

## NEW CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 AT BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Big Hill PS Parents, Guardians/Carers and Broader Community,

Today our school was advised that we have had confirmed cases of COVID-19 (all siblings) attend class on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. For the purpose of isolation, we are calling Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, **Day 0**. If your child was at school on either date, they have been exposed if attending the following classes: **Middle Wendy, Middle Renae/Leisha** and **Senior Lauren/Roberta**. The cases were not showing symptoms at school, however completed a test on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October - which was returned as positive late last night. Please note, transmission is not linked to our school setting (it occurred in the community on Bendigo Cup Holiday) and none of the students affected have been on site this week.

If your child has been classed as a PRIMARY CLOSE CONTACT (PCC), you will have been contacted by the school via SMS/email outlining what to do, including the need to test and isolate immediately and follow the advice of THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DH).

As the required contact notification has been done throughout the course of today and all potential PCCs contacted, we can continue to run a normal school program for children not deemed PCCs tomorrow and for the rest of the week, which is in line with the current advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer. Additional cleaning at school is routine every day, however, I have organised further attention to detail tonight before school returns tomorrow. Please also remember that masks are encouraged for children in Prep – Year 2 and are mandatory for those in Years 3-6.

Middle Wendy, Middle Renae/Leisha and Senior Lauren/Roberta will be running lessons remotely for the remainder of this week and all of next week. Please email your child's teacher to confirm arrangements beginning tomorrow. Today has of course been busy for students and staff affected with lining up to get tested.

Finally, the privacy of the family affected is of the utmost importance. Our focus is therefore on hoping the family affected are doing well, make a speedy recovery and are back on deck at Big Hill PS in a few weeks time.

Kind regards,

***Matt Pearce***  
**Principal**