



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4: Monday 25 OCTOBER 2021

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

25 Years 2 – 6 students return
Canteen open
AP C&I interviews

28 External Validation panel

29 World Teachers Day

NOVEMBER

03 Kinder 2022 Parent Information
Session 6.00pm

has prepared a comprehensive submission addressing the elements of the Schools Excellence Framework. The External Validation Panel is comprised of a Principal Support Leadership and a peer principal from another network. External Validation is an opportunity to confirm the directions of the school and celebrate our achievements thus far.

Karen Simula
Principal

MANAGED STUDENT RETURN

All staff working onsite are fully vaccinated in accordance with DoE guidelines.

The Department has completed a ventilation audit of the school. Windows will be open to ensure adequate airflow whilst students are learning indoors.

Students will remain in their cohort during break times and to further support reduced mingling, staff have been allocated to a student cohort for Learning Support, Release from Face-to-Face lessons and playground duty. The playground has been split into four areas to reduce student mingling.

K-2 students will access the main canteen during break times.

Students in Years 3 to 6 will access a pop-up style canteen during break times.

Students must have a water bottle as they are unable to drink from the bubblers.

Mask wearing for students is strongly recommended.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was lovely to welcome Kinder and Year 1 students back to the school last week. Students had much fun with their learning and were able to reconnect with their peers and teachers.

Today sees the commencement of the final stages of the Managed Student Return, with students in Years Two to Six returning. Today is also the first day of the staggered school exit.

On Thursday, the school executive team will undertake the final panel review for External Validation. Lake Illawarra South Public School staff

STAGGERED EXIT

To reduce student mingling, the following plan is in place from today.

- Students whose surname begins with letters A through L exit from the Reddall Parade exit.
- Students whose surname begins with letters M through Z exit from the Pur Pur Avenue exit.

Cohort Exit Times

2.25pm - Kindergarten

2.30pm - 1/20 & 1/2S

2.35pm - 3/4B, 3/4O & Djamalang

2.40pm - 4/5I, 5/6C & 5/6G

To assist with a staggered entry to school, we ask that students also use their allocated gate for arrival at school.

REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

A survey link was sent home last week to ascertain student engagement with Learning From Home. This information will be used to support students as they return to face-to-face learning. The survey can be accessed at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCC3KNB>

LEVEL THREE PLUS RESTRICTIONS

Under Level 3 Plus restrictions, there are a number of activities that are unable to proceed:

- assemblies
- excursions
- Scripture

We have received news that the Year 6 Farewell is able to proceed under COVID safe arrangements. Information regarding this very special event will be sent home as soon as arrangements are finalised.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Interviews were held today for the Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction positions. The school is awaiting confirmation from Staffing before announcing the successful candidate to the school community.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will re-open today. Please be advised that before school over the counter sales, that is,

breakfast items will not be available. An updated canteen menu was distributed to families last week and is also attached to the end of this newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Wilmott is looking forward to seeing all our students return to school. Please return any library books students may have at home as soon as possible. Reminder notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

FRUIT & VEG MONTH

Lake Illawarra South PS was fortunate to be part of Fruit & Veg Month 2021. 2021 has been declared the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables by the United Nations. Thank you to the students who join in the activities. There are a few examples of the creative ideas from our students at the end of the newsletter.

UNWELL STUDENTS

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return to school until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Our chaplain, Miss Elise, is on site each Monday and Tuesday to support students and their families with their wellbeing. If you would like your child to connect with Miss Elise, please contact your child's class teacher.

WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS

The Wonder Recycling Program has now concluded. Thank you to the many families who sent in bread bags and tags for recycling. The school was able to recycle over 20kg of plastic during the program.

COVID-19

Keep yourself and your family safe and help to manage the spread of COVID-19 by

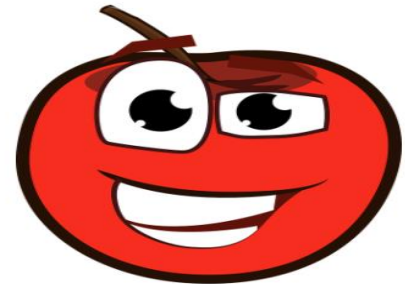
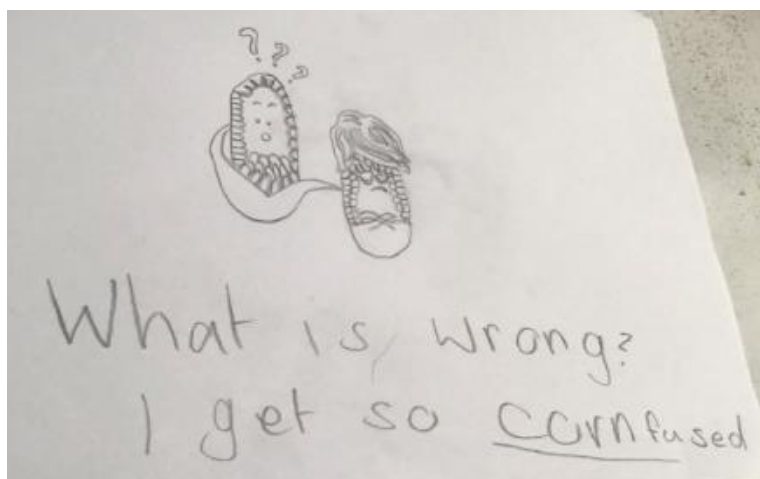
1. **Washing your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneezing and coughing** into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Staying home** if you are unwell.



Where to get help

Contact the school if you are concerned about your child's wellbeing to discuss the most appropriate support. Support is also available through a number of agencies and community organisations. Parents and carers can

- call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line (1800 020 080)
- review the NSW Health COVID-19 website for the latest information and advice
- obtain help and information from your local General Practitioner or Community Health Centre



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