



First Day of School Parent Information

We are asking your assistance to please read this information very carefully.

We are excited to be opening for the first day of the 2018 school year and providing amazing learning opportunities for our beautiful children in our sensational new facility.

- The site has experienced major delays due to heat, wet weather and major utility services being held up.
- **This is not the fault of the school staff** and we really seek your support and patience to help us to get started with the children.
- Staff have been working at the school since the 3rd of January on weekdays to do the best we can. Thank you in advance.
- Students enter the school site via two entry points-
 - ☺ Fenwick Street (adjacent to the Jillian Graham Hall).
 - ☺ Newcombe Street (adjacent to the basketball court **NOT** the new front entrance)
- Entry to the learning areas, visits to classrooms and tours of the building for parents of enrolled children will be held in Week 3. **Until this time, parents can field all enquiries to staff through the front office ONLY.**

Please do not enter via any other doors.

Monday 29th of January 2018

- School Closed for Staff Induction.
- Phone Calls taken between 11am and 12.30pm only.
(please be patient as we only have one phone line)

Tuesday 30th of January 2018 (everyday until further notice)

7am

- Kelly Club Before School Care open- Enter via Fenwick Street

8.30am

- Office Open
- Students may be dropped off at school via the two entry points listed above.

8.50am

- Basketball Court- all children are line up in their home groups with their 2018 teacher.
- Teachers will lead the children to their new learning spaces.
- **Parents are required to remain outside the buildings.**



Background and Current Process

1. We have taken possession of Stage 1 as of today (Thursday 25th of January 2018). (Yay! We have received our keys,)
2. Staff Induction to learn about the new site commences on Monday 30th of January.
3. Staff are learning about the new environment and their priority is to transition the children as smoothly as possible.
4. Whilst we understand our school community is excited to see and experience our new school, the **Top Priority is ALWAYS the CHILDREN.**
5. Children have different responses to change and it is imperative that the staff are focussing on them.
6. 26 staff are on duty at the school.

Moving Forward

1. We commence with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework with the children straight away.
2. When we are confident that the staff and children understand our processes and procedures, we will be able to invite parents of enrolled children to view the learning spaces.
3. Stage 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the school upgrade is occurring at the same time.
4. Over term 1 the following projects are occurring-
 - a. Re-installation of the portables.
 - b. Demolition of the old buildings.
 - c. Refurbishment of the Heritage Building.
 - d. Reinstatement works to the school grounds including development of the new playing field (hydro-seeding of the Fenwick Street grassed areas is due to occur on the 5th of February).

We really appreciate that you are all so supportive and patient of the staff of Portarlinton Primary School. We will ensure that our beautiful children have the most amazing start to 2018 in our new school facilities. Thank you so much!

See you Tuesday!

Lesley Allbutt (principal) and the Port Primary Crew!