



The Grapevine

Term 4 Week 6

At Orchard Hills Public School we are **SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS.**

12 November 2021

Coming Events

Tuesdays Thursdays Friday	Canteen is open
Tuesday 23 Nov	S2 Virtual Excursion
Friday 3 Dec	S1 Science Excursion
Monday 6 Dec	Presentation Day
Thursday 9 Dec	Indigenous Sport Incursion
Monday 11 Dec	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell Dinner
Thursday 16 Dec	Students last day

Principal's Message

Sports in Schools

Our school was lucky enough to receive a grant from Sporting Schools, which has allowed us to engage a third party "Sports in Schools" to run a gymnastics and fundamental movement skills program for the next 3 weeks. All students will engage in the program with no expense to the parents. I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for completing the grant application.

COVID restrictions at school

As you may already be aware, restrictions eased across the state and in school on Monday 8 November. We are still operating in accordance with our ventilation report and will continue to maximise learning outside as much as possible. Our school continues to separate cohorts of students between breaks and adhere to social distancing where possible. Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, vulnerable students or students with disability, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops), or to attend essential meetings (e.g. suspension meetings). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in, show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site and follow mask-wearing requirements. Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Cohorts should be separated with physical distancing in place where practicable. Care must be taken to avoid mixing and mingling of cohorts when entering and exiting the assembly or presentation. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school. All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination. I would like to thank all parents and carers for adhering to the public health guidelines.

Kindergarten Orientation Day

It is with great excitement that we are now able to have our kindergarten orientation onsite, due to the easing in restrictions. Our first onsite orientation day will be on Tuesday 16 November. It will start at 12:00pm and conclude at 1:00pm. During this time, Mr McMahon will be out in the car park talking with parents, if parents want to leave and return at 1:00pm to pick their child up that is also allowed. Under the current restrictions, only one fully vaccinated parent/carers can accompany the child to the orientation day. Evidence of vaccination will need to be sighted at the school gate upon entry.

Remembrance Day

I would like to thank Mrs James and Miss Stuart for organising the day and assisting the SRC with leading the assembly on Thursday. The assembly was viewed via Zoom to adhere to current COVID restrictions. It is such a significant day in our history, and it was wonderful to see all students and teachers paying their respect.

Lest we Forget.

P and C

I received a phone call from Ms Pru Car, MP (Member of Londonderry) this week who notified me that our school P and C had been successful in obtaining a \$25,000 grant which will go towards building covered walkways in front of the demountable classrooms. This will be a wonderful asset to the school as it will minimise the students getting wet when it rains and provide additional shade during summer. I would like to thank both Mrs Byrnes and Miss Brownly for doing an amazing job with the application. Without their dedication, this grant would not have been awarded to the school.



Education

Uniforms/hats

Just informing parents we have both the yellow everyday shirt and white sport shirt for sale. The school purchased these uniforms to allow all new stock to be placed onto shelves at Back to Basics. We will be selling the shirts from the office for \$25 (which is the cost price). This may be of assistance to families who need a shirt to complete the year