

WALKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hot Weather Policy

DEFINITION

The following procedures occur on days of extreme heat, ie 37C or greater forecast at 8am on the day.

RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS

Students may go out for recess if the temperature has not reached 37C by 11.00am, but are encouraged to remain under shaded areas. Only low-key activities are encouraged.

Students and staff should remain indoors at lunchtime on “Hot Weather” Days.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

PE lessons will be modified to accommodate the heat. The PE teacher will have priority for using the school gym on “Hot Weather” days to enable the program to continue.

LUNCHESES

All students should store their recess or lunch inside the classroom. It is unsafe to store lunches in bags outside the classroom when the weather is above 30C.

REDUCTION IN TEMPERATURE DURING THE DAY

If the temperature dips due to a cool change during the day, teachers will be notified that we are reverting to normal school procedures.

If the temperature dips later in the day, teachers may organise an afternoon recess break of 10 minutes for their class at a time that suits them. Buddy classes are suggested.

HOMEWORK

Students will not be set any written homework on these nights.

SCHOOL SPORTS AND PRACTICES

On “Hot Weather” days sporting matches and practices are cancelled when the temperature is forecast for 37C or above.

Many school teams practice late afternoon and play after school. This usually means the sport is played at the hottest time of the day.

Exceptions to this rule are possible, eg an air-conditioned stadium or for practice or matches that start and finish early in the day (eg. Before school practices).

Exemption to this policy may be approved by the Principal, but it is the coach’s responsibility to communicate this to players and parents.

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