

From the Principal

Dear Parents,



Welcome back into 2021. It is great to be back at Oatley Public School and I want to thank Slav Markovski for leading the school at the end of last year which was greatly appreciated. In our start to this new year teachers have enjoyed working together in our two professional learning days to prepare for the return of our students.

Unfortunately, we are still bound by COVID 19 restrictions when our students return back to school. Our Kindergarten 2021 parents are allowed to bring their child into the school grounds only after signing in and maintaining social distancing protocols. An email has been sent to these parents and the note has been added to our website. Our school stream update has outlined the expectations of all our students and parents for Years 1 - 6 returning Friday 29 January 2021.

The school has always prioritised having new classes, teachers and classroom allocations ready for the start of each year as you as parents have ensured your child is equipped with the necessary resources to begin their school year. Our teaching staff are dedicated to ensuring they collaboratively work on programming and planning for their classes and under the guidance of executive staff ensure they meet the wellbeing and learning needs of the students in their care. As in the past we allocate students into new classes in consultation and therefore once formed and students are allocated into classes there will be no changes. Students have many opportunities to play with friends during lunch and recess breaks as well as in many of the performing arts and sports programs. Our priority is to ensure the learning of curriculum is delivered to ensure student growth.

This year we have reduced in enrolment numbers and therefore multi age classes have been formed. Most of our classes remain as a year class along with having a Year 1 & 2 class, Year 3 & 4 class and Year 4 & 5 class. We look forward to our students return to school for 2021.

GOT GAME begins this term and allocated days will be given to your child in the welcome note you will receive from their new 2021 class teacher. This program will operate under school costs.

Our Swimming carnival is restricted to competitors only who can confidently swim 50 metres. These are under the COVID policies of using external swimming pools which restricts spectators and non-competitive crowds.

We are excited that students ride their bikes/scooters to school but we need to ensure they also wear a helmet for their safety.

We will update the community more on COVID updates as each day changes are coming through but the access to information is on the website.

Mrs Debbie Hunter,

Principal