

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather the following procedures will be put into place to ensure the well-being of staff and students.

Hot Weather Policy:

Hot Weather protocols are put in place when the forecasted temperature by the Bureau of Meteorology is 38 degrees Celsius or above as determined by the Bureau of Meteorology forecast (<http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/forecasts/map7day.shtml>)

This will be announced in the Day Book at the beginning of the day and Class based teachers will not have Recess duties to ensure that all staff receive a break.

Recess Duties will be covered by Leadership and non-class based teachers and this will also be communicated via the day book.

The Oval will be closed on hot weather days. This will be communicated to students by class teachers.



During Lunch students will be supervised by their class teachers in their classrooms and where possible release each other for toilet/food/drink breaks.

Ongoing Monitoring

If the temperature at the beginning of Lunch is notably lower than expected, for example if a cool change has arrived earlier than expected, Leadership will make an announcement prior to the start of the Lunch Break, via the intercom, to cease Hot Weather protocols and resume usual arrangements for Lunch.

Wet and Inclement Weather Policy:

If the weather becomes inclement during a play session, a membership of the Leadership team will ask for the siren to be sounded: three blasts signifies 'return to class'.

If inclement weather is apparent prior to a break this will be communicated via the intercom system and at the start of play time the siren will sound three short blasts.



Ensuring that all teachers (with scheduled duty of care) get a break at least once per day the following protocols will be implemented.

Non-class based teachers and Leadership will attend each of the teaching areas releasing class teachers for a break:

If the inclement weather improves or rain ceases during a play break leadership will make a decision to resume usual play, the siren will be sounded once and staff will resume normal rostered yard duties.

Release of class based staff for breaks

Recess:

Rainforest Unit (Middle primary)- Principal
Desert Rose Unit (Junior Primary)- Deputy Principal
Wild Rosella (Upper Primary) - NITT Teacher (ICT)
Wattle Unit (Early years) – AET
Office: Coordinator

Lunch:

Rainforest Unit - Principal
Desert Rose Unit - NITT teacher (PE)
Wild Rosella (Upper Primary)- Counsellor
Wattle Unit (Early years) – Coordinator
Office: Deputy Principal

(Non-class based teachers are able to schedule breaks during learning times – if on any occasion this is not practicable the Deputy needs to be notified)

If teachers wish to organise to use one of the whole school facilities e.g. library or computer room they need to negotiate this with other staff e.g. send a note around or get the front office to use the broadcast system e.g. *Raman's class will be using the computer room*

As always staff generosity holds us all in good stead, Teachers without scheduled NIT will have first priority at being released.

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