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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 1

## Principal's Report

Welcome to our first newsletter of Semester 2 and Term 3. What a difference a few weeks makes as we move into yet another period of COVID-19 restrictions. As you know from all of the communication that has been sent to you over this past 2 weeks, we as a community have had to turn on a dime yet again and pivot to a hybrid model of distance learning, with essential worker students onsite and many students at home. We had a great response to our survey last week, which allowed us to plan more effectively. We certainly learned from the lessons of last year and changed some things this time around to make things easier. We definitely understood that good communication is the key and for our teachers who this time have greater restrictions while at school, it was definitely important to work in close teams. We have been leveraging some of the online platforms to allow us to succeed in this.

Suffice to say that this will be a shorter newsletter. Much because much information has already been passed onto you, but also due to the new restrictions, many things set up for the term have had to be cancelled or postponed.

We held two Zoom Q&A parents information sessions yesterday, and it appears from these and teacher feedback that there has been a good start to the program. We are cautious about patting ourselves on the back too early, though we must keep modifying because this is difficult to achieve.

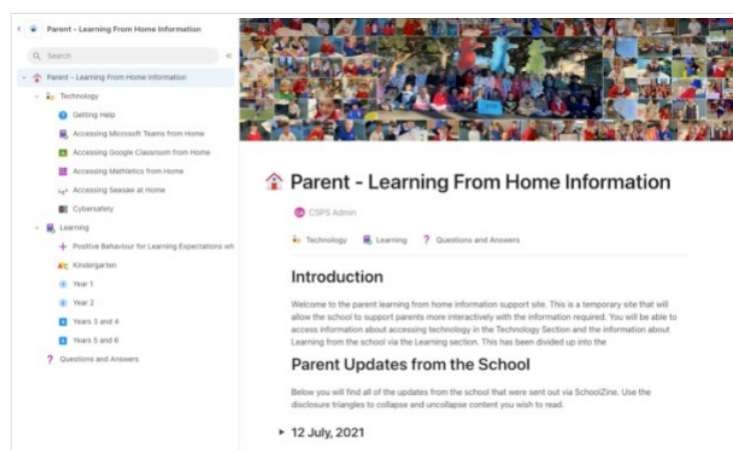
At this time, the Department of Education deems us as being at level 4 restrictions which is the only level students learn from home. This level also comes with some harsh restrictions around adults working onsite. We all have to wear face masks indoors, and non-essential visitors, including parents, are not allowed on site. This continues into level 3, with the only difference being that we have all students on site. We will not be able to function with excursions, camps, PSSA until we reach Level 1 restrictions. We now know from the Premier that restrictions will continue until at least 30 July and as such so will

the Level 4 status for schools with learning from home unless you need to send your children to school.

That being said, I can tell you that all the teaching a learning team is in good spirits. I'll definitely be staying in touch with you over the coming days and weeks as things develop.

## Parent - Learning from Home Information

Just a reminder that we will be coordinating all of our Learning from Home support through our [Parent - Learning from Home information Site](#). This site will be updated frequently with new information as it becomes available and further support should you need it. The site is built in a rapid development environment called Coda. You are not required to create an account with Coda to view the site.



We particularly advise you to look at the Questions and Answers sections for information. We'll update this with those appropriate to the situation as it evolves.

## Kindergarten Information Night

## Kindergarten 2022 Information Evening - Thursday 22 July at 7 pm

Next Thursday we will be holding our Kindergarten Information Evening for families of our 2022 Kindergarten cohort. This year the session will be held via a Zoom Webinar. Families will be emailed information on how to access this session very soon. If you have any questions, please contact the office. The link for the webinar is below

Note that you will require a registered Zoom account to enter.

## By the Sea

This term was meant to be the start of our By the Sea program with 6 students in years 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 working with children from Woollooware, Kurnell and Bundeena Public Schools on a gifted and talented program. Sadly the current restrictions have intervened and we are not allowed at this stage to run the program. We have decided though to keep it on the back burner with the hope of running it later this term or in Term 4 of this year. Therefore, it is not yet cancelled. Assuming it was to be cancelled, there would be a full refund of money paid to participate. We shall keep you posted.

## COVID Restrictions Update

As mentioned in the Principal's message, we are currently under Level 4 restrictions. The NSW Department of Education has an extensive website that is aimed at providing families with all the information that they need.

