

Week Beginning Monday 14 January 2022. Week 4 Term 1.

COVID SMART MEASURES at OATLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The business of keeping our students safe and learning is our priority. We are working on the Education department plan of giving our school community a month of settling back into school and maintaining RAT testing throughout this month.

We are working closely with implementing extra curricula programs as we move further into this term. However health and safety protocols are our priority.

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS

Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits were provided to all students on Thursday 10 February, to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school. If students were absent/or do not have siblings the RAT test kits are in the office if students or parents wish to pick them up.

SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The admin is presently processing these statements as we are using a new email system to allow more immediacy of this communication to parents. The statements explain each fee required. Along with the statement email will be an explanation of each fee. Your child/ren statements will be emailed to the family. If you request an extra email account name due to family circumstances please contact the school.

Repeated information from previous newsletter as reminders as we are still actioning

Protocols for entry/exit to school- working well

We appreciated how students entered and exited both school sites under our COVID safe strategy. But most importantly how our parents maintained social distancing and left these gate areas quickly with their child/ren.

This will continue next week and most probably right through this month at this point in time. The gates are Letitia Street and Neville Street for Years 3-6 (south site) with staff greeting students. On the north site it is just Neville Street with Kindergarten 2022 (at the gate nearest (A BLOCK) and Years 1 and 2 on the top gate (nearest to J BLOCK).

Safety arrangements for after school pick ups – parents to still complete

A school stream has gone out so parents can quickly complete the afterschool safety arrangements for their child/ren. All teachers need this as many students do exit at various locations, attend OOSCH or pick up younger siblings. We do not allow students to go home with anyone other than this information you have provided to us. Just a reminder if your child is sick and not attending school and usually goes to OOSH you must contact them too.

Student absences – ongoing and critical at this point in time

Daily roll marking is a mandatory requirement by any DET school. We have had students who are presently still at home for isolation purposes. We are very grateful for their parents to inform the school via our absence app on school stream. Once we receive these absence notes the individual class teachers will make contact with the parents through their Class

Dojos, which have now been established and provide a link to parents for the Digital Learning Platform created by the DET. This is so that if students are feeling well enough they can complete these Digital Learning activities. The DET made it very clear to us that while the school is operational and we are in Face to Face teaching, students still have access to learning programs supported by this DET link.

Swimming Carnival – going ahead Wednesday 16 February for half a day. Students informed and students return back to school.

Notes are coming home for EOIs from students who participate in competitive swimming. Under COVID regulations we cannot travel by bus but can still hold the carnival with parent helpers whose students can attend. We request transport to the Roselands pool, support in time keeping and travel back to school with parents. The carnival should only be a few hours as we are limited with our competitors. Please look out for this note.

School website

This has Principal's address each week and has updated information from DET and showcases many Oatley Public School events and has the calendar.

School Stream

This point of communication allows immediacy of important alerts to occur to parents and reminders.

It also has the Oatley Organiser (school newsletter) come to families on Sunday night on your iphone device and email account if you have registered.

The P&C newsletter communicated on Monday mornings.

School Stream is where absence notes, permission notes, payments can be actioned to provide an easy form of access to parents and school.

IT hardware has been allocated but we need parent signed permission.

We are about to allocate ipads and chromebooks to each student 3-6. We request an ICT agreement to be signed by parents to have an understanding of appropriate use and care of this equipment. The school has purchased this equipment as a student resource and wants our students to take responsibility for this resource.

Take care and again welcome back

Debbie Hunter

Principal.