

Week beginning Monday 13 September, 2021. Learning from home Level 4.

Term 3 ends on Friday 17 September, 2021.

Have a safe and restful holiday break.

OATLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL IS TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2022.

Please go onto our website as enrolment for Kinder 2022 is now online. We are starting a data base so we can begin to make contact with our prospective parents.

Packages are starting to be sent home to our prospective Kindergarten students for 2022. On receipt of these packages we will be scheduling appointments at the school for parents to come in with enrolment documents and also to look at our school uniform for sizing and ordering. Parents will also receive a gift pack of information about Oatley Public School. We have also added a Kindergarten enrolment tab onto the front page of our website to have any information accessible to parents for easy enrolment.

We are not sure of having a Kinder Orientation opportunity this year due to the health regulations so we will inform parents as next term progresses. Most importantly is to get your enrolment and connect to our school community.

OUR SCHEDULED ROSTER FOR TEACHERS CONTINUES UNTIL THE END OF THIS TERM.

I want to acknowledge the scheduled teachers who have supervised our essential students this term. They have had multi aged group of students as well as multi stage programs and zooms to support. They are also carrying a full days playground duty load between two teachers per day. I am grateful for these scheduled teachers who have made this term as positive as they could for our essential students.

LEARNING FROM HOME

It has not been an easy environment to work in as teacher connection to students and relationships to student peers has really had an impact on our students learning. I know the teachers have been working extremely hard to be creative, explicit in their plans and address wellbeing which is not an easy task when you have 25 – 30 unique individuals that you are working with. I know that there is transparency on Class dojo where teachers ask if there is anything that may be difficult or challenging that your child/ren may be facing in this LFH period. Thank you to parents who have actioned this to teachers so that they can reflect on this feedback because we only know if we are told. Thank you too for the amazing positive comments parents write and students write to their teachers about their learning. What a wonderful way to showcase our learning through our Wellbeing Wednesday and LFH activities that our students post online so we can share with all our Oatley community.

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We are understanding how we as learners are successful and the teachers have worked throughout this term to keep the momentum of our learners. We refer to our Learning

Disposition Wheel and understand that – Interpersonal, Intrapersonal and Cognitive dispositions are needed especially throughout this COVID environment. Although we provide challenges to our students in weekly LFH activities, we need to make sure we always connect these behaviours to life long learning behaviours. So a huge shout out to students who maintained GRIT and FOCUS, who may have showed INFLUENCE and EMPATHY and who had a high expectation of themselves to produce quality work which would make themselves proud of their achievement.

Engaging in learning is essential for student attendance.

As we start the downhill climb back into face to face teaching the teachers are required to write an end of year report on your child. This year encompasses a unique year made up of a semester of students' work in the face to face setting, a term and a quarter of LFH and three quarters back into face to face teaching. It has been important that priority tasks are completed and attendance is marked daily that is why we have connected both these expectations.

We need to ensure our students are engaged in their learning. Many teachers are also ringing parents to check in if LFH work is not being completed or we have not heard from you or your child over a few days because we need to see evidence of your child's learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Term 4 begins again with LFH for students on Tuesday 5 October, 2021 when teachers also return to work. Under public health orders at the time we hope staggered grade groupings begin from Monday 25 October 2021.

COVID UPDATES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Updated information from Oatley PS will continue through website and school stream posts especially alerts and newsletter for whole school communication.

Regards

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Principal