

From the Principal



Monday 31 August 2020 OATLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTINUES RETURN TO FACE TO FACE with SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS still in place for ADULTS and new changes from department and health authorities which began 17 August 2020. Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

Dear Parents to reiterate COVID information

School attendance. Students should be at school unless: they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe or they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Throughout the week we have requested students go home from school due to flu/cold like symptoms. Thank you to parents for supporting us by taking their child for medical attention or to be COVID tested.

Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.

Our school photos will still proceed on Monday 7 September, 2020. Information has been distributed to students with a hardcopy and via school stream. The note is also on this website FOR PARENTS.

It has been SASS Week which we have acknowledged and celebrated with our wonderful office staff, general assistant and Support Learning staff. We thank them for their ongoing support in meeting the needs of our whole school community.

Thank you to all the parents who have enrolled their child for 2021 Kindergarten. If parents have new neighbours please let them know that the school is enrolling now. Other than Year 6 could parents please contact the school if their child will not be returning to Oatley PS in 2021.

A reminder that our Year 4 students involved in the Opportunity Class test will now be sitting for it at Oatley Public School on Wednesday 18 November 2020. It was due at the end of this term to take place at local high school but this has now been changed to above date and on Oatley PS school site.

I want to take this opportunity to regroup as best we can within our community as COVID has created a huge disruption to our lives. At Oatley PS we want parents to be reassured that the safety of our students

is our absolute priority. We have managed to maintain the rigor of our normal routines for students and teachers and to also communicate to our wider community that connection through our website, Class Dojo and school stream.. It is very different but our community connection is critical to restabilising and safety. Our 2020 school plans have had to be challenged because of this disruption so we could prioritise ongoing focus on remote learning throughout this period challenging our own capabilities and I believe we were successful. I really do want to acknowledge our whole school community as we support each other.

Debbie Hunter,

Principal