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Welcome back to Term 4 2020.

Monday 19 October 2020 OATLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTINUES RETURN TO FACE TO FACE with SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS still in place for ADULTS. Updated Term 4 advise is attached. Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

Dear Parents

Please contact the office if your child is not returning to Oatley PS next year. We have now received our student and teacher entitlement and funding for 2021 which allows the school to begin planning our staffing for 2021.

It has been very calm this week as our students settled back into class routines. GOT GAME began this week. The students were excited to be involved in specialist PE skill development again this term.

We try to keep our calendar updated as so many changes are occurring due to COVID updates. Please keep referring to our calendar for updates.

Year 6 have started planning end of year activities and will be holding a special Year 6 assembly to acknowledge their successes throughout their years at Oatley Public School. They have a FUN DAY for all our Year K-5 students and will be off to Jamberoo later on in the term. Their Year 6 Farewell will be held in our hall on school site.

Performing arts programs in band and dance will continue and provide a culminating video at the end of this term of their achievements throughout this COVID year to students who participated.

Kindergarten 2021 will participate in zoom meetings and we have special provision to have our young students to come into the classrooms for a very brief orientation. Unfortunately with social distancing parents still cannot come into the school grounds hence the continued contact via email and zoom.

I just want to leave this final message to parents because the access and number of our young students on social media sites has started to increase rapidly particularly during this year. There are very clear age restrictions on joining sites but unfortunately many students are still gaining access. The school's concerns begin when the content within these sites start to filter into the school context.

Advice for parents

The following advice for parents assists in limiting students' exposure to harmful online content:

Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure content is age-appropriate

Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure

Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps

Encourage your child to talk to you about anything upsetting they view online

Visit www.esafety.gov.au for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues.

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