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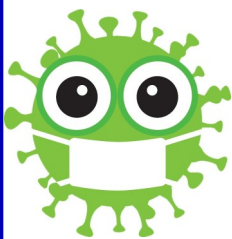
TERM 4

WEEK 2

### Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carers

#### A managed return to school during COVID 19 – Guidelines for families



Next Monday 18 October 2021 will see the beginning of Phase 3 plus. All students will be returning to school every day and classes will resume. We are so looking forward to having the students back in the classroom and together again. Many information sheets and details of the safe return plan has been sent out already.

On Monday, students are asked to return their school laptop, charger, dongles to the front office. Students are required to also bring their own lunch / recess, refillable drink bottle and hat.

Students are expected to attend school from their designation return to school date unless they are unwell or have even with mild symptoms of COVID -19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Find your local [testing clinics](#).

Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites. All essential visitors are required to sign in

### CALENDAR DATES

#### WEEK 3 - TERM 4 2021

Mon 18 Oct **Students return K — 6**  
Library

Thur 21 Oct Student Banking

#### WEEK 4 - TERM 4 2021

Mon 25 Oct Library

Thur 28 Oct Student Banking

Fri 29 Oct Athletics Carnival

using the school's Service NSW QR code. All visitors are required to wear a face mask or covering in accordance with the Public Health Order.

We expect all families to stay in their car and utilise the kiss and drop zone. To ensure the safety of our students in the afternoon we have arranged designated areas for pick up. We ask that parents do not gather at the top of the steps but wait in the car. Students getting picked up will be walked to the blue zone to meet with their parents at their car. The students catching the bus will be walked to the yellow zone to meet the bus.

Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.

All visitors are required to wear a face mask or covering in accordance with the Public Health Order and report to the office to sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

Parents should remain outside of school grounds and adhere to mask-wearing requirements.

We thank you for your understanding and support during this time. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

## Term 4

We are looking forward to many exciting initiatives this term. We have the school Athletics Carnival, two PBL Reward Sessions, School Public Speaking, Fun-a-thon and Year 6 Farewell just to name a few. We hope that some of the restrictions ease and parents and community members can be on site to join us for some of these events. Keep an eye out for dates in the newsletter for upcoming events.



### NSW Teachers Federation Tree Levy Grant



Over the last few months our school has been successful in receiving a NSW Teachers Federation Tree Levy grant. With the support of Cora's mum, Vanessa we received \$100.00 that will contribute to the establishment of a new garden area within the school.

### 2021 Harmony Day Poster Competition

We had a number of students enter into a Harmony Day Poster competition earlier this year. I would like to congratulate Melinda, Brock, Sarah and Kadence on receiving a 'Certificate of Participation'. A great effort.



### Central Mangrove Public School Public Speaking

All students had the opportunity to prepare a speech early last term during at home learning. Our students will be invited to present their prepared speeches to their class on return to school and 2 representatives from each class will have the opportunity to then present at the school assembly. I know it is some time ago that the students prepared their speeches however we look forward to hearing what they have to say.

### A poem by Abdullahi

Magpie



Magpies look like a bird as alarming as an alarm clock.  
Magpies sound like harsh wind chimes clanking.  
Magpies smell like leaves of a tree and feathers of a bird.  
Magpies feel like razor sharp claws and warm feathers.

Magpies taste like danger to those who mess with them.

Libby Cullen  
Principal

### From the Office



Due to COVID 19 and going into lockdown, NAIDOC Day and ZooSnooz excursions have been cancelled.

A note will be sent home to families who have paid for these excursions to complete so a refund can be given.

Please complete the form/s and return to the school office before **Friday 22 October** so processing of refund can be made.



## School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds! [External link](#)
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate](#). [External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services. [External link](#)

Watch our short [parent video](#) [External link](#) to see how it works for parents or our [contractor video](#) [External link](#).

### Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit [School Visitor Check-in](#) on the department website.



## Library News

A big thank you to Makayla Meredith and her family for a very generous donation of beautiful books! There is a huge variety from picture books to popular novels. We are busy behind the scenes preparing the books for students to borrow. Hours of reading time... many thanks!



Books Returning!

To all our students who have returned their books from **Term 2**...well done! Thank you to those students who are still on the hunt at home for school library books. Good luck, we hope you find them!

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) certificates will be given out this term, to students who completed the challenge. This automatically includes all students from Years K-2



Thank you Mrs Cunningham for the new ANZAC picture book we have in the library. 'Lest We Forget' by Kerry Brown will be the perfect read for Remembrance Day this November.

Last but definitely not least, thank you Ms McDonald for all the book covering you do behind the scenes. You are becoming a library legend!!



Mrs Jones





## What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect.

### Key dates for our staged return

While we know there is excitement about the return to school it's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- from 18 October – all students return

### Our school's COVID-safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.

### Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

Our school is a small school and considered to be one cohort

### Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and strongly recommended for

students indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating. Staff and students should bring their own mask where possible.

### Vaccinations

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.

### Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.

### School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events.

### Covid Communication

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

The school Facebook page, Class Dojo and email will continue to be our means of communication.

### Orientation and transition to school

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.

More information about Term 4 and the return to school is available at [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)



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- Make sure the ear loops are firmly in place
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