

Week Beginning Monday 7 January 2022. Week 3 Term 1.

COVID SMART MEASURES at OATLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Thank you to all our parents, teachers and students as we returned back to school.

Protocols for entry/exit to school

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

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

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.

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS

Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will again be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school. The school is waiting for our next delivery so we can again distribute these.

Visitors to school

Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site. Throughout this early part of this term we have started our Physical Education program supporting by Got Game PE specialists. Students participate in this program in their class cohort groups outdoors once a week receiving skills aligned to the PDHPE curriculum. The band groups will also begin using the hall and outdoor cola area. Band students have been contacted on day and time starts.

Swimming Carnival

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.

Notes to parents

As we begin this year all our notes are archived on Oatley Public School website under Parents and then notes. This is in case any loss or damage occurs from school to home. Our process is that a printed hard copy note comes home to parents, which is then also posted on our School Stream where parents can action permission and payment. Then that note is archived on our website.

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 equipment

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.