

YERONG CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Week 4 Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back for the second newsletter of Term 2. From Week 6, our newsletters will return to their usual delivery day of Wednesday. Thank you for supporting your child/ren with their remote learning. There has never been a time when it has been more important that staff and parents work together to enable all children to engage with, and develop their love of learning. Throughout our lifetime, we will always be confronted with change, and this is a great time to help your child/ren develop their skills in resilience and perseverance. As you are aware, we will be resuming full onsite teaching and learning programs from next week, Week 5.

I would like to thank those families who stayed in regular contact with the school during the disruption to onsite learning. The staff put in many hours of their personal time to ensure they were meeting the needs of our students, and families who returned our calls, or contacted us to let us know their students needed assistance, or were ill and could not attend school this last week, assisted in easing the workload enormously. The mutual respect shown through these small acts reinforces the culture that our school embodies- that working together and showing respect and consideration for each other assists in promoting happy, confident young men and women of the future.

Although next week brings student learning back to normal, the same can't be said for adults on site at this point in time. We will be sending home an information flyer, and also attach this information to the newsletter to explain what access adults will have to the site. These procedures are Department of Education requirements that we must follow. As soon as things change, I will let you know.

Appointments can still be made to see staff, however we will need to hold these either before students arrive at school, or after they leave. Physical distancing will be adhered to at all times between adults. Ultimately, this is to make our site as safe as we possibly can at this point in time for every student and adult in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any issues or concerns you have. I will be emailing the P and C Committee next week to see if we can meet via Zoom conference to bring this part of our school life back to normal operations :)

Until next time, stay safe and well

Kym Poidevin Principal

CLASS NEWS.....

K-2 Class News

Dear Families,

The past fortnight has been wonderful to see the return of the majority of students to onsite learning. We will still be focussing on literacy, numeracy, and computer skills for the rest of this term. I will be contacting families next week to ask you about the progress you feel your children made, and their engagement with, their home learning experience. As reports will look different this Semester, it is important that your voice is represented in the report.

Although school now returns to normal for our students next week, there are still some aspects that sadly have had to be cancelled for the year. This includes many excursions and sporting activities that were planned. We will work hard to ensure that wherever possible, we can provide a substitute experience for students during the remainder of the school year.

I urge families to please contact the school if your child is absent. It is the responsibility of parents to contact the school to inform us if their child will not be attending.

Our class has been busy engaging in aspects of Google Classroom this past two weeks, and have embraced their learning on this medium enthusiastically :) Congratulations to our K-2 students on the fabulous start back to learning :) Until next time stay safe and well

Kym Poidevin

3-6 Class News

Hi Families,

The 3-6 class have been busy since returning to face-to-face learning exploring our Google Classroom, Google Docs, Google Slides and Google Drive. Our Classroom provides an online learning environment while also allowing real time messaging between student and teacher. Google Classroom and our other online learning programs (Literacy Planet, Study Ladder, Matific and Essential Assessment) allow for differentiated learning programs to be delivered simultaneously with in our classroom.

Thank you to families for ensuring home learning has continued on Wednesday's. I am looking forward to having our students back full time face-to-face next week so that we can continue our learning journey in our 3-6 classroom.

Have a great fortnight 😎

WHAT'S HAPPENING....

2021 Kindergarten Transition

We are currently planning for the 2021 kindergarten transition to school. If you know of any families who are interested in coming and viewing our lovely school, please forward their details to the school office and we can contact the families.



Lion Leaf Art - Ryan, Leilya & Serenity



Procedural writing- How to make a Pirate hat



NOTES TO RETURN

Please ensure all notes and money are returned by the due date.

Electronic payments can be made via Pay POP on the school website or cash at school.

Event	Who	Due
Absence letters	Parents and carers	Within 7 days of absence

WHS NEWS AND INFORMATION

Evacuation Drill

Evacuation Drill completed last Friday. All students reacted quickly and calmly and the drill was completed in five minutes.

Students were able to voice the importance of carrying out these drills to ensure the safety of members of the school community.

Well done. 😊

SRC Student Voice

SRC - Hot Chocolates

The SRC students are fundraising for end of year activities by providing a lovely hot chocolate on Fridays each week for \$1.

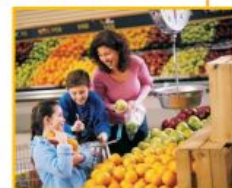
Money can be paid ahead for multiple weeks or weekly.



The simplest way

... to reduce your shopping bill.

Healthy eating doesn't have to be expensive. Here are our top tips to cut the cost of your shopping bill.



1. **Write a shopping list** - Buy only what you really NEED, not WANT.
2. **Look beyond eye level on the shelves** - companies pay valuable money to stock their goods at your eye-height, try looking up or down for cheaper options.
3. **Meat is more expensive per kilogram than vegetables or fruit** - try changing your recipes to use less meat and more veg.
4. **Avoid buying pre-made meals** - cooking meals from scratch is usually cheaper than buying ready meals. Cook in bulk and freeze portions for quick easy meals in the future.
5. **Buy fruit and veg that's in season**

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The simplest way

... to cook with kids.

Providing lots of opportunities for kids to be involved in the kitchen is a great way to raise healthy eaters, teach them life skills and boost their development.



Young kids can:

- Wash fruit and vegies
- Tear foods like lettuce or bread
- Use scissors to trim vegies
- Add premeasured ingredients
- Stir and sprinkle

Older kids can:

- Use measuring cups, spoons and scales
- Use equipment like salad spinners, and blenders under supervision
- Prep easy to chop foods with kid's knives
- Be in charge of preparing simple recipes

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This guide is for parents and carers

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.



Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.



School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.



Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.



School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.



School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.



School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.



Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.





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Term TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	27 April Staff Development Day	28 April	29 April	30 April	1 May	2/3 May
2	4 May	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9/10 May
3	11 May	12 May	13 May Pupil Free Day	14 May	15 May	16/17 May
4	18 May	19 May	20 May Pupil Free Day	21 May	22 May	23/24 May
5	25 May Students return to school	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30/31 May
6	1 June	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June	6/7 June
7	8 June	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13/14 June
8	15 June	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June	20/21 June
9	22 June	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27/28 June
10	29 June	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July	4/5 July
Hols	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11/12 July
Hols	13 July	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July	18/19 July