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Woodburn Public School

Week 2 Term 1

Wednesday 2 February 2021

For Your Diary

Next P & C Meeting
Monday 14 February 2022
at 6:30pm in the staffroom

ALL WELCOME!

BETTER TO DO
SOMETHING
IMPERFECTLY
THAN TO DO
NOTHING
FLAWLESSLY

-ROBERT H. SCHULLER

Welcome Back to 2021!

Well, it may not be the start we were hoping for as we hoped to leave the effects of the pandemic back in 2021... However, the impact of COVID-19 is felt large and wide and at WPS we are doing what we can to ensure the continuity of learning can occur for all our students.

We have a number of new faces in the school as well as our 2022 Kindergarten class. To those students and their families, I extend a warm welcome to you all!

What was beautiful to see, was watching our students return and instantly having fun with their friends. It highlights the importance of relationships and connection. Two elements at school that nourish relationships and connection are keeping the routine of school consistent and providing an educational space that is safe.

The pandemic will challenge both of these elements; however, we are very fortunate at Woodburn Public School to have an amazing team and we will endeavour to keep students connected and learning as consistently as we can.

COVID-19 Smart Measures

We will start 2022 with a layered approach to COVID-smart measures that have been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help to minimise transmissions at school. The health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our priority, and these measures are designed to help to keep our school open and our students learning in the classroom.

These key measures include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.
- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and strongly recommended for all primary

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students. Masks will be provided by the school if required.

- Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site.
- Up to two parents or carers are allowed to accompany their child into school on their first day of Kindergarten or Year 7 or students starting at a new school.
- Students will be kept in their year groups where practical.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

Rapid Antigen Tests

As most of you are now aware, the rapid antigen tests (RAT) were distributed at the beginning of the week and last Friday. I want to again thank the school community and staff involved with the collection and distribution of the RAT kits. We had a wonderful response to this fortnight's allocation and more information will be announced later next week regarding the second handout of RAT kits. If you are yet to pick up your child's allocation, please contact the school to make pick up arrangements.

The recommendation is for students to be tested twice per week and the suggestion is Monday & Wednesday. If your child has any of the symptoms, then please test, but if not, routine testing is important as people may present as asymptomatic and not feel anything at all, yet still test positive.

Procedures for a Positive RAT

Positive test results are inevitable, and we have had a number of them since school has started. It is important to know that testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for anyone exposed in a school setting, but we will be sending notifications out to the class of the student or staff member that returned a positive result. The communication will be to your email, through the Sentral Portal App and as a letter home with the students. This communication is to make you aware and to

watch your child for symptoms.

Please make sure your email is up to date and you're accessing the Sentral Portal App.

Current Advice for Likely Scenarios

* Please be aware that this advice may change over time and use the links below as the source of truth.

If your child tests positive to COVID-19, you are to isolate for at least 7 days, report the case to NSW health (on the website or via the MyServiceNSW App) and let the school know. Students can return after the 7 days if they are symptom free. In this scenario, students are to rest and recover. They are not expected to complete work online.

If you or a member of your household (household contact) tests positive, your child is to isolate for up to 7 days. It is recommended that a negative test result occur before returning to school and students are to be symptom free. In this scenario, online learning resources will be made available for students to complete as we attempt to keep learning consistent.

If your child has had COVID 19 and they have completed the isolation period, there is no need to test for the next 28 days. People who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of getting it again in the 28 days after you are released as most people develop some immunity (ability to fight the disease).

There are many different scenarios that could apply to you, if you are unsure try the links below to locate the information or call the school to clarify any information.

Useful Links

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/self-isolation-and-testing.aspx>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/people-exposed-to-covid>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Online Learning Resources

The Department of Education have once again provided teachers, students and parents with

a range of learning options online. These resources are called Primary Learning Packs and are accessible at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/2022-digital-learning-packs/primary>

Our teachers will be using these packs as options for learning if a student needs to isolate at home because of being a household contact or if a teacher is away and a casual teacher needs to take over for the week.

Over the recent staff development days, teachers have been making themselves familiar with the content available (currently 2 weeks of learning is available) and they have been incorporating some activities into their classroom planning so students can be familiar with the format and content if they need to access it from home. Your child's teacher will be in contact if isolation is necessary and will further guide you in finding the work.

Until next newsletter...

Michael Lord
Relieving Principal

WOODBURN 'TRASH & TREASURE' SALE

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 8AM – 2PM



The popular 'Trash and Treasure' sale organised by the Woodburn Memorial Hall Committee is on again! Sunday 27 February 8am to 2pm.

The sale is for second-hand goods only. No commercial traders, no craft stalls and no food stalls permitted.

Bookings can be made by phoning Pam Bellingham on 6682 2203 or 0414 953 879.

UNDERSTOREY YOUTH THEATRE

Drama
Play Date
7-12 years

LIMITED PLACES: enrol now!

TUESDAYS
4-5PM
EVANS HEAD RSL

ABOUT

Drama games, make-believe, role-play, dance and sing your way to stage confidence. Learn the skills you need to express your creative ideas with your friends and in front of a small audience. Each term will culminate in a performance for family and friends.

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TEACHER

Theatre maker Ajita Cunnings has worked with NORPA, Australian Theatre for Young People, Northern Rivers Conservatorium and is currently teaching Drama at Evans River K-12 School.

SIX PER TERM
CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER AVAILABLE



UNDERSTOREY YOUTH THEATRE

Youth
Performance
Troupe
11-18 years

BRING A FRIEND Bring a friend all term for free!

TUESDAYS
5-6PM
EVANS HEAD RSL

ABOUT

This group will be working on performance building for the public, including street theatre and community events. Get a chance to build your performance skills and create plays about issues important to you. Performing is not essential: scriptwriters, directors and technicians such as sound, costume and lighting are welcome to join.

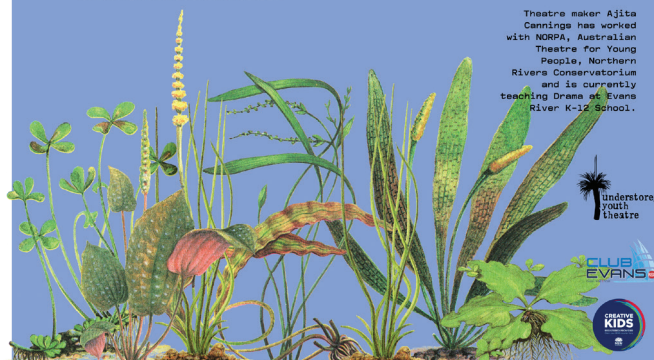
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Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier of New South Wales



Dear parents,

When school goes back, there is usually a collective sigh of relief from parents that can be heard around the state, along with the customary first day nerves, tears and cheers for our newest, youngest starters.

But heading into the third year of a global pandemic makes life a bit different, and I know every parent has concerns about what 2022 holds for kids in school.

After so much disruption and home learning last year, the Government understands just how important it is to give every student the opportunity to get back into the classroom, and to do it safely.

That is why everyone in our state's education system has been working in overdrive to get our schools ready to welcome students back safely on day one. I'm immensely grateful to our teachers and administrative staff, and especially our Principals and Deputy Principals, for the amazing job they have done to get us here.

Safety in schools is our top priority, and we are taking every step necessary to prove a safe learning environment, including free rapid tests for every student, maximised natural and mechanical ventilation, sensible mask requirements, increased cleaning and other measures.

The past few years have taught us to expect bumps in the road ahead, but even though the coming months may be challenging, the Government knows the positive difference every day of school education can make for our kids, both now and into the future.

So I am determined to make this year as seamless as possible for you, your families and your kids, and I hope getting back to school will ease some of the pressure for you too.

Thank you again for your efforts over the past two years. We have come a long way, and I have no doubt that if we keep working together, we will rise to whatever challenges may lie ahead.

I will make sure to keep you updated, and your schools and the Department of Education will of course keep you informed every day too.

All of us are united in our determination to give our kids the very best opportunity to get the best education possible, while staying safe, healthy and happy.

Wishing you and your families a fantastic start to the 2022 school year.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier