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Woodburn Public School

Week 1 Term 4

Wednesday 14 October 2020

For Your Diary

Week 1 12 - 16 October

Week 2 19 - 23 October

Tues Interrelate Yrs 5 & 6

**P & C Meetings and
Canteen are on hold until
further notice**

"When you think things are bad,
when you feel sour and blue,
when you start to get mad...
you should do what I do...
Just tell yourself, Duckie,
you're really quite lucky!
Some people are much more...
oh, ever so much more...
oh, muchly much-much more
unlucky than you!"

-Dr. Seuss

Welcome Back

Welcome to Term 4. Whilst it is great to be back at school, we acknowledge that schools continue to be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions in a number of day to day operations. Some activities are operating almost as normal, others with restrictions and some activities remain on hold. Of the activities that are being allowed, these are permitted with an array of requirements and expectations. As a school, we will continue to explore the options available to us and seek to make school as normal as possible for the balance of 2020.

Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Families wishing to participate in our school's orientation for Kindergarten 2021 are required to have completed and submitted an enrolment application either online or via contacting the school (paper version). In a COVID-safe environment, the expectation of an application to enrol is a necessity and students will not be participating unless one is registered.

Initial planning is for Kinder transition in Week 7 (Nov 24), Week 8 (Dec 1) and Week 9 (Dec 8) from 9:30am to 11:30am. There may be some adjustments to this, however we are wanting to give early notice so that all families are able to submit enrolment applications to gain a place in the program. Further information will be provided as the dates approach.

COVID Operational Update

For current operational guidelines, parents can visit the department's website (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#>). Staying up to date is important and it is always more informative to read the guidelines than simply catch the news-grabbing headlines. We will continue to share information as we deem appropriate and will summarise where possible, but the reality is there is so much more to the story when it comes to implementation and compliance.

email: woodburn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations Ms Manning

Congratulations to Ms Manning and her partner on the safe arrival of baby Hugo during the holidays. This was very exciting news to be able to share with her class and the wider community to kick start Term 4.

Athletics update

Students with a passion for athletics are encouraged to keep their skills sharp. We are hoping to have our track and field events held over the first three weeks of term. The athletics event, like other activities, remains for students and staff only and there will be no further representation honours in 2020.

Practicum Students

This week we welcome three university students: Courtney Elliott (6R), Danae O'Connor (KL) and Tom Potter (3J) for their first workplace experience. One starts to feel old when one of these practicum students (Courtney) was last here as a student finishing Year 6 a few years ago. We trust that all three students enjoy the experience working with us at Woodburn PS over the first 5 weeks of term.

Interrelate

Students in Years 5 and 6 have this week commenced Interrelate lessons. This is a very professional personal development program which is provided by external professionals. It is very factual and accurate, giving students a more thorough knowledge of themselves and each other as growing and developing entities. The cost of this program is approximately \$35 per student but is being covered by the school in 2020. Amid all that is happening, this expense is not something we felt parents needed to encounter at short notice as we awaited confirmation of whether the program would be allowed to proceed.

Swimming for Sport

Mrs Johnston is currently working on our school swimming program for the majority of Term 4. Initial planning is for swimming to start for classes in Week 4 and run for 6 weeks, with classes using the pool once each per week. This is NOT an intensive swimming program as these are on hold until 2021 due to

COVID. Further details will be provided.

Until next newsletter.....



School Travel for 2021



Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.