### COVID-19 (coronavirus) - Advice for Families

Is an extensive site that provides you with all of the advice required to make good decisions on matters related to COVID-19. We particularly urge you to look at the information on its site and bookmark it or add it to your phone's home screen as this site is frequently updated with the very latest information and in most cases allows you to make good decisions. The key areas to look at here relates to advice on getting tested if [sick](#) and on [school operations](#).

Staff will continue to send children who present to school with Flu-like symptoms home. Please have them COVID-19 tested unless you have received specific exemptions that allow them to be waived of this. Even then, we request you keep them at home until they are symptom-free, particularly while we are at level 4 with students learning from home.

More questions and answers are available at the [Parent - Learning from Home Information site](#) prepared by the school.

## Term 2 PSSA Wrap

While it looks like PSSA will not be commencing straight away this term, we are pleased to be able to report on some results from two of the competitions that we participated in the last term

## Mixed Soccer

Our juniors can equal 3rd in the mixed soccer competition and our senior team 7th. As a smaller school than most in the competition, Ms Newton is proud of the effort put in and for the juniors a good final standing - well done!

## Rugby League

In the Rugby League competition, we also did well with equal 4th in the senior competition and 4th in the junior competition. Very respectful considering we were the smallest school competing. Mr Taylor felt particularly proud of the boys competing and on the final Friday, a sweet victory over Cronulla for the senior team capped off the season. Sweet because the Cronulla Team was coached by much loved former CSPS teacher Mr Kenny.

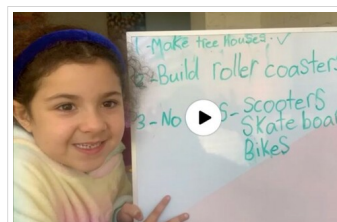
At this stage, we're unsure of the Netball standings.

## Education Week/Open Day/Book Week

As reported the last term, a decision to move our Open Day to week 7 was made when considering the then worsening COVID-19 situation in the Greater Sydney Area. At this stage that looks like it was a good decision though, given the fact the situation has deteriorated further, we are in fact unsure we'll be able to be sure it will happen in week 7. We'll certainly keep you posted on this one.

## K-2 News

Welcome back to Term 3! Teaching and learning is still happening, it just looks a little different. We did it with great success last year and we can do it again this year! Routines are really important and it was great to see some of our students learning from home in their school uniforms. Please keep uploading activities to SeeSaw as timely feedback provides the best opportunity for growth. K-2 teachers are so proud of all the work that has already been uploaded. Check out some of the photos below of our Safe, Respectful and Active Learners who are doing such an amazing job at home.



## Year 1 and 2 - Online Readers

Year 1 & 2 students have access to online levelled readers through the PM E-Collection Website: <https://app.pmeollection.com.au/login>. Students can login using the same login details as their Department of Education account. For example, username: first.last and password: k (same as last year). They have already been using this in class and should be quite familiar with the website/app.

Teachers have allocated texts to each student's 'virtual bookshelf' and will look at reviewing these next week. Students can read these digitised books on any device and can even record themselves reading their PM eBook! There is also an easy to use app called *The eReader App*.

Please note, teachers have been discussing how we can provide for the Kindergarten students, if this is to continue, for future weeks.

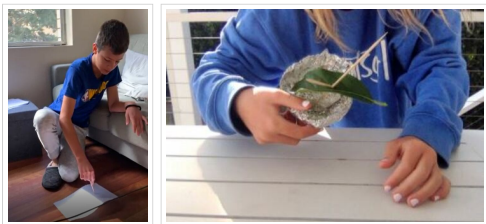
## 3-6 News

Welcome back Stage 2 and 3. While the start of this term looks a little different, it has been incredible to see how smoothly students have transitioned into learning from home mode. We are proud of how the students are being safe, respectful and active learners during meetings and when completing their work.

Our Microsoft Teams meetings have proven to be extremely popular with both our students and teachers. These sessions are very important as they provide an opportunity for your child to connect with their peers and teachers. During the check in sessions the Stage 2 and 3 teachers explain the daily tasks and provide opportunities for your child to ask questions and share their ideas and learning.

Stage 2 and 3 are using the Google Classroom platform to access and submit the work set for the week. So far, we have been very happy with the quality of work coming through from the students. Keep up the great work! The teachers really enjoy reading your child's work and providing feedback as this helps your child to continue to grow in their learning. If your child is completing their work offline, please put the completed work in an envelope and drop it into the school letterbox at the end of the week.

We were so impressed with the STEM task that was completed by our students. Here are some of the results. We can't wait to share some more of their work in our next newsletter.



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