

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 4th May – Mother's Day Stall

Monday 10th May – NAPLAN commences

Monday 16th – Thursday 26th May Heathy Harold lessons will be available to all classes through the onsite bus environment.

Friday 27th May – School Photos

Monday 13th June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 27th June – Reports sent home to parents

Thursday 30th June – Parent / teacher interviews
3.10pm -7pm pending no restrictions.

Friday 1st July – **Last day for students**

Monday 18th July - Teacher Professional Learning Day

Tuesday 19th July – Students return

Many thanks for your continued support of our school.

**All enrolments are welcome. Please contact the school office on
02 9833 0711 for more information.**

Please note online enrolments can now be completed for students living within the school intake area.

To complete an online enrolment, go to

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools>

P&C AGM

Tuesday 17th May at 9.30 in the school hall. Our P&C is at risk of collapsing and we need your help.

At this meeting we will outline the roles and responsibilities of the P&C and discuss the viability of continuing. If there are enough parents present and willing to take on official roles an election will be held, followed by a general meeting.

Principal - Ms S Le Ban Deputy Principal - Mrs D Puckeridge

Kindergarten

KC Ms Cremona (Assistant Principal – Kindergarten and Year 1)

KB Miss Bennett

KG Miss Cohen (Rel Assistant Principal -Mon-Tuesday)

KP Miss Pierce

KV Mrs Vleeskens

Year 1

1B Mrs Browne

1C Mrs Blanch

1H Miss Homan

1M Mrs McNamee

1W Miss Woodward

Year 2

2M Mr Jackson (Rel Assistant Principal – Year 2)

2C Mrs Custodio

2T Mrs McPherson

2S Miss Sorensen

Year 3

3K Mrs Kenny (Assistant Principal – Years 3/4)

3W Mrs Warburton

3F Mrs Fenech

Year 4

4H Mr Hadley

4D Mrs Dutton

4M Miss Morawsky

Year 5

5F Mrs Fotokopoulos / Mrs Hall (Friday)

5J Mrs Nelson

5X Mr Xuereb

Year 6

6N Mr Nicholls (Assistant Principal – Years 5/6)

6J Mrs Jackson

6G Miss Gauci

Support Unit staff

Ms Speed (Assistant Principal)

Miss Moore - Teacher

Mrs Atallah – Teacher

Mr Baltetsch – Teacher

Mrs Dianna Gett – RFF Teacher

Mrs Trivarelli – School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Walton - School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Torrington - School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Riley – School Learning Support Officer

Teacher Support Staff

Ms James, Mrs Dhawan, Mr Smith, Mrs Kennedy,

Ms Carson, Mrs Hall, Mrs Frugone

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction -

Mrs Vassiliadis and Mrs McCracken

Librarian - Mrs Griffiths

Administration Staff

Mrs McQuillan Mrs Taylor Mrs Ryan Mrs Smith

General Assistant - Mr Brown

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Thomas Mrs Curtis Miss Freshwater

Mrs Cook Mrs Powell Mrs Galka

Mrs Spencer Mrs Wikaira

School Counsellors

Mrs Fairall Lee and Ms Breen



Claremont Meadows Public School

Term 2 2022

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a lovely break.

As Term 2 is much colder, please ensure your child comes to school each day with warm clothing. Full school uniform is expected every day. Once it gets very cold a large jacket is acceptable if full school uniform is worn underneath. Remember all our classrooms are well heated so large items are quickly removed by children once they are in their classrooms. I highly recommend that you put your child's name on the inside of all their clothing so that if they take it off and misplace it, we can return the item correctly to them.

Regarding COVID 19, the Premier has announced a change to close contact rules. We are waiting on further advice on how this change will impact our school. To assist families in understanding these changes I have included an update from NSW Health at the end of my report. On Wednesday 27 April, Principals will receive a briefing from the Department of Education where further details of Term 2 settings will be provided. We remind parents that students are unable to attend school if they are unwell.

Over the holidays we had a new electronic buzzer gate installed at the front of the school. If you arrive during school time to collect your child for an appointment, please press the buzzer and you will be connected to the office staff.

As of this afternoon the gates will be open, and parents allowed on site to collect their children.

Staffing Update:

At the end of term 2, Mrs Kenny was successful in gaining the permanent Assistant Principal position through merit selection. Congratulations to her on her success.

Please be advised that a class teacher change has been required for both 2M and 5J.

This is a result of ill health suffered by Mrs McCracken, her need to take extended sick leave and her seeking to work fewer days as part of her recovery.

To ensure that both classes have the best learning and full-time experienced teachers, the following changes have been made:

- Mr Jackson will be teaching 2M for the remainder of 2022. He will also be the Relieving Assistant Principal for all of Year 2.
- Mrs Nelson will be teaching 5J for the remainder of 2022.
- Mrs McCracken, on her return, will be working Wednesdays and Thursdays in the vacant Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction position.
- Mrs Frugone will continue in the Learning and Support teacher position.
- Mrs Dhawan will be teaching all Kindergarten classes for 2 hours per week: 1 hour library and 1 hour science as part of teacher's release time.
- COVID support has been ceased for most students as a consequence of staff shortages.
- Mr Brown is currently on leave because of a shoulder injury he suffered in mid-term 1.
- Mr Brown's return date is unknown at this stage, and we currently have Mr Panczyk assisting us a few days per week.

Ceasing of paper copies of our newsletter:

As we continually move to online platforms and can communicate very quickly through these methods, our newsletter from Term 3 will be available only in an electronic form. This will be via our Facebook page, via email on Sentral and our school Enews APP.

New Parent Online Portal

As many of you know we have a new parent portal that allows you to see your child's absences and send in reasons for unexplained absences. In time, other services will be able to be accessed through this portal. Currently newsletters, notes and messages can also be viewed through the portal.

Re Student attendance:

This platform is just another way to communicate why your child was away from school. Other avenues include the Enews app, email, phoning the school or sending a note in.

- Please be aware that there is often a delay of a few days from when you communicate the reason to the school until you will see it recorded against your child's attendance in the portal app. This is because once you notify us of a reason the teacher, needs to then record the reason and add the appropriate code. The office staff can take a message from you for an absence, but they then send it to the class teacher to be recorded hence the delay.
- Note that some absences will stay as unjustified even if you have provided an explanation, this will occur if the reason is not a legally valid reason. The absence or late/early arrival will be documented as explained but unjustified.
- If you kept your child home during the recent floods due to minimal supervision, we still need you to let us know that was the reason and not sick or on holidays etc. This will then be recorded as approved Leave.

Please be patient as we work through this new platform, and we all become familiar with its functions. If you have not yet signed up to the parent portal, please phone the office to obtain your personal key access. There is a unique key for every parent or carer who is listed in our system. You will also need to have a valid/ working email address to use this platform.

Voluntary Contributions:

Voluntary contributions assist in the purchasing of resources for our school. We understand the financial difficulties faced by some families during the COVID pandemic, and these contributions are voluntary, and we thank you if you are able contribute.

This year's contributions are:

\$50.00 per child or \$100 per family.

Payments can be made online or placed in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and 'voluntary contribution' written on the envelope and sent to the front office.

Life Education:

Payment is due for this in school visit by Wednesday 4th May 2022.

ANZAC Day: On Monday I had the pleasure of our Prefects and Captains joining me for the Dawn service at St Marys RSL club sub- Branch. It was a moving ceremony honouring past and present veterans. Keira and Isaac laid a wreath on behalf of our school.

During the ceremony they spoke of the historical fall of Singapore in 1942, now 80 years ago and the horrors faced by both veterans and civilians at the time of the fall and the following 3 years.

Thank you to our Prefects and Captains and their families for the very early morning attendance.



NAPLAN:

This will occur for Grades 3 and 5 and will be held during weeks 4 and 5 of this term, 10-13th May. This is completed online except for Year 3 writing. Students will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Please ensure your child is at school so that they do not miss out on completing their tests. This supports teacher in identifying areas of need for all students and helps set school targets and priorities. If you are concerned about your child completing NAPLAN, please contact the school asap.

Student Reports:

Semester 1 reports will be written and distributed at the end of the term. It is anticipated that they will be sent home on Monday 27th June 2022. Information regarding Parent/ Teacher interviews will follow.

Camps:

We are in the process of organising Camps.

Stage 3 Camp will be to the Great Aussie Bush camp from Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th September 2022.

We are just waiting on bus quotes and hope to get these notes out to you within a week. Both year 5 and 6 students will go together this year.

Stage 2 Camp is still being finalised for both venues and costs. It will be occurring early term 4.

More information will be provided as soon as possible for both camps.

P&C – Mother's Day:

On Wednesday 4th May 2022 we will be holding a Mother's Day Stall.

Gifts will be available for \$2.50 **and** \$5.00. Students will need to bring money with them on the day and may purchase up to 2 gifts each. Your support in our activities is always greatly appreciated

Why is this important?

Households are one of the highest risk settings for spreading COVID-19. After being exposed to someone with COVID-19 you are at risk of illness for 14 days. Most people who develop COVID-19 will get symptoms in the first 7 days, however some people will develop symptoms between day 7 and 14.

While you are legally required to follow these Guidelines for 7 days, it is recommended that you continue to monitor for symptoms and take precautions for 14 days to help protect yourself and others from COVID-19. This is particularly important if you or someone you know is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Can I go to work or school?

Where practicable, you should work or study from home to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

While you do not have to self-isolate, you may only return to work or school after you have notified your workplace or education facility that you are a household contact or a close contact. Your employer or educational facility must approve your return to work/school and may ask you to take additional precautions to reduce the risk of transmission.

You must wear a mask when you are in an indoor setting that is not your own home, including workplaces and tertiary education settings. Please follow the guidance for schools and early childhood education settings.

Before you return to work or school it is strongly recommended that you have a COVID-19 test. This is particularly important if you work in healthcare, aged care, disability care and correctional facilities.

If you are not employed by a high-risk setting, but sometimes go to them for work (e.g. occasional contracted service provider), you should consider if it is critical before you attend, and gain permission from the facility before entering. This does not include emergency services.

NSW Health workers should refer to [Managing healthcare worker exposures](#) for additional information. Workers in residential aged care and disability care settings must refer to the [Advice to Residential Aged Care Facilities](#) and [Advice to Residential Disability Care Facilities](#) respectively.

How can I protect people at high risk of COVID-19?

As a household contact you are at high risk of developing COVID-19 for at least 14 days since the person in your house tested positive to COVID-19. You should carefully think about the risk that you could infect vulnerable people.

All household contacts **must not visit high risk settings** (aged care, healthcare, disability care and correctional facilities) for at least 7 days after the last person in their house had a positive COVID-19 test. If there are extenuating compassionate reasons for visiting a high-risk setting (e.g. end of life) and you do not have symptoms of COVID-19, you should contact the facility to discuss if this can be safely arranged. Between day 7 and 14, you should limit visiting high risk settings to further reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

These restrictions do not apply to household or close contacts who require medical care, aged care or disability care services for themselves. Where possible, call ahead to notify the facility that you are a household contact or a close contact so that they can manage the risk to staff, patients, residents and clients.

Wherever possible, avoid contact with people at higher risk of severe illness as listed below. Where contact is unavoidable, take extra precautions like wearing a mask, doing a rapid antigen test before visiting, and holding the visit in an outdoor or well-ventilated area.

Who is at higher risk of severe illness?

- People aged 60 years and older
- Pregnant women
- Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Islander people (from age 35 years and over)
- People with obesity, diabetes, serious cardiovascular disease, chronic lung disease (including severe asthma requiring hospitalisation the last 12 months), severe chronic liver or kidney disease, active cancer or who are immunocompromised
- Some people with a disability including those with a disability that affects their lungs, heart or immune system
- Residents of aged care and disability care facilities
- People aged 18 years and older who are unvaccinated

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- [What COVID-19 test should I do?](#)
- [NSW Health COVID-19 Self-Isolation Guideline](#)

Penalties

It is an offence to not comply with a Public Health Order. Penalties can apply to individuals and corporations. Additional on the spot fines can also apply.

Help in your language

If you need an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) National on 131 450. This service is free and confidential.

NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines

Who do these Guidelines apply to?

These Guidelines apply to household contacts (someone who lives with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19) and close contacts (someone who has been formally notified by NSW Health that they are a close contact). If you are not a household or close contact, but have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please refer to the [Information for people exposed to COVID-19 factsheet](#).

If you have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks, you do not have to comply with these Guidelines if you become a household or close contact.

You do not have to comply with the requirements below if you have not been in contact with the person who tested positive to COVID-19 while they were infectious. People are infectious from either 48 hours before they have symptoms, or if they do not have symptoms, from 48 hours before they test positive. You may have had no contact because you were away from home, or you were effectively isolating from them (e.g. they live in a granny flat or other separate area of your home).

What do I have to do?

If you do not have any symptoms, you do not need to self-isolate, but you should be aware that you are at increased risk of COVID-19 and need to take steps to protect people around you. You must follow these Guidelines for 7 days from the last time someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19, or as otherwise directed by NSW Health if you are a close contact.

- If you have or develop symptoms, you must self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19. If your test result is positive, you must follow the [testing positive to COVID-19 and managing COVID-19 safely at home](#) advice. If your test result is negative, stay home until you do not have any symptoms.
- Do not visit high-risk settings (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities) unless you require care yourself, or there are exceptional circumstances and you have obtained the permission of the facility to visit (e.g. end of life visits).
- Work or study from home where practicable. You must seek approval from your employer or education facility before returning to work or school if you cannot work or study from home. Your employer will undertake a risk assessment before you can return to the workplace or education setting.
- If you are over 12 years of age you must wear a mask when you are in an indoor setting that is not your own home, including workplaces and tertiary education settings. School settings may have their own guidance for students which should be followed. You may remove your mask in circumstances as set out in Clause 7 of the [Public Health \(COVID-19 General\) Order 2022](#) (for example, if you have a physical or mental health condition or disability that makes wearing a mask unsuitable, or if you are eating or drinking). A summary of these reasons can be found [here](#).
- Masks are also encouraged in your home to reduce the risk of transmission in your household.
- Avoid contact with people at high risk of severe illness, where possible.
- Avoid large or crowded indoor gatherings where you will be in contact with groups of people that you don't live with, where possible.
- Where practicable, undertake a rapid antigen test if you need to attend an indoor gathering with people you don't live with, including your workplace or school, even if you do not have symptoms.