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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 16th March 2020

Dear Parents

The current situation regarding the spread of Coronavirus is a situation that is different to any that we may have faced before. The Department of Education is working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure schools are provided with the latest information and that decisions are being made in the best interests of all students and school communities.

At present, the advice is that **schools will remain open** unless a case of confirmed case Coronavirus is detected in students or staff.

The Department is providing schools with daily updates as decisions can change daily depending on the circumstances within the wider community.

Whilst our school is operating, we know that there will be parents concerned about what actions are being taken.

At present these are the actions being implemented at DSPS:

- Regular in-class discussions to answer student concerns and re-assure them of their health and safety
- Regular hand-washing, provision of soap dispensers in each classroom
- Regular reminders and education about coughing/sneezing into tissues or elbows
- Regular education about maintaining safe distances and reducing physical contact
- Use of media clips and videos to assist students with knowledge about the virus
- Regular monitoring of Department of Education advice and daily updates.

Schools have been advised to **cancel or postpone all excursions and non-essential out of school activities** commencing from Tuesday 17th March. This means that our **District Sports Day next week has been postponed** (until further notice) and that organised events such as our Years 3-6 Camp will possibly be affected.

We have been advised today that **Farm World has been cancelled**, therefore our delivery service will no longer be required for 2020.

At this stage, the following school events are **NOT AFFECTED** and will go ahead as planned:"

- Wednesday 18th March - School Council Meeting 7.30pm

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- Friday 20th - Harmony Day Picnic and School Assembly
- Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March - Parent-Teacher Interviews 3.30-6.30pm

We will endeavour to keep parents informed as new information becomes available.

Please check our school website www.drouinsouth.vic.edu.au and also the Department of Education Website <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/> for daily updates.

If your child is sick, we ask that they remain at home in the interest of all students, staff and community members.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

MICHAEL SMITH

Principal

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