

Week beginning Monday 1 November 2021 Week 5 Term 4

We are so grateful for all our students in their return back to school. A reminder that our school is still in Level 3 plus so we are hopefully waiting for us to move to Level 3 where more activities can occur.

OUR SCHOOL'S COVID-SAFE OPERATIONS

Our students are working so well within their class cohorts and on the playground with their grade cohort. Understandable we have composite classes but health regulations for safety and contact tracing were our priority in the groupings. Our teachers are so supportive as they manage daily duties to support these health regulations on the playground as they have tripled for all staff.

ATTENDANCE

Students who have not returned teachers have made contact and provided links to their continued learning as described below.

A school stream alert was sent Thursday 14 October to all community members. Please read this information as it does impact on your child's attendance as from the next couple of weeks when all students have returned back to school. NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education by returning students to school have prioritised the safety and wellbeing of our students. The information provided for attendance is the expectation that our school must follow.

If LFH plans need to continue for some students who have a medical certificate, teachers will provide a link to the parents to the DET LFH website for parents to access for their child/ren. Work from these LFH plans will need to be uploaded daily to the class teacher to be marked as attending. If a student does not return and does not have a medical certificate then teachers will mark the student as absent.

VENTILATION

Last weekend before all students returned I worked with DET to ensure our rooms were to the expected standard of ventilation. All classes were able to stay in their usual classrooms as windows and doors opened created the appropriate areas for ventilation.

CANTEEN

The Canteen have worked with our staggered lunch breaks this week which we are very grateful. Our GA will trolley the lunch orders over to the north site for Class cohorts to receive. 3-6 will access lunch orders for Class cohorts from allocated areas in front of our hall. **THERE REMAINS NO COUNTER SERVICE.**

COVID COMMUNICATION: IMPORTANT REPEATED INFORMATION

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a

confirmed case of COVID-19. This communication will be via the school website and through alert on the School Stream APP.

If the school is to close, we will provide links for our students to the DET HUB LFH website.

Community will then be notified by the same school website and School Stream APP alert process when we can return to face-to-face learning.

Each case can vary so after the school notifies the DET hotline we are guided by NSW Health. We have just been through these procedures and no communication can be provided to the community until it has been authorised by health and education department.

Further communication will be to parents by **BEST EMAIL** contact which we are asking parents to complete to update our ERN data base. A link to provide this updated information was sent by school stream Friday 22 October 2021. This communication will be personalised for **close contacts and casual contacts**. A generic letter will be for monitoring. We needed this communication

Our school phones will have a message saying the school is non operational as no one is here to answer them. Teachers will also be able to maintain contact through Class Dojo to parents if needed.

To ensure that you receive the information you need, please make sure that your contact details, including phone numbers and email addresses, have been updated with our office as we are now cross checking your details with our enrolment data.. You can do this by phoning our school on 95805519

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school. **PARENTS ARE NOT TO ENTER SCHOOL SITES UNLESS HAVING AN APPOINTMENT** therefore will go straight to the office to sign in. Sign in is through QR code specific to Oatley Public School.

SCHOOL DROP OFFS NORTH SITE: Thank you our students and parents have been really supporting us.

All K-2 students as they return next week will have one entry point on Neville Street. It will be at the stairs going into the north site playground and will have a teacher to meet and greet our students. We are asking that only one parent accompany their child./en to this entry point and then move away as quickly as possible to maintain social distancing practices. Another teacher will be on the north site playground supervising and directing students into their allocated Grade cohort spaces. The gates will not be opened until 8.50am normal school operational time.

SCHOOL DROP OFFS SOUTH SITE : Thank you our students and parents have been really supporting us.

Entry points will be Letitia Street and Neville Street for 3-6. One staff members will be at each entry point (Letitia and Neville Street) south site and a teacher will be in a supervisory

role to guide students to allocated class cohort areas. **Students should not be arriving before 8.50am as the playground is not supervised.**

DISMISSAL at 3.20pm to COLLECT K-2 from NORTH SITE will be at specific class cohort points on Neville Street. Thank you our students and parents have been really supporting us.

Teachers will be bringing their class cohort out from various exit points to meet parents on Neville Street. There are allocated class signs where parents can meet their child. Class teachers will elaborate on class cohort. Again one parent will allow for social distancing in this pick up area and also allows for parents to quickly sight their child and leave. PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE TOGETHER ON NEVILLE STREET as we need this street to be cleared as quickly as possible. We are trying not to have staggered times for dismissal because each day of losing teaching learning time impacts on our children.

DISMISSAL at 3.20pm 3-6

Our 3-6 students will exit from the closest exit point for them to get home. We know some students need to pick up younger siblings or meet parents who are picking up younger siblings. Parents please organise the best meeting point for your older children to meet you which supports social distancing. If parents are running late a teacher will be supervising them at the Letitia Street exit.

We are very excited about all our teachers and students returning as from next week. The procedures we will follow are having safety and health as our priority. Thank you for supporting our students returning to school. The teachers have been planning some wonderful programs to support wellbeing and engagement for our students back into a fantastic Oatley Public School setting.

MEDIA CONCERNS

Unfortunately the article that was put into the Sydney Morning Herald last week, understandably supposing to be a good news story has generated a lot of negativity to the school and responses from the school to the Minister's office. Please be reminded that if parents wish to promote the school in any way the school needs to be informed. We have a media unit that will then protect us.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal