, please check the [Healthy WA](#) website; thank you.
- Please wear your mask correctly. Check this link to correct mask wearing <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/how-to-wear-a-mask#:~:text=Make%20sure%20it%20covers%20your,inclides%20when%20eating%20or%20drinking.>



[How to wear a mask | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au)
Hi, I'm Alison McMillan, Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer. If you do decide to wear a mask you need to know how to wear it properly, to make sure it is effective.
www.health.gov.au

Parents on School Grounds

Parents may come on site, however:

- It is your personal responsibility to be masked up and to maintain social distance
- Appointments to speak to the class teacher must be pre-arranged.
- We may need to ask you to wait outside the front doors if we already have too many adults in the Front Office, sorry. Please wait to the side so that parents may exit safely.
- The Canteen will operate as usual.
- P&Cs and School Boards may meet, with social distancing and appropriate 4 square metre rule observed.
- Third parties may use school grounds with appropriate COVID plans, so our before and after school care or other extra-curricular options may continue.

Drop Off

It's the first day of school!! All that stationary.....

- All adults have the responsibility not to gather in clusters, so please hold back if the corridors, verandahs and doorways are already busy enough. Thank you.
- **Kindy and Pre-primary parents**, we know you need to deliver and collect your children at the classroom door. For this first day, please be understanding if there are already too many adults in the classroom and allow the Educators to direct you to an outdoor morning activity to do with your child. Please leave when the Educators indicate it is time to go. A hug, a kiss, remind your child you will be back, and go. Thank you.
- All other year levels, wherever possible, **please drop your child at the gates** – they know where to go and what to do, and this helps them to develop independence and resilience. However, if you need to bring your child to the class door, please mask up, socially distance, be patient, drop, then leave. Thank you.
- If you know **your child needs a special arrangement**, please email me. I can arrange an educator to be at the school gates or classroom door to support your child to transition from home to school. Our school truly cares for our students as individuals, and we will always collaborate with you for the best of your child.

and Pick up...

- **Kindy and Pre-primary parents**, I have asked the Educators to be ready for you to **collect your children** at the end of the day a few minutes earlier, any time between **2.40 and 2.50 pm**. This will ensure you get a park, can collect your child and then leave the parking space for anyone else who needs it. Please be patient, maintain social distancing and wear your mask. Thank you.
- **Years One and Two** parents may come to the Verandah or Outdoor Learning Area to collect your children - maintain social distancing and wear your mask - but staff will walk with students to the lawn area by the double gates for your convenience. Educators will supervise their students out to the double gates on Banksia Street; please maintain social distance around our gates while you wait for your children. And if your child is confident, you can direct them to wait with me at Kiss and Drive – I will look after them. Year One or Two students will be directed to me at Kiss and Drive if you are later than 2.55pm.
- **Year Three students** will either meet you outside the classrooms, socially distanced and masked up, come to me at Kiss and Drive if that suits your arrangements, or stream down to the gate at Cape Street for collection.
- **Year Four, Five and Six students** will be supervised out of the corridors by their class teachers. Please wait for them outside the building, on the Multisport Court, in the Kitchen Garden, on the Oval or in Lawley Street. The corridor is too narrow to hold the mass of humanity that streams through, and unless you have an urgent need or an appointment to see your child/ren's class teacher, please wait outside; thank you. Please direct your child to Kiss and Drive for me to supervise if that suits your family. I enjoy their company.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be brief, socially distant with every effort to encourage air flow and parents will be informed via SMS if your child is receiving a special award at any particular Assembly.

Hygiene

We are back to Phase Four guidelines, which we followed really well in Term Two and Three last year.

- Teachers will create a haven of health inside their classroom. Actions such as students using their own chairs, helping with virus management by wiping desks and chairs before each break.
- Students will be reminded to wash their hands well and will be given time to do so. In particular they will be asked to wash hands before entering class at the start of school and following every break, and students will have time to wash hands before recess and lunch. I have enough replacement soap packs to get us through, and we have new dispensers on order if dispensers get broken. Plenty of hand towel is on site.
- Sneezing into your elbow is a thing now, and
- we will continue to phone parents to collect their children if the teacher believes a student is unwell. Thank you for your support with this.

We have employed an extra cleaner who will attend school to

- disinfect all hard playground structures after each break
- disinfect any sports equipment as requested by our Phys Ed Specialist Mrs Connolly
- disinfect sports equipment used by students during breaks
- disinfect frequent touch points outside classrooms eg rails, doors, ledges.
- Check all toilets for cleanliness and any soap or hand towel replacement

I hope I have covered off most points here. Please do not hesitate to catch me for a chat, or to email my at any time beverly.innes@education.wa.edu.au. Thank you.

Staffing 2021

I am resending the Staff List, as it is more relevant now that school is starting!!

Our school community has grown due to educational excellence and urban infill– Tuart Hill is certainly a popular school of choice due to the inclusivity of our community and the excellence of our educators. Congratulations to us all! As a result of this growth, we welcome new staff in 2021:

Mrs Zoe Schaffert is stepping into the Associate Principal position for Term One 2021 while Mrs van der Wal leads Eddystone Primary School as Principal for Term one 2021. Mrs Schaffert comes to us with several years' experience as Associate Principal of the North East Metropolitan Language Development Centre. Mrs Schaffert's knowledge and experience in leading staff in diverse multicultural educational setting is already having a positive impact as she discusses individual students with our educators. She has felt very welcomed by the school staff this week and is excited to meet our students and families.

Mrs Fiona Boath is a highly experienced Early Childhood educator who is thrilled to teach our Kindy A and B classes. Mrs Boath has strengths in building relationships with her families and students and has already found a valued place in our Kindy/Pre Primary team.

Mrs Anne Rhine-Davis is has enjoyed working with us to settle into Pre Primary C. Mrs Rhine-Davies comes to us from Mundaring Primary School, and is looking forward to getting to know our school community as her previous experience includes Language Development Centres. Our team is really keen to add to our expertise with Anne's support, and I know she will be a valuable addition to our school as well.

Mr Justin Krikstolaitis is joining our Kindy/Pre-primary team too. Mr Krikstolaitis has been part of our staff throughout 2020, and we are pleased he is returning in 2021 to teach in PPB on Fridays and Kindy C on Tuesdays. Justin is already familiar with the Tuart Hill way and is a welcome collaborative staff member and meets our high professional standards.

Mrs Rebecca Catania joins our Year One Teaching Team. Mrs Catania excels in delivering a rigorous curriculum through hands-on experiences, and therefore is a welcome addition to our current expert team. Mrs Catania looks forward to engaging and inspiring her students through her targeted program and working with our staff to continue the excellent education for which Tuart Hill Primary School is renown.

Mr Craig Niman will be tandem teaching our Year Two class with Mrs Harfoushian. Also highly recommended as an expert practitioner, Mr Niman has several years of experience teaching Year Two and Three students, as well as Science. He and Mrs Harfoushian feel his strengths in Mathematics and Technologies will complement our team that values creative and critical thinking in all curriculum areas for all levels of student knowledge.

Mr Cameron Benness is teaching our Year Five/Six class on Room 4. Inspiring upper primary students to discover their talent and expand their knowledge is Mr Benness' passion. He has strong curriculum knowledge and supports student learning through positive relationships, student-centred learning and practical routines.

Mrs Schaffert, Mrs Boath, Mrs Rhine-Davis, Mr Krikstolaitis, Mrs Catania, Mr Niman and Mr Benness have enjoyed beginning to get to know us here at Tuart Hill, and are looking forward to seeing how they can add to the strong yet complex weave of the educational cloth at our school. Our educators are amongst the best in Western Australia, are experts in their field and have spent many hours preparing for a smooth start to the year.

	Class Teacher/s	Education Assistant/s
Kindergarten A Room 19	Mrs Boath Miss Lane (W)	Mrs Phillips
Kindergarten B Room 19	Mrs Boath Miss Lane (W)	Mrs Phillips
Kindergarten C Room 16	Mrs Growden Mr Krikstolaitis (T)	Ms Stone
Kindergarten D Room 16	Mrs Minorgan Miss Lane (Th)	Mrs Salleo
Pre-primary A	Mrs Deegan	Miss Russell (M,T,W) Mrs D'Amelio-Gaitan (Th, F)
Pre-primary B	Mrs Enriquez-Nau Mr Krikstolaitis (F)	Miss Richards
Pre-primary C	Mrs Rhine-Davis Miss Lane (F)	Mrs Demasi
Year One Room 15	Miss Price	
Year One Room 14	Miss Townsend	
Year One Room 13	Mrs Catania	
Year Two Room 12	Mrs Harfoushian Mr Niman	
Year Two Room 11	Miss Tomkins	
Year Two Room 10	Miss De Bellis	
Year Three Room 9	Miss Wilson	
Year Three Room 21	Mrs Donald	
Year Three Room 22	Mrs Ricci	
Year Four Room 7	Ms Teixeira	
Year Four Room 6	Mrs Snart (M,T,W) Mrs Bunker (Th, F)	
Year Five Room 5	Mr Raschilla	
Year Five / Six Room 4	Mr Benness	
Year Six Room 3	Ms McQueen	
Physical Education Specialist	Mrs Connolly	
LOTE (Spanish) Specialist	Mrs Karolien Appeldoorn	
Visual Art Specialist	Mrs Donovan	
Music Specialist	Mrs Edwards	
Science Specialist	Ms Cheeseman	
Oral Language Specialist	Miss Rice	

We thank you for your positive support; please communicate class matters directly with your child's teacher and bring any school-related suggestions or comments directly to me; thank you. I am very happy to chat about everything educational!

Student Absences

It is really important that your child/ren attend school every day. This supports children to develop routines, allows them to have expectations around how their day will go and is critical to building strong foundations for learning. Students make the best progress and achieve to their abilities when they attend school regularly. **Missing school equals missing out**, socially, emotionally and educationally.

However, we know that germs and viruses abound, and accidents occur. If your child **must** miss school, you may let us know via:

- SMS – **text 0417 931 262** – simply state your child's first name and surname, Year Level, Room Number and a brief reason eg: *Beverly Innes. Year 3 Room 21 – unwell*. Note: this is a no-reply number.

- The Website - <https://tuarhillps.wa.edu.au/information/student-absence/> - fill in the online form.
- Email tuarhill.ps@education.wa.edu.au with your child's first name and surname, Year Level, Room Number and a brief reason eg: *Beverly Innes. Year 3 Room 21 is away today as she is unwell.*
- Phone the Administration – 9413 1500

Tuart Hill Primary School works hard to support families and individuals to maintain high attendance rates. Parents may expect contact from your child's class teacher, the Front Office ladies or me, in my Principal capacity, in the event of unexplained and/or persistent absence. We care about making sure every child has the best opportunities to grow and develop and wish to work in partnership with you to maintain high attendance rates.

Our Student Attendance Policy is available on our Website <https://tuarhillps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Tuart-Hill-Attendance-Brochure-for-Parents.pdf> and, as usual, I welcome conversation with all families to make sure all our students attend every day they can. Thank you.



On line Service Agreements

Our school provides access to Department of Education online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum.

A comprehensive package can be found in your child's school bag Monday afternoon that requires your action. Please read the pages carefully as we are seeking approval for your child to be given access to these online services.

The Department's online services currently provide students with access to:

- individual email and calendar accounts;
- the internet, with all reasonable care taken by central office and schools to monitor and control students' access to websites while at school;
- online teaching and learning services such as Connect, web-conferencing and digital resources;
- online file storage and sharing services; and
- these online services at locations other than school.

If you agree to your child using these online services, please sign the Acceptable Use Agreement form and complete the permission slip attached to this letter. Please explain the content of the Acceptable Use Agreement to your child before the permission slip is signed.

Both forms should be returned to school so that an online services account can be created for your child.

Please note that while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content when using Department provided online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. Our school takes cyber-safety seriously.

Please contact Mrs Bell, Associate Principal Joe.Bell@education.wa.edu.au if you have questions regarding on-line services agreements or any other online issue; thank you.

National Schools Parent Survey 2020 – reflecting on the operations of our school for improvement in 2021.

Our school strives to be the best school in Western Australia, and as such, we seek feedback on how we are performing in your view.

I encourage you to think about your school based interactions and experiences during 2020 – a year like no other! – and previously, and let us know how well or otherwise the leadership, educators, staff and programs served you, your children and your family. **Please click this link to the National Schools Parent 2020 - 2021 Survey.**

Please paste this address <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/SurveyPreview/Index/c2c5f8d1-50ae-44e5-bbab-7a7174256ea7> into your browser if the hyperlink fails you; thank you.

My team values your thoughts and opinions, so please help us start 2021 with reflection and an attitude of continuous improvement. Your contributions help us make adjustments that will lead to a school that better fits the needs of our unique community.

Please contact the Front Office if you would like to use a school iPad or laptop to complete the survey or if you prefer a hard copy of the survey.

The survey will remain open for a few weeks, but I will share feedback trends to the School Board at our first meeting on Wednesday 17 February, so please take a few minutes to share your thoughts; thank you.

Physical Education News – Term 1 Week 1

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope 2021 is a healthy and active year for you all. We have a busy term ahead of us and it would be wonderful to see as many students taking part in the activities on offer at Tuart Hill.

Faction Swimming Carnival – Years 4-6 Friday 12th March 8.40-1pm Servite Pool (Week 6)

All students in Years 4- 6 will be participating in our Faction Swimming Carnival at Servite Pool. Information about the Years 4 – 6 swimming lessons and this carnival will be available very soon.



Interschool T20 Cricket – Years 4-6 –Thursday 18th March (week 7)

Any year 4-6 student who is interested in participating in our annual cricket competition is invited to attend training during Senior Sport. We are hoping to have coaches from the WACA coming out to assist our students with learning the rules of T20. If any parents would like to be involved in coaching or managing a team on the day, please email me.

Senior Sport (Years 3-6) is on every Friday afternoon from 2-2.50pm. There will be cricket training as well as volleyball, t ball and tennis/4 square and table tennis. We would like to see all students in their faction t shirt on Fridays. In PE the students will be learning about t ball and Mod Crosse in Term One.

Junior Sport (Years 1 and 2) is on every Wednesday afternoons and each students is encouraged to wear their faction t shirt. The sessions will be focussing this term on FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) with their classroom teacher which will reinforce what the students are learning in class in PE.

Please email me at Catherine.connolly@education.wa.edu.au if you have any questions.

Yours in Sport, *Cathy Connolly* Physical Education Specialist

Meet some of our teachers 😊 More next eNews....



My name is Fiona Boath and I am so excited to be joining Tuart Hill Primary School as one of the Early Childhood teachers.

I have been teaching for 12 years and I have enjoyed the opportunities to teach a wide variety of year groups across regional and metropolitan schools, including a Language Development Centre and an Intensive English Centre. I have a passion for building positive relationships with all students so I can effectively teach for all different abilities in the classroom. I am really looking forward to working with school staff, students and families to develop positive partnerships that enable all Tuart Hill students to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

Hi, everyone, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Anne Rhine-Davis, and I am very excited to be joining Tuart Hill Primary School. Most of my teaching experience has been in the Early Childhood setting and this year I will be teaching Pre-Primary on Mondays-Thursdays. I have just completed 6 years teaching at Mundaring Primary School; prior to this, I spent a year doing relief teaching, mainly at Guildford Grammar, and before that I taught for 10 years at the North East Metro Language Development Centre.

I am married with 2 adult sons and in my free time I enjoy cycling, sailing, painting, theatre and spending quality time with my family and friends.



I am a teacher that believes that learning starts with curiosity and we all learn better when we are active, motivated, and having fun. When I'm not at school, you'll probably be able to find me on the golf course, the cricket field, or on the many bush trails around Perth that I like to run on.

Regards, Craig Niman