

Dear parent or carer

This continues in school settings. Please read as rapid antigen home testing program will begin. This is only for school settings when COVID cases have been identified.

In order to minimise disruptions caused to schools by COVID-19 cases, and to maximise the time our students have learning in the classrooms a number of changes to **operations for schools** will be introduced from Monday 29 November for the remainder of Term 4.

Rapid antigen 'test-to-stay' program

A rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) 'test-to-stay' program will be available to any student who is **a close contact of a COVID-19 case in a school setting**. This will enable them to get back to school immediately following a negative PCR test and on the basis they do daily RAHTs before attending school across 7 consecutive days. This means that our students' learning is able to continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID-19 case. Full support will be available to help you implement this should it be required at our school and many other schools and students are already using RAHTs successfully.

CLASS CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

This week Oatley Public School will be celebrating our students' successes through our Celebration Of Learning zoom sessions to parents. The students will be acknowledged in their Class cohort by their Class teacher/s. Teachers have sent out individual class zoom links for parents to join in on these wonderful acknowledgements for your child. Each class has a restricted time for their celebrations so we ask parents to join on time.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

This will be held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 9.30am from our school hall. Year 6 parents will be sent a link so they can join in on acknowledging each Year 6 students and to also present our special Year 6 awards.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

This report has been adjusted in recognition of the impact of learning from home and at school during Term 3 and 4, 2021. Reflecting the many adjustments required from students, parents and schools this report will not grade student achievement using the A-E scale. The teacher comment will describe your child's progress and achievement in the learning covered during Term 3 and Term 4 and identify what can be done to support their learning growth. The report will focus on the learning undertaken in English and mathematics and provide information about other learning addressed by your child. Please be aware that all students may not have covered the same syllabus outcomes or content during this period.

Your child will be bringing their report home on Friday 10 December 2021.

TERM 4 ENDS 2021

Thursday 16 December 2021 for both students and teachers this year. The staff have completed twilight professional learning sessions during Semester 1 in lieu of our final Friday 17 December. The admin staff will only be on school site on that day.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL, PICNIC DAYS, TALENT FEST, Kindergarten INCURSION and GUARD OF HONOUR will all take place during that final week beginning Monday 13 December. Teachers will communicate through their Class Dojo dates, times and expectations.

Please continue to refer to the department's [Advice for families page](#) for the latest information on settings in our schools.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

SCHOOL RESUMES 2022

All students in **Years 1 – 6** 2022 start date is Tuesday **1 FEBRUARY 2022**.

Kindergarten 2022 start date is Wednesday **2 FEBRUARY, 2022**.

School will be operational from Friday 28 January 2022. Teachers will be on site engaging in Professional Learning and the admin staff will be available for any community questions.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal.