

## ATTENTION FAMILIES

### IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION / SCHOOL DISCO CANCELLATION

Dear families,

We have had **quite a number of cases of gastroenteritis** reported in our school. Gastroenteritis is **highly contagious** and spreads very quickly in school environments through close contact, shared surfaces, and unwashed hands.

To protect the health of all students, staff and families, **your cooperation is essential**. Any child who shows any signs of being unwell will be sent home and we need your help if contacted by the front office.

#### **What you must do:**

- **Keep your child at home if they show *any* symptoms** of gastroenteritis, including vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramps or nausea.
- **SA Health requires that children remain home for a full 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.** This exclusion period is vital to prevent further spread.
- **Remind your child to wash their hands thoroughly** with soap and water, especially after using the toilet and before eating.
- **Notify the school immediately** if your child develops symptoms so we can monitor the situation and take appropriate precautions.

Your support helps us keep our school safe and healthy, and we thank you for taking these steps seriously to protect everyone in our community.

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#### **DISCO CANCELLED**

As we are currently experiencing an outbreak of gastroenteritis, after consultation with SA Health, it has been agreed that it would be **unwise to proceed with the planned Discos this Friday evening**.

We know this will be disappointing for many children, and we share that disappointment. Please be assured that we will **reschedule the Discos** at a later date, so that students don't miss out on this much-loved event.

More information will be shared once we have a clearer picture of how the gastro situation develops over the coming days.

During this time, I ask that all conversations with our front office staff and teachers remain respectful and understanding. Our staff give an enormous amount of extra *voluntary* time and effort to make events like the Disco possible, and I genuinely appreciate the commitment they show to our students.

In situations like this, it is important that parents remain positive and supportive. Your cooperation makes a significant difference and helps us continue providing these opportunities for our children.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our school community healthy.

Kind Regards,  
Steve Freeman  
Principal