

Term 2 Week 1
Thursday 30 April 2020



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APRIL	WHAT'S ON
Tuesday 27 April	Start of Term 2 – Remote learning 2021 Round one online enrolments Open
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Wednesday 6 May	School Assembly – 2:15pm 'Latham Link Live' (link will be set out next week)

Correspondence home
Online Learning Resource https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/act-home-learning/resources-to-support-home-learning
Term 2 Overviews – emailed on Tuesday 28 April
Remote Letter of Term 2 Information

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Dear families,

Welcome back to term 2! Thank you for your patience and understanding in this time of significant change for teaching and learning. It may sound like an easy task to transfer to an online platform but believe me when I say that it has been a very steep learning curve for many of us. I am tremendously proud of all our staff who have learnt new skills in the ICT world over the past 6 weeks. Feedback from parents tells me that there has been a lot of learning happening at home as well!

Attendance

We have been advised by the Education Directorate that during the Learning from Home period, that daily attendance is defined as *contact established with the student or parents/carers*.

Methods to establish contact to mark student attendance is as follows;

	Student check in through video conferencing platform (i.e. Google Hangouts or Classroom), participating in a chat, accessing learning or submitting a task.
	Staff member has verbal response from a parent/carer or independent student. This can include a phone call, voicemail or video conference. Staff member making a phone call should use a designated school phone or ensure that caller ID is blocked.
	Email has been received from parent/carer or student independent student.
	Parent/carer has sent an SMS message to designated school phone/service (can include a response to school SMS alert). Staff should not contact families or students using a personal mobile device as caller ID is not protected.

Teachers submit their class roll using our School Administration System (SAS) by 12 noon. Notifications to parents will be sent around 1pm. If we are unable to make contact with families, we are still required to follow up to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all students.

Our preferred method for marking attendance is through an attendance question posted on Google Classroom. Alternatively, a link has been provided via Seesaw, and teachers checking other contact methods.

Consecutive days without contact	School follow up actions
1-2 days	Continue to follow school established daily check in methods with student or parent/carer. Ensure an SMS is sent every day the student is marked absent.
3 days	If on the 3rd day , no contact has been established through the daily check in method, a direct phone call should be made to the parent/carer. If a phone call is your daily check in method, proceed straight to the next action.
Over 3 days	If after 3 days , there has still been no contact, <u>Letter A</u> is sent to the family from the Contact Teacher. This should be emailed (or posted if email not appropriate).
Over 7 days	If after 7 days , there has been no contact, <u>Letter B</u> should be sent by the Deputy Principal/Principal. This should be posted and emailed.
Over 14 days	If after 14 days , there has been no contact, <u>Letter C</u> should be sent by the Principal. This should be posted and emailed.
Over 18 days	If after 18 days , there has been no contact a referral to NSET: Learning from Home should be made.
20 days	If in 20 days there has been no contact, a voluntary CYPs report should be made. (A CYPs report can be made at any time. If there is a concern, schools should not wait until 20 days of no contact before a report is made. After 20 days of no contact, a voluntary report must be made).

Enrolments for 2021

Enrolments for the 2021 school year opened at 6am Tuesday 28 April and close at 5pm Friday 5 June. It is important to note that this is an 'enrolment window', where enrolments are submitted. Offers for places in 2021 are sent based on an enrolment criteria, not 'first in best dressed'.

The online enrolment application and further information about enrolment are available on the Education Directorate Website www.education.act.gov.au.

Do I need to complete an online enrolment for my child?

The answer is yes if you meet any of the following criteria;

- Your child turns 4 before 30 April 2021, they are eligible to enrol for preschool in 2021.
- Your child is currently attending Latham Preschool however you lived out of area at the time of enrolment last year. Your letter of offer would have indicated this. You may apply to enrol you child at Latham for Kindergarten in 2021, however there is no guarantee that the enrolment will be successful.
- If you have moved out of area and would like your child to attend their new in-area school.

If your child is currently enrolled at Latham Preschool and you lived in-area at the time of enrolment or there are siblings currently enrolled at the K-6 site, you are not required to submit an enrolment.

Enrolment applications made between 28 April 2020 and 5 June 2020 will receive an offer from 27 July 2020.

Applications made after 5 June will receive their offers later in the year.

Click the link below which is a video that Melissa Mongan posted on Seesaw about a 'Values Challenge'. This is a really great way to keep our focus on displaying our school values no matter where we are.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XbH3UrgOsvBnKnwzVarQf1gmc92rMVOY>.

Be kind to each other,

Regards,
Karen



2021 school enrolments now open



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1. **Go to education.act.gov.au** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
2. **Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021



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If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

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