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### Stage 3 Term 4 - 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, Stage 3 return to face-to-face schooling on Monday the **25th of October**. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of the students back in person! Term 4 is always a busy time for Stage 3 students and we are keen to make it a great final term of school, working within the return to school guidelines outlined by the Department of Education.

#### Return to School: Key Information

- Students and staff are not permitted to attend school if unwell. Students that present to the office unwell will be asked to wear a mask and will be sent home and not be able to return to school until a negative COVID result is obtained and emailed to the office.
- Masks are strongly recommended for primary students indoors and outdoors (unless exercising or eating).
- To minimise mingling, students will remain in grade-based cohorts until restrictions are changed. Our recess and lunch breaks will be staggered so our K-2 and 3-6 students will have access to separate play spaces.
- Our playground will be closed for playing before school and students should arrive between 9:00-9:10am and head straight to their class lines.
- Students must not arrive at school before 8:40am. The gates will be unlocked at this time by an Assistant Principal. At 9:10am, all gates will be locked, with the only access being via our Pittwater Road gate.
- Stage 3 will be walked out to be picked up from Park Street (double gate near greenspace) at 3:00pm. Students making their own way home, being picked up from kiss and drop, catching a bus or attending after school care will remain with their class until 3:10pm when they will be dismissed by their teacher. Older siblings will be sent to join their youngest sibling at their meeting point and can be collected from there.
- When students return from Week 3, the canteen will be re-open for online orders only. There will be no over the counter sales.
- Students should be in complete summer uniform as of next week. If you haven't had a chance to organise this as yet, please inform your class teacher so they are aware. Uniforms can still be purchased online and orders will be delivered to your child's class once a week.

#### Changes to Stage 3

As a Stage 3 team, we would like to make the most of our short time back face-to-face at school and ensure all students get the opportunity to be fully engaged in the activities and learning specific to the separate Year 5 and

Year 6 cohorts as well as remain compliant with COVID-19 restrictions for schools. As a result, we will be restructuring Stage 3 from when we return to face-to-face learning.

Year 5 will form one class to be 5MB, and will continue with an open classroom structure in the upstairs classrooms in S Block (previously the Year 6 classrooms). Year 6 will move to the downstairs classrooms in S Block (previously 5/6MB) and the Year 6 students from 5/6M will join 6S and 6LS for the remainder of the year. Miss Martin will be working between the three classes and remain the primary contact for all 5/6M students and their parents / carers. We are looking forward to a fantastic end to the year for all the Stage 3 students.

We would also like to officially welcome Miss Eliza Smyth who will be teaching 6LS Wednesday - Friday.

### Activities for Stage 3

Below is a breakdown of some of the activities for Term 4. Due to school COVID-19 restrictions we are currently negotiating exact dates and formats for some of our regular Term 4 activities, updates will be communicated throughout the term:

**25/10** - Students return to school

**Week 5** - Year 5 Leadership Training

**Week 8** - Year 5 Leadership speeches and school voting

Interrelate - 21 October

**Early December** - Year 6 Transition to High School (look for communication from your child's high school)

**Week 10** - Presentation Day

**Week 11** - Year 6 Farewell

**16/12** - Last day of school

### Year 5 Leadership

Having completed their Leadership presentations online, the next element of the program this year is for the students to participate in two leadership training days. After every student successfully completes the leadership program, they can nominate themselves, or be nominated by others, for Year 6 leadership positions, informed with the knowledge and skills that are required to be successful. Specific criteria and more information on the selection process will be discussed and distributed during the leadership training days. An additional note will be sent home to Year 5 families with further details about the leadership program.

### Timetable

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>6S</b>	Mandarin Music	Library	Sports Uniform
<b>6LS</b>	Music Library	Mandarin	
<b>5MB</b>	Library Mandarin	Music	

## English

**Reading:** Students read for 15–25 minutes each day in class and should supplement this with another 20 minutes at home. We will also be teaching comprehension, with a particular focus on Super 6 strategies, to assist our understanding.

**Writing:** Students will develop their writing skills with a focus on poetry and language. They will be given opportunities to engage in writing 2–3 times a week.

## Maths

This term, we will be continuing to develop our skills in whole number and problem solving. Students will be introduced to new concepts in angles, fractions and patterns and algebra. Mr Skinner will attend some of our mathematics lessons to support the students' needs. Each lesson is differentiated and consistent across classes and allows individual needs to be met at all stages of their learning.

## Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

Our PDH units continue to develop students' understanding of making informed, healthy and safe decisions. Students will be taught about the dangers and risks that surround a range of situations, and strategies that enable students to confidently stand by their decisions in times of outside pressure.

## History

Students will be exploring a unit entitled 'Race, Rights and Immigration' and will be engaging in meaningful discussions and research about human rights, and human rights movements in Australia.

## Homework

Students are expected to do at least 20 minutes reading at home each day and record this in their NLPS Reading Log. Students can also use their school subscriptions to Mathletics, Soundwaves and Literacy Pro to work on mathematics, spelling and reading comprehension at home. Links to these programs can be found on the Stage 3 Google Classroom.

## Equipment

Please make sure that your child always comes to school in full summer school uniform. This includes black shoes, grey socks and a hat. All students are expected to wear the broad brim or bucket hats. Please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child's name.

## 21st Century Learning

Stage 3 will continue using Chromebooks, laptops, iPads, Google Classroom and Google Docs to complete various class activities. We will explore Google Apps and Microsoft Office to broaden students' ability to engage in their work.

Kind regards,

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