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Term 2 Week 1

27 April 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26 April	Staff only return - Staff Development Day – SDD
Tuesday 26 April	Window for online OC Applications for Y5 2023 is open (until Friday May 13)
Wed 27 April	Students return for Term 2 learning
Fri 29 April	Cross Country Carnival -

Hello Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2! We have a busy term planned. We will continue to learn and work together and this learning will include our 3Rs; Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn. As you can see in the accompanying calendar, students and staff will begin.

On Monday, some of our students and families, Mrs Balfour, Mr Wagg, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Manuelle, Mrs Denning and I marched in the ANZAC Day March through the streets of Woy Woy. Our students were terrific ambassadors of our school. Some were marching with our school group, or with their Scout groups, while others were among the crowd. Our leaders carried our school banner and wreath to the service, which our captains Indi and Archie respectfully presented at Memorial Park. It was a great morning, despite the sprinkles.



Last week, there were significant changes Covid guidelines, especially around being a close or household contact. Please continue to advise our school if this occurs. Daily testing is required for those who are a household contact. RAT tests are still available from our office. Please remember that if your child is showing signs or symptoms of Covid, they should be kept home. We have included some of the important changes on the next page. The full information can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

We would love to hear from you! To provide feedback on recent activities and new initiatives at EPS, please complete a short, 4 question survey. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NR2XCK>

Yesterday, our staff engaged in professional learning along the Hawkesbury River. This was an activity rich in information about the history of the area, with a strong emphasis on Aboriginal perspectives upon our return to school, professional learning was completed in the iPlay modules. Throughout last term, staff worked with our iPlay tutor, Ian Moyes and lesson observations were completed. Our staff, as always, are committed to the education and wellbeing of our students.

Stay safe and have a fantastic week!

Jodie Campbell

R/Principal

Close contacts attending school

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The announcement to ease the isolation requirements for close contacts was made on 20 April 2022. This will enable students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed with NSW Health. Close contacts will not be permitted to enter an SSP or support unit (including Assisted School Travel Program) and will be supported to continue learning or working from home where possible.

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines:

- They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They (if in a secondary school setting) must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising. Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities)
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

The department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team will continue to work with schools around temporary use of additional COVID- smart measures for short periods of time based on localised risk assessments.

Students and staff at greater risk of serious illness, if they were to contract COVID-19, should speak with their health care professional to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan and speak with the school about any local considerations.

Testing

Last updated 23 April 2022

Remember: Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19.

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

Additional delivery of RATs will be provided for students and staff who are identified as close contacts and are returning to school.

All students and staff will receive 1 multipack of RAT kits within the first three weeks of Term 2. The RAT kits can be used for symptomatic testing or for daily testing as part of the close contact requirements. Note that students and staff in SSPs or support classes or who utilise assisted transport who are identified as close contacts must not attend school and learn from home.

Additional RAT kits will also be sent out to ECE services to support symptomatic testing or for daily testing as a close contact for ECE staff.

Beyond the department's provision of RATs, symptomatic students and staff should continue to access PCR and store-purchased RATs.

- If a student is unwell and has any [COVID-19 symptoms](#), they should always test for COVID-19.
- If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until either:
- The student no longer has any symptoms, or
- A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever)
- It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

It is recommended that students and staff that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen testing for 12 weeks following release from self-isolation unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 12 weeks.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs
Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn

Zara M	KL
Vuko R	KL
Aubree F	1/2A
Ellie McM	1/2A
Moqui D	1T
Charli T	1H

Evelyn R-W	1C
Liam C	1C
Amber S	4K
Asher T	5J
Sam H	5B
Jesse W	5B

PLAYGROUND/CLASSROOM POSITIVE WINNERS

Ellie M	6H
Evelyn R-W	1C

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
3/4B	Matthew J	3/4A	Jacob P
	Max G		Nesta F
3P	Franklin G	3F	Cassidy P
	Vivian H		Joel S
4K	Kaleb K	5B	Ethan L-D
	Nayana W		Tahlia S
5J	Indianna M	5C	Torben C
	Charlie H		Azealia K
6H	Jack M	6M	Noah A
	Sarah B		Lilly T
K/6R	Jax O'B	6R	Marcus A
			Sophia V-M

SUPPORT NEWS



During last term K6R & K6M enjoyed lessons from our wonderful AEO (Aboriginal Education Officer) -Mr Rheese Bull



STAGE TWO NEWS



Last term, students who consistently demonstrated Respect, Responsibility and were Ready To Learn enjoyed Stage 2's rewards day at Ettalong waterfront. Students enjoyed being outside of the school's grounds, participating in a range of games and activities. Students are looking forward to the next rewards day.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Australians never die

The men fight for what's right, even 'til night. They'll leave their wives to fight for our lives.
As they took their last breath before their death, they saw the Australian spirit.

They fought for our protection and joy, for generations to come, girl and boy.
They were held at bay, but at the end of the day. They turned victorious and
Know we're safe today.

They storm the beaches, rifles in their hands and victory in their reaches.
They're called the ANZACs.
Lest we forget.

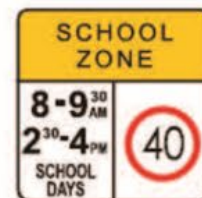
By Marcus A and Oscar T
6R.



Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ✓ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ✓ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ✓ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ✓ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

