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## Term 4 Week 2

12 October 2021

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Available daily	Learning from Home packs available for collection for Weeks 1, 2 and 3 Term 4
Wednesday 13 October	Wellbeing Wednesday – Zoom sessions for students – LAST session at this time.
Monday 18 October	Students from ES1, Y1, K-6P and K-6JL return to face-to-face learning; Canteen available for orders ONLY
Monday 25 October	ALL students return to face-to-face learning; Canteen available for orders ONLY
Friday 29 October	Day for Daniel – wear a piece of red clothing
Wed 1 Dec	School Photos

Dear Parents and Carers

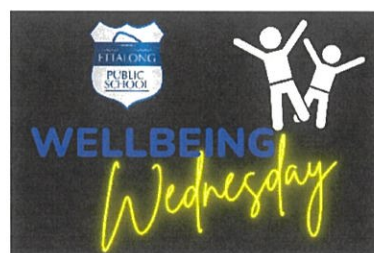
Thank you for your ongoing support of the Department of Education's Roadmap to Return to School and our school. There have been a lot of changes in a few short days! We certainly appreciate your assistance and flexibility during these challenging times. We are very excited to be welcoming your amazing children back to face-to-face learning.

As no doubt you have seen on the news, the Central Coast has been moved back into Greater Sydney from yesterday. Level 4 restrictions will continue until Monday 18 October, when we will move to Level 3 Plus restrictions. Our current Learning from Home packs are still available for our students and can be downloaded from our website. These packs will take us until the end of this week for our Kindergarten, Y1, K-6P and K-6KL students and the end of Week 3, 22 October for students from all other grades and classes. Updated information for families continues to be available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

We have had a lot of questions about mask wearing. For students in K-6, masks are strongly recommended. Staff will continue to wear masks on premises (inside and outside) in Level 4 and Level 3 Plus.

Tomorrow, is our last Zoom for our students at this current time. We are sharing baby photos this week and can't wait to see these photos! Please use the same password and login details. 'Wellbeing Wednesday' will occur starting at 9am for our Kindergarten students. Please see the timetable below. Please note that those students attending school won't be able to participate at this time.

- Kindergarten- 9am-9:25am
- Year 1- 9:30am-9:55am
- Year 2- 10:00am - 10:25am
- Year 3- 10:30am - 10:55am
- All support classes- 11am - 11:25am
- Year 4- 11:30am - 11:55am
- Year 5- 12pm - 12:25pm
- Year 6- 12:30pm - 12:55pm



We have included a lot of information in the attached pages to help assist in your child's transition back to school. Please contact us if we can help you in any other way.

Mrs Balfour will continue to take leave this term. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing her well in her recovery and I know that she misses you all very much. Mr Penberthy and I will continue to relieve as Deputy Principal and Principal in her absence.

Please stay safe and well! Jodie Campbell - Relieving Principal





## Road Map to Return to School

	Return Date	Arrival Time	Finish Time	Arrival & Departure Gate
Kindergarten	18 October	9am	2.30pm	KS & KT- Karingi Street gate (office). KL & KZ Uligandi Street gate (hall).
K/6JL & K/6P	18 October	9am	2.30pm	Support gate located on Karingi Street, opposite the Support rooms
Year 1	18 October	8.45am	2.55pm	Karingi Street main gate (office side)
Year 2	25 October	From 8.30am	2.55pm	OoSH gate on Karingi Street, near Year 2 classrooms & K-2 playground
K/6M & K/6R	25 October	8.55am	2.55pm	Support gate located on Karingi Street, opposite Support rooms
Year 3	25 October	From 8.30am	2.55pm	Uligandi Street main gate (hall side)
Year 4	25 October	From 8.30am	2.55pm	Uligandi Street bus gate, opposite the 3-6 COLA and 3-6 playground
Year 5	25 October	From 8.30am	2.55pm	Basketball court gate off lane way
Year 6	25 October	From 8.30am	2.55pm	Karingi Street bus gate, near the Year 6 classrooms & St 3 eating area

Families are able to arrive and depart together using the Uligandi Street gate (hall side).  
The use of the Kiss and Drop zone is strongly encouraged.



These arrangements will remain in place until further notice.  
Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.



# Great news!



Our Canteen (for orders ONLY) and our Uniform Shop will be operating from Monday 18 October. Online orders can be made via [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)

Unfortunately, Breakfast Club will not be operating until further notice.



OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NOW ONLINE!  
Download the free app or access [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)

**1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT**  
Register your account on any device, simply login to [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au) and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

**2. ADD YOUR STUDENT**  
Add your child as a "Student", and make sure that you select your school and classroom details.

**3. SELECT "TOP UP"**  
Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Credit Card or PayPal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or PayPal Transactions)

**4. ORDER**  
To make a uniform purchase simply select your "Student" and click "Buy Now". It's that simple!

**5. CHECKOUT**  
Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.

**NOTE ON PAID ORDERS**  
Note only paid orders will be sent to your uniform shop, not those still sitting in your cart.



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My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact (02) 8049 1809



## Nipper Registrations

Join now online anytime:  
<https://sls.com.au/join/>

Active Kids Vouchers Welcome

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<https://www.oceanbeachslsc.com/renewal/>

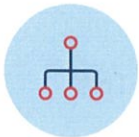
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# What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect.



## Key dates for our staged return

While we know there is excitement about the return to school it's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- from 18 October – Kindergarten, Year 1 \* from 25 October – all remaining year groups.



## Our school's COVID-safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.



## Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.



## Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and are strongly recommended for students indoors and outdoors.



## Vaccinations

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.



## Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.



## School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events. More information about these activities will be finalised in the coming weeks.



## Covid Communication

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

This information will be shared via our Website (<https://ettalong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EttalongPublicSchool>), our Homenote (which is updated each Tuesday and is available on our website) and via the School Safety App. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with these avenues for communication in the event of a confirmed case in our school.



## Preschool and out of school hours care

Out of school hours care, vacation care settings and preschools operating on school sites will follow the same COVID-safe guidelines as public schools including the requirement to be fully vaccinated from 8 November.

For those families utilising our out of school hours care (The Y) please ensure that you use the gate provided for exit and entry into our school and use the OOSCH specific QR code.



## Orientation and transition to school

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.

At this stage, the dates for our Kindergarten Orientation Program - Headstart will be held on Thursdays in Week 7 (18 November); Week 8 (25 November) and Week 9 (2 December). More details will follow.