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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 — Week 9

Monday 6 September 21

Principal's Message

Road Map for students returning to school.

Currently the clear message from NSW Health is that families should be keeping children at home unless it is absolutely necessary for them to attend school.

Looking ahead, on Friday 27 August 2021 the Premier announced the return to school roadmap for students in NSW. Students will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return', depending on NSW Health conditions in their area.

Full return (Level 3)

Areas across NSW that are removed from stay-at-home rules will return to school under Level 3 settings. This is a full return for all students to schools, with reduced mingling and on-site activities.

Staged return (Level 3 plus)

Where stay-at-home rules are still in place but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staged way. This is a staggered return for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

Students in Year 12 and those completing the HSC are already able to return in a limited way and this will continue for the remainder of Term 3 2021. From 25 October 2021, these students will have full-time access to school campuses and their teachers.

Local Government Areas of concern

Identified Local Government Areas (LGAs) and suburbs of concern operating under Level 4 plus restrictions will continue learning from home until we are advised otherwise by NSW Health.

Order of return

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

From 25 October 2021 – Kindergarten, Year 1 and 12

From 1 November 2021 – Years 2, 6 and 11

From 8 November 2021 – Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

We will be providing further advice as we develop our plan for a staged return.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on our [Advice for families page](#).

Vaccinations for school staff

To ensure a COVID-safe return to school, all NSW public school and preschool staff on-site to support the staged return of students will be required to be fully vaccinated.

Any contractors, volunteers or people on site who require a Working With Children Check will also be required to have 2 doses of vaccination before returning to our school.

Our staff have been encouraged to make use of the various routes for priority vaccination available to them and to book appointments for whatever vaccine is available as soon as possible. We will continue to work with NSW Health to prioritise vaccinations for all staff across NSW.

All NSW school and preschool staff will be required to be fully vaccinated by 8 November. The department's [COVID-19 webpage](#) is constantly being updated, and outlines the restrictions in our schools as well as other useful information and resources to keep you up to date and supported.

Learning from Home

The [learning from home page](#) has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further supplement your child's learning, if required.

We understand the pressures of parents both supervising learning from home as well as completing their own work. There are some helpful [wellbeing tools](#) available to help look after yourself and those around you. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher if you need further guidance or something is not working for you.

As soon as we are re-classified from our current Level 4, we will notify parents whether the return will be a full return or a staged return.

We thank everyone for your time and patience. This has been trying time for everyone. At least now, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we are allowing some optimism to build as we move a step closer to coming out of lock-down and students returning to school.

Christina Darlington,
Principal.

Thanks for doing your best!

Our focus for this week will be wellbeing. Learning is not all about completing school work. There are many other ways our children can learn. Take some time out this week to play outside, play board games or cards, do some baking, go for a walk, bird watch, skip rocks at the river, build a cubby house or read stories together while enjoying the sunshine. The mental health of our students (and parents) is just as important as academic skills.

A Message from Sam

I have set up this google form for all families to take advantage of borrowing equipment absolutely FREE over the coming weeks. You will also be provided with access to my YouTube channel for a tonne of activities that relate to the equipment they have taken.

You will be collecting the equipment click & collect style from my place in Murrurundi - 19 Haydon Street.

Hope this helps our families & kids stay active over the coming weeks. Also, if you have any feedback on the At Home Activities, that would be greatly appreciated.

<https://forms.gle/hbaQQL5i44Fefsyj6>

Sam – Fun Fitness for Littlies.

PBL Awards: Max - Birdie - Xander - Ben B - Hayze - Lilly Mc **Merrit Awards :** Gracie - Elsie - Zai - Humayl– Birdie

Activities at home

The Department of Education has numerous excellent resources which can be accessed on their website to assist with learning at home. Murrurundi Public School website also has activities including yoga, play dough recipe and dancing ideas. Enjoy the beautiful spring



Some story writing from 4-5-6

Zip Lining

Lucy could not walk to school because it was 3 hours away and school started at 9:00 o'clock. So, Lucy packed her bag, got her school stuff, got dressed, had breakfast, put on her shoes and socks and headed to school. The time was 6:00 o'clock. Lucy saw a zip wire so Lucy pulled out a seat for the zip wire and got on. Down she went down. and she was excited and she had a big smile on her face.

Then she was down the zip wire. Finally, she made it to the bottom. She had been zip lining wiring for 2 hours. The time was 8:00 o'clock. All she had to do was walk for 60 minutes. On the way Lucy heard a strange noise. She kept walking but and the noise wouldn't go away was back.

Lucy saw what the noise was coming from. It was a giant brown hairy grizzly bear. The bear had sharp scary teeth and huge pointy claws. When Lucy saw the bear she took tiny, quiet footsteps. Then Lucy stepped on a stick and the grizzly bear heard the stick break.

The grizzly bear started to chase poor Lucy and she started to run in the direction of the school. When Lucy was running she was screaming and her heart was pounding as fast as a race car, then up ahead the school gate came into view. The grizzly bear was still chasing Lucy but then the bear saw other children running around. Lucy quickly went inside the school gate.

When Lucy went inside the school gate the bear followed her. Everyone saw the grizzly bear walk in and then the Principal, Miss Honeycomb saw the bear too. Miss Honeycomb brought all the children inside and called the bear catcher. When the bear catcher came he caught the bear and the kids were saved.

Gracie Kedwell.

Strange Town

The mayor walked around at night looking for trespassers and catching and putting them in a private jail if he found some. The mayor seemed nice on the outside but he was pure evil on the inside. The mayor sometimes puts people in jail for no reason at all.

While the mayor walked around he also went into everyone's houses to see them while they slept. The mayor had secret agents to spy on everyone but one day while the mayor was in his office he got news that there was someone new in jail. The mayor rushed to the jail to see who it was.

The mayor had never seen this person in town before and he said he was just passing by in search of food but the mayor having a cold heart told the guards that this was a trespasser and deserved to be in jail the guards were happily paid \$100 and the mayor went on his way back to his office.

Emmalyn Hynes

Motor Cross Race

He looked beside him and he could see the champion coming behind him to push him off. He quickly pulled up then he grinded and said, "It's on." He was currently in last place, so he had to quickly overtake 6 riders in front of him.

One of them fell off in front then 2 more fell over so he was in 4th place right now. Then one of the best people fell off and quickly got up to get him back. He could see the dirty champion in front of him ready to win. All of the sweat was all over him. He was hot and tired. He overtook another one so that made him in 2nd place. He was on the champion's tail and he wanted to win so he tried going left but the champion went left as well. He was desperate to win at this stage of the race. The bikes went left and then right and the champion fell off and got really mad. He couldn't believe it, he'd won the race! His parents were so proud of him.

Conner Hyde