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## Michael Kent - PRINCIPAL

Hi everyone,

I hope you're all keeping well and looking after yourselves and each other as much as possible. Whilst different from a normal celebration, I hope you enjoyed the recent Mother's Day weekend and made the most of the possible opportunities to acknowledge the amazing women in our lives.

You may have seen my recent Compass post outlining the preliminary considerations for the scheduled return to school. Before I outline these arrangements, I would like to firstly focus on our amazing students who have done such an amazing job over recent weeks. Their commitment and enthusiasm to the home learning program has been mind blowing! However, for our students to produce such amazing results they must be supported. To this end, I thank the hard work, commitment, support, flexibility, and patience provided by all our wonderful parents. Thank-you. Thank-you for supporting your children but also for supporting the school as you have. I also thank the staff for their dedication, flexibility and agility to respond to providing a remote learning program with such enthusiasm, professionalism and engagement.

As we work towards our students returning to school, I encourage everyone to embrace the next few weeks with a positive focus on what you can affect. In a few weeks' time students will return to school and life will start to resemble some 'normality'. Amongst the last few weeks, you will have experienced many emotions in supporting your family. Home learning has provided many challenges and your commitment to supporting your children has been fantastic. Over the next few weeks before students return, I encourage you make the very most of the days ahead. As I have shared previously, this pandemic will pass, and we will all look back and reflect on the experience. You may never have this opportunity again. To be isolated with the family, schooling from home, finding ways to engage and connect with your family without distraction. This provides a truly unique opportunity. I urge you to embrace this each day.

In saying that, we all look forward to connecting again. With recent restrictions being eased somewhat, I'm sure you will enjoy spending some time with family and friends albeit in small groups. At WHPS we are excited and looking forward to re-connecting with all our families and students.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**MONDAY 25TH  
MAY IS A  
CURRICULUM DAY**



**STUDENTS IN  
GRADES PREP,  
1 & 2  
TO RETURN ON TUE  
26 MAY**

**STUDENTS IN  
GRADES 3-6  
TO RETURN ON TUE  
9TH JUNE**

## 2020 TERM DATES

**TERM 1  
30TH JANUARY - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**

**TERM 2  
14TH APRIL - 26TH JUNE**

**TERM 3  
13TH JULY - 18TH SEPTEMBER**

**TERM 4  
5TH OCTOBER - 18TH DECEMBER**