



# Safety Bay Primary School

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## Parents and Carers

The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed of some of the changes we are intending to make to our school day. As you are no doubt aware, the school has achieved Independent Public School status. This is a very exciting time for the whole school community, but especially for the educational opportunities it can provide to staff and therefore, students. To ensure higher expectations on the staff and school, we will be making some slight changes to the times of the school day.

Firstly, we are introducing an Early Close, which will occur every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Students will be dismissed so their teachers can attend curriculum planning meetings until 4pm. I realise this may be an inconvenience for some parents and so I have negotiated for OSH Club, (our after school carers) to provide support for those families. This will be a minimal fee for the extra half hour for those already in care and a flat rate for those parents who are unable to make the 2:30 release time. This rate is also subsidised by the government. You can find out about this directly from OSH supervisors.

Secondly, school will be commencing at 8:45 each day. The reason for the change of start time is to support the Early Close for Wednesday afternoon of 2:30pm. To ensure we have the current amount of face to face learning, we are required to add the 30mins to the week. Therefore, the earlier start time.

The planning meetings that will be taking place every Wednesday will be based around the following:

1. Discussion around student assessment information related to NAPLAN and school processes. Teachers can then target students who require extra support either for learning difficulties or the higher achievers.
2. Curriculum development. With the implementation of Science, History and Geography into the curriculum, teachers will discuss how this is to occur at each year level.
3. Ascertain how the school is progressing with the Milestones that are part of the schools Business Plan.
4. Review how the whole school programs such as The First Six Weeks of school, Classroom Management Strategies, Literacy and Numeracy blocks, Guided Reading, enVision Maths, Crunch and Sip, You Can Do It program, and curriculum learning and school focus areas i.e. ICT, History, KidsMatter and Primary Connections (linking Science to Literacy).
5. Discuss the Common Assessment Tasks (CAT), which are assessments used in year levels across classes.
6. Ensuring the school's Business, School Improvement and Operational Plans are being implemented across year levels.
7. Regular staff meetings to ensure communication is consistent in classrooms and across the school.
8. Consistency across the school in regard to Reporting to Parents.

This information will be presented to the School Board for clarification and support. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss this matter further please don't hesitate to contact me, at the school, or pass on your concerns by writing to the Safety Bay School Board through the Board Chair.

Yours sincerely

Wayne McKay  
Principal

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