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Term 3 Week 6

17 August 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Available daily	Learning from Home packs available for collection – includes work until 27/8/21 the end of Week 7
Wednesday 18 Aug	Wellbeing Wednesday – Zoom sessions for students

Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday our Learning from Home packs were available for our students and can be downloaded from our website. We will continue to have these available from the office. These packs will take us up until the end of the current restrictions, which are in place until August 28 – the end of Week 7 Term 3.

After further restrictions were announced by our Premier on Saturday, you will see the most current information for our schools in Level 4 on the following page. We will also have this information on display on our school gates.

This week sees the first time our school will offer Zoom sessions for our students. 'Wellbeing Wednesday' starts at 9am for our Kindergarten students. Class teachers have been phoning families with log-in details and they have many fun activities to do during these sessions. Please note that those students attending school won't be able to participate at this time.



Thank you for your continued support of your children during these unprecedented times. Please know that ALL that you do is appreciated and that we will continue to do our best to support you. We know that you did not 'sign up' to be teaching from home and that learning from home can be tricky. Please be reassured that our staff care very much about your children and their learning. We cannot wait to return to face-to-face learning when it is safe to do so.

Thank you!

Our staff are continuing to complete Learning from Home packs, professional learning, teaching face-to-face, marking completed packs, phoning families with feedback and assisting with any clarification of school work. This week the calls have been to advise families about Zoom and the other calls will resume next week. The marking and feedback will resume then too. This week, their priority has been navigating and preparing for Zoom, professional learning and preparing the Learning from Home packs.

If your child is in Y6, they will have received a High School Enrolment form, please return these as soon as possible.

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022! Please drop enrolment forms into school or apply online. We can't wait to welcome your child into our school!

Please stay safe and well!

Jodie Campbell
Relieving Principal

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Men's Line 1300 78 99 78

REPEAT: On Sunday July 18, 2021, all NSW Schools received stronger advice from the Department of Education. The advice now states; "Parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it. Thank you for your support"

Learning from Home packs continue to be available from our office throughout the day. The work packs are also made available via our school's website ettalong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au, click on Learning at our School, then click Learning from Home. All students, whether attending school or not, will complete the same schoolwork.

There is a lot of information available to families on the NSW Department of Education's website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> On this website you will see that schools in the Central Coast area continue to be in Level 4 and will remain on this level until **August 28, 2021**. Which means the following restrictions apply for us; *Schools activate plans to support continuity for students learning from home. No student is turned away *Reduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possible *No non-essential visitors *QR codes in place *Mandatory masks indoors for all staff and secondary students.

NSW Department of Education

Please be reminded when dropping off your child or children that staff will be on gate duty to support their entry. The following gates will be open in the morning and afternoons until further notice; the main gate on Karingi Street; the gate adjacent to the Disabled Parking Bay in Karingi Street with use for students from our Support Unit only please and the main gate adjacent to the Kiss and Drop on Uligandi Street. The gate off the basketball court will only be available in the afternoons.

Stay COVID safe



Our school is open for those students:

- who cannot be educated at home
- whose parents and carers are essential workers.

There is minimal supervision available on site to support these students.

All other students must stay at home, learning from home, as directed by the NSW Health Public Health Order.

Thank you for supporting our teaching and school community to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell.



For the latest information, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

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Wonder Recycling Rewards

Thank you for helping our school fill 5 boxes! The bread bag collection is now closed!
We have been fortunate enough to be receiving some sporting equipment! Thank you!

