



# Narrabeen Lakes Public School

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## 2021 Stage 2 Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4. We have a very exciting term planned and, after an unusual Term 3, we are looking forward to getting back into our regular learning program, with plenty of fun, on October 25th.

### BACK TO NORMAL(ish)

Our priorities for your child is their well-being and to continue 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. An example of this is that each grade will be designated playground spaces for recess and lunch time, so that there is no mingling across grades.

In the morning, the playground will be closed, so we ask that students do not arrive before 9:00. Again, this is to minimize the intermingling of students across grades. If they arrive earlier, they will proceed to their class and sit in lines outside the classroom. Students will be allowed to enter classrooms at 9:00, with lessons commencing at 9:10.

### FACE MASKS

All staff members are required to wear a face mask whilst indoors. Masks for students are recommended, but are not required.

### SICK STUDENTS

The DoE has directed that students with any kind of symptoms, such as running 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 the student as soon as possible. Children will only be allowed to return to school once the school is sent a negative Covid 19 result.

### ASSESSMENT

Teachers will be undertaking various assessments in the first couple of weeks to guide the teaching program in Stage in order to maximise each child's learning. A formal report will be provided in the last week of Term 4.

### REGULAR LEARNING PROGRAM

We will be running with our regular Term 4 programs with a few minor adjustments, depending on observations and assessments from teachers of students learning from home.

English and maths programs will continue as usual. A priority will be placed on the literacy and numeracy skills of the students.

Geography – We are studying the unit, ‘Australia’s Neighbours’ which looks at the similarities and differences between Australia and our closest neighbouring countries. There will be a presentation for the students to give towards the end of the term.

Science – Our science unit looks at how natural disasters and intervention by man has shaped the Earth’s surface. Again, this will culminate with a presentation.

Library, Mandarin and Music.

These lessons will take part again; however, the times may have changed.

Below is a list of these times.

<u>Library:</u> 3C – Mon 12:05-12:45 4P – Wed 9:35-10:25	3H – Tues 11:45-12:15	4MS - Wed 10:25-10:55
<u>Mandarin:</u> 3C Mon 11:35-12:05 4P – Wed – 10:30-10:55	3H – Tues 12:15-12:45	4MS - Mon 12:05-12:45
<u>Music:</u> 3C – Tues – 12:05-12:45 4P – Mon – 11:15-12:05	3H – Mon – 12:05-12:45	4MS – Thurs – 2:30-3:10

#### TERM 4 SPORT

All children will 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 summer uniform each day, including a hat. 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.

#### CANTEEN

Canteen will open on Monday 18 October, for recess and lunch orders only. There will be NO over the counter sales.

#### COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that you are regularly checking Seesaw, as this is the main way teachers will communicate with the parents.

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

Mr Phillips, Mr Chapman, Mrs Clark, Mrs Horton, Mrs Mayo & Mr Skinner