

# Narrabeen Lakes Public School

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# **2021 Stage One Term Four Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Four. We have a very exciting term planned and, after an unusual Term Three we are looking forward to getting back into our regular learning program, with plenty of fun, on October 18<sup>th</sup> for Year One and October 25<sup>th</sup> for Year Two.

#### BACK TO NORMAL(ish)

Our priorities for your child are their well-being and to continue to develop their love of learning. We understand that there will be some children who are very excited to come back to school but others may be a little anxious. Please let your child know that we are here to help them and will be making their time back at school fun and safe.

The school is currently preparing for how students return to school. We need to reduce mingling between grades, so there will be some minor changes to break times etc. and as soon as these are finalised they will be sent to you.

Start time is 9 am and we would like all students to arrive as close to this time as possible and come straight to their class lines. We are not able to open the playground for play before school.

#### **CANTEEN**

The canteen will be open for online orders only.

# **SICK STUDENTS**

The DoE has directed that students with any kind of symptoms, such as runny noses, headaches etc. will need to stay at home. If they attend school and become sick they will immediately be sent to the office and the office will ring the parent to collect as soon as possible. Children will only be allowed to return to school once the school is sent a negative Covid 19 result.

#### BRING YOUR SOFT TOY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having a special 'Bring Your Soft Toy to School Day'. Children will be able to have their favourite soft toy in the classroom with them but not in the playground, as we don't want any of them to get dirty.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Teachers will be undertaking various assessments in the first couple of weeks to guide the teaching program in Years One and Two to maximise each child's learning. A formal report will be provided in the last week of Term Four.

#### REGULAR LEARNING PROGRAM

We will be running with our regular Term Four programs with a few minor adjustments, depending on observations and assessments from teachers of students learning from home. This includes..

- Reading with a focus on phonics and decodable readers
- Comprehension strategies understanding what we read
- Writing continuing with recounts and learning about narratives, with a focus on quality sentences
- Speaking and Listening News (this will be casual, with no set topics or days)
- Number continuing to improve number sense and problem solving
- Measurement, Geometry and Data
- PDH Child Protection lessons
- PE various games, skills and sport
- Science Material World What changes occur when materials are combined?
- Geography Features of Places How can spaces be used for different purposes?
- Creative Arts music, abstract art and art in literature
- Mandarin lessons will continue as before
- Library lessons and borrowing:
   1C is on a Wed, 1D and 1TM on Mondays and all Year Two will borrow on a Thursday

### **TERM 4 SPORT**

All children will continue to wear their sports uniform, with joggers, on Fridays.

#### HATS

Hats are worn whenever the children are outside. Please note that without a hat, your child will need to spend recess and lunchtimes under the shade structures and this restricts their much-needed play time.

# UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child wears the correct full school uniform each day. If your child is unable to wear the approved uniform items on the appropriate day, please send a note or speak to your class teacher.

# **SEESAW**

This will remain the main platform for class communications.

Thank you for all your help and support and we look forward to celebrating more successes with your children in Term 4.

The Stage One Teachers