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TERM 4

WEEK 4

### Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carers

It is wonderful to have everyone back at school and face-to-face learning again. The students have been having a wonderful time catching up with their friends and playing in the playground. Their attitude to learning has been fantastic and students have settled back in quickly to school and classroom routines.

#### Selective High School Placement Year 7 2023

Selective high school placement process for placement in Year 7 in 2023 Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 are now open. Applications will close on 17 November 2021. Find information about the application and placement process and apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022. The application dashboard system enables parents to log in to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the High Performing Students Team through the system's 'messages' feature.

Parents having difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the High Performing Students Team by email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) or by calling 1800 880 367. Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

#### Tell Them From Me Survey

We would greatly appreciate your feedback.

**Tell Them From Me**  
Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of

#### CALENDAR DATES

##### WEEK 5 - TERM 4 2021

Mon `1 Nov	Library
Wed 3 Nov	Breakfast Club
Thur 4 Nov	Student Banking
Fri 5 Nov	Breakfast Club

##### WEEK 6 - TERM 4 2021

Mon 8 Nov	Library
Wed 10 Nov	Breakfast Club
Thur 11 Nov	Student Banking Remembrance Day
Fri 12 Nov	Breakfast Club

#### UPCOMING DATES

Tue 16 Nov	Kindy Transition
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surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is

entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm).

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cmeps21>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

### World Teachers Day



Thank you to our wonderful teachers Mrs Cunningham, Mrs McCloud, Mrs Hardy and Mrs Jones at CMPS.

### CMPS 2021 Debating Team

Congratulations to Paige, Gabriella, George, Elise, Ronnie and Max on their commitment and effort in the school debating team. They worked closely with

Mrs Hardy to participate in 4 debates in an interschool debating competition.



Libby Cullen  
**Principal**

### 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!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate](#).
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

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

### 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.







## 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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