

Curran Public School

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Dear Families and Friends of Curran Public School.

The end of Term 3 has been a busy one for our school and others throughout the state. We're happy to say that together we made it through what has been a constantly-changing and sometimes difficult Term. We could not have done it without the commitment from all of our families who supported learning from home, and from our fantastic teaching and school staff. I want to thank you all for your efforts to continue to keep our school community safe – I know everyone has faced different challenges at different times throughout the Term.

I hope everyone enjoys a break over the holidays and is looking forward to the COVID-safe return to school sites that we are planning for in Term 4. Please read through the following updates before the start of the school holidays and don't hesitate to reach out for support or with any questions.

In Term 4, where stay-at-home rules are still in place but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staggered approach for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

Order of return under staggered approach where we remain under stay-at-home rules

Students will return to face-to-face learning *at Curran Public School* with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe <u>Level 3 plus</u> settings on school sites *pending Campbelltown LGA status* in the following order:

From 25 October 2021:

All students K-2

From 1 November 2021:

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) and Support Unit

From 8 November 2021:

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)



The staggered arrangement is for Curran Public School to meet the contextual needs of how our school classes are structured.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on our <u>Advice for families page</u>.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our families and students for your unwavering support and incredible efforts during Term 3 Learning from Home. It has not been easy and I applaud the strength of our students and families to adapt and work in partnership with us during a perplexing time of schooling in a pandemic; as we all adjust to our home becoming the hub of all things, work, school, gym and home in general.



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To our Curran PS Staff, I stand back and applaud you for the inspiring work you continue to do throughout remote learning. Thank you for the dedication you have shown in ensuring our students continue to have access to learning and support whilst making sure your own children are connected to their zooms and household members are being looked after.

Staffing

As we finish Term 3 we say a bittersweet farewell to Ms Belinda Gourley our School Counsellor who has been instrumental in providing professional support to our families over the 4 years she had been with us. Belinda has been successful in gaining a transfer closer to home where she will be working with schools in the Menai area.

Thank you Ms Gourley for your dedication and commitment to both the learning and wellbeing outcomes of our students. We wish you all the best in your new position with the Menai group of schools.

Year 6 Farewell, High School Transitions, Kindergarten Orientation and other Term 4 events

At this point in time our end of year face to face events are governed by the current NSW Health Orders. We are unable to provide any information on what the Year 6 Farewell and other face to face events that usually occur in Term 4 will look like. We will be able to make decisions as we move into Term 4 and will be guided by the current NSW Health Orders in place.



Term 4 Start Date

A reminder Monday 4 October is a public holiday and school will resume in Term 4 online on Tuesday 5 October 2021 starting with our 9:30am class zoom sessions. Teachers will release further information on Seesaw before Tuesday 5 October.

Take care everyone, be safe and look after each other.

Kind Regards,

Heather Ale Principal Friday 17 September 2021