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# Woodburn Public School

Week 1 Term 4

Wednesday 6 October 2021

## For Your Diary

**Next P & C Meeting**  
**Monday 18 October at**  
**6:30pm in the staffroom**  
**ALL WELCOME!**

## Welcome to Term 4

This week, we commence the final term of the 2021 school year! This term carries the significance of being the final year of primary school for our Year 6 cohort, whilst also providing the orientation program for the incoming Kindergarten class for 2022. It really is an exciting time for so many.

Term 4 has commenced as expected under Level 3 COVID-safe Operations for our school; however, schools in neighbouring communities continue to be operating under Level 4 Stay-At-Home operations. The situations before us could change at any time, and we need to be prepared for those situations should they arise. Under Level 3, our school offers face-to-face teaching and learning, and if we need to transition to Level 4, we will offer Home Learning Packages. Schools are not expected to offer both learning platforms, so it is simply one mode or the other. Here's hoping we have an event-free term, with at-school learning being the consistent mode of educational delivery. Whilst our school is open for operations, it is expected that all staff and students attend school (unless ill). Travel for work and education is a permissible reason to travel under Stay-At-Home Orders. This situation could change if families are close or casual contacts and required to follow separate isolation orders. At all times, NSW Government Schools follow the expert advice of NSW Health and the directions it provides.

## COVID Restrictions – Level 3 School Operations

All staff and students are expected back on site and the school is to be offering one platform of learning. Currently, learning is being offered as face-to-face instruction unless circumstances change.

Returning to school this week was, in departmental speak, at Level 3 of COVID Operations. Students are back but life is still



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different. Under Level 3, students are back on site with the following restrictions:

- QR Code check-in for all staff and essential services
- Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site
- Mask wearing requirements for staff
- Arrangements to reduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possible
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted
- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No community use of school facilities
- No SRE (Scripture)
- Further detailed advice available from the NSW Department of Education website

## Cancelled Events and Activities

As previously advised (and in accordance with current rules), the following planned events are now cancelled:

- Senior Camp
- Stage 1 proposed camp
- Lismore/Mid-Richmond Public Speaking Competitions
- NSWPSA Sporting Completions, Carnivals and Gala Days

## Playground Upgrade – Regional Renewal Program

As parents and community have passed by the school, you may have seen the playground enhancements undertaken over the holidays. We have continued to expand the areas for students to be able to enjoy shade when outdoors, relocated the sand play area and extended the edible garden spaces.

There has been a strong focus on linking the outdoor spaces of the school in a similar fashion to the Woodburn Riverside Park. The use of sandstone as a feature will hopefully keep our school feeling like a significant part of our wider school community.

## 2022 Enrolments

It is now increasingly important that families seek to secure enrolments for the coming year. School planning is already underway for 2022 in the background of our operations. To be able to best prepare for our students, their classes, and the allocation of school resources, it is most beneficial to have a firm understanding of student numbers for the new year.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Mrs Lord will be running our transition program later this term. It is an expectation that students will have submitted an enrolment application before being able to participate. At this stage, under current rules, transition will be for students only, with parents doing a drop off and pick up either side of the program, minimising non-essential visitors on the school site.

Until next newsletter.....

### Get Moving!

## Flashback Friday

Give new meaning to #flashbackfriday by playing games from the past!

Some of our favourites include:

- Quoits
- Bocce
- Elastics
- Kite flying
- Hopscotch
- Frisbee
- Backyard cricket

Try a different activity each week.

