

WALKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WET WEATHER POLICY

CONTEXT

The school will implement the Wet Weather Policy when it is raining or when there has been significant recent wet weather that affects playground conditions.

There may also be times where very bleak weather anticipates impending rain.

Teachers accept 'Duty of Care' commencing at 8.30 am when the first bell rings, and concluding at 3.45pm, when children go home, sports practices or Out of School Hours Care.

BEFORE SCHOOL – WET WEATHER

Morning duty in the main yard operates as usual until the duty teacher rings the bell continuously to signify Wet Weather Policy.

Classroom teachers

-will assume responsibility for their own classes in rooms.

Traffic duty teachers

-continue their traffic duty. Teachers in neighbouring classes will extend their supervision until the traffic duty teacher arrives at the class.

The bell will NOT ring again for children to go outside.

RECESS & LUNCH – WET WEATHER

Duty teacher on paved area makes the decision to ring the rain bell continuously to signify Wet Weather Policy.

Children in the yard, including library, will go straight to their classroom.

Class teachers

-at least one teacher of each neighbouring class pair supervises children in their classroom.

Senior and Specialist Staff

-will assist where there are no neighbouring arrangements, including time out.

Time-Out Duty Teacher

-will go to class and a specialist teacher will remain with the children in the time-out room for the remainder of the first lunch period.

The specialist teachers will maintain their own roster of doing this relief duty.

RESUMPTION OF NORMAL DUTY

Teachers of Year 6/7 classes will monitor the conditions and determine if a resumption of the recess or lunch is possible. They will appoint a monitor to ring the siren and another to notify the more distant classrooms.

Duty Teachers

-are to resume their yard duty as per the published yard duty roster. Neighbouring class arrangements should consider this resumption possibility.

AFTER SCHOOL – WET WEATHER

Duty Teachers

-will remain on duty in paved area and at traffic crossings. Umbrellas are available.

After-school sports coaches will determine if practices go ahead. The school office is available for emergency contacts.

Where a practice is cancelled the office staff will notify the children affected.

Kelly Sports has a policy of finding an alternative shelter and their sessions remain.

PAVERS DAY

After periods of recent rainfall, grassed areas may become water-logged or muddy.

Pavers Day will be decided by Senior Staff and written in the Staff Day Book and placed on the staff room white board.

If this is decided during the day, then a notice will be sent around to classes.

The playgrounds are available on Pavers Days but the sandpit grassed areas are closed. Small-ball games are limited to courts. Puddles should be avoided.

Grassed Area teachers will assist on the courts and playgrounds.

Oval duty teachers are to circulate in the gym and paved area for the (almost) double duty to help supervise older students.

GYMNASIUM USE

The school's Phys Ed program will be given priority for use of the gym at all times, except Choir Sessions and external special bookings.

Year 7 students will have sole use of the gym during lunch play on declared Pavers Days. The rostered year levels will vacate to enable this. Ball games will generally use 'soft' balls.

WALKERVILLE OVAL (MON-THURS)

Continued rain and excessive use by sport teams may render Walkerville Oval very muddy. On such days the oval duty may be closed with the children remaining at school.

Oval Duty Teachers will assist in the gym and in the paved yard.