

False Bay School

False Bay School is a place that encourages personal and global harmony and love of learning in a spirit of joy and respect



Vice Principal Ms McKinnon's Message: Silver Linings

If it is true that every cloud has a silver lining, then this COVID-19 era we are living through, being a very dark cloud, must have some brighter spots somewhere. Certainly it has afforded us time with our families and an appreciation for our good fortunes and that of our parents, our children, and all those we care about. It has brought to light a number of weaknesses in society that will surely be addressed in years to come, including the vulnerability of the elderly, the homeless, our food supply, and those front line workers who support us. Another silver lining has been in seeing the goodness that can come from us all working together toward a common goal. And then there are the reports out of China, India, and Los Angeles indicate a noticeable reduction in air pollution in just 8 weeks of reduced traffic volumes.

In education, we have tried to be responsive to student and family needs while recognizing that the full richness of the classroom experience cannot be replicated over an internet connection or a phone line. As we begin to transition back into schools, we trust parents' judgments about what is best for their kids. Children are invited back into schools on a part-time basis as of June 1. We don't expect that every family will accept the invitation, but for those who do, you should know that new protocols will be in place that involve social distancing, strict handwashing procedures, and extra cleaning measures.

Whether we see your child back in school in June or September, we look forward to seeing them. Through this pandemic, we parents have definitely come to appreciate the work of teachers, and value the breadth of learning kids get from us all being together at school.

What's been happening at FBS since Spring Break?

Our wonderful and dedicated custodian Gordon, has been hard at work at False Bay school, since school broke up for Spring break. Gordon has been taking extra measures to make sure all the surfaces and high-touch areas inside our school cleaned to a very high standard and are thoroughly disinfected after each use. Access to the school has been restricted and only staff have been allowed to enter the building, with permission, to maintain such high hygiene and safety standards. We have an entry log in our foyer so that any staff that enters our school must sign in, record their time of entry and exit and record exactly where they have been. Gordon then carries out his regular custodial work with extra attention to disinfecting the areas listed.

Upcoming Dates

June 1 – Kids invited back to FBS

June 25 – Last Day/ Reports

September 8th – Back to School





Our classrooms are super clean! Thanks Gordon! Both Ms Kimi and Ms Anna are preparing to have some students back here in June so that we can all get used to our new way of learning in a shared but safe, environment.



Additionally, the children of Essential Services Workers have been provided Childminding here at the school. Jaya Damaru has been providing a mix of indoor and outdoor activities while ensuring the children follow the required safety protocols that include regular hand washing and social distancing. She always marvels at how fast every day whizzes by!

HOT LUNCH is over for this school year so please remember to pack your child a lunch and some snacks if they are returning in June. If you owe any Hot Lunch \$ please settle up as soon as you can. If there are any difficulties please let us know and we will try to assist.

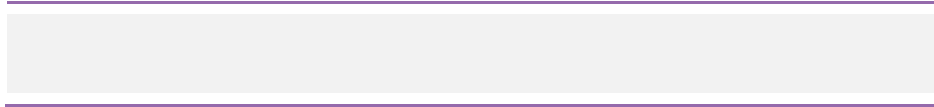
Resources to Help Support Your Child

Providing children with a little guidance and extra nurturing can help reduce their stress levels during the pandemic. Be supportive when listening to their concerns and questions. For more information on how to support your child, see the following resources. (Right click, “open hyperlink”)

talking-children-about-covid-19.html

[CYMHSU CoP - Managing Anxiety and Stress in Families with Children and Youth COVID-19 \(ID 322929\).pdf](https://www.cymhsu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CYMHSU-CoP-Managing-Anxiety-and-Stress-in-Families-with-Children-and-Youth-COVID-19-(ID-322929).pdf)

[CAMH COVID19 infosheet-talking to kids pdf.pdf](https://www.camh.ca/en/children-youth/COVID-19-infosheet-talking-to-kids.pdf)



Planning on your child returning to School on June 1st?

- Half- time School
- Extra time for children of Essential Service Workers
 - Lots of Outdoor Learning
 - Strict Handwashing Protocols
 - Extra Deep Cleanings in place
- Physical Distancing measures instructed and encouraged / supervised
 - Limited Handling of materials, cleanings after use
 - Please remember to pack lunch /snacks

Check out [K-12 Education Restart Plan](#) for more information on how our school system plans to re-open



Whether you plan on sending your child back to school on June 1st or September 8th, your decision is respected and we look forward to seeing your child at either time.

We are all in this together !

Take Care From all the Staff at FBS