

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

This week has seen our students settle into their 2021 classes including our new Kindergarten students. Week beginning Monday 8 February, 2021 all students K-6 will be entering the south site school grounds without their parent/carer, to line up before going into classes. It is important that all students are in class lines by our 9.20am bell. It is from this lining up point that we disperse to either our normal classrooms as well as Italian, Library, computer room and Got Game activities.

We are under COVID regulations therefore teachers and student leaders will be at all school entry gate points to ensure your child arrives safely into the south site playground and is supported to where they should be for their lining up.

Teachers have provided welcome letters to parents/carers and class teachers are setting up their Class Dojos for parents in their individual class groups as direct communication with their class parents. Attached to the Class Dojo are guidelines on use and access to times that teachers will be actioning information. This communication is set up for general correspondence and good news stories which are happening in class. If there is an issue or concern then parents are required to request a time convenient to the teacher and themselves to discuss these concerns. The concerns should not be written in Class Dojo just the request for a meeting.

School communication through school stream alerts allow parents to be reminded of whole school events. We are about to streamline this process where parents can choose the grade only (that specific information for that grade) can be streamed saving constant notifications coming all the time.

A school fees notice will be mailed out to parents this week. It has an attached letter to outline what each fee is about and how your child benefits this resource.

The school website calendar is constantly updated so please check this and any notes that are given out to students are found under parent's page. Also the Principal address each week is saved under Newsletter each week on the website.

The school had to change its website last year because of Department of Education requirements which allow any NSW alerts and policy updates to be streamed to our communities immediately. You would have seen COVID updates and early last year fire warnings to schools. With that changeover we lost the capacity to email our Oatley Organiser (Oatley newsletter) out regularly to parents. So in consultation with community we are going to capture good news stories, information that has happened and going to happen into school stream. This will not be an alert but each Monday morning (as the Oatley Organiser use to appear) this will come to community phones through school stream under GENERAL.

We hope you do have a look at some of the great opportunities your child participates in at Oatley Public School.

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.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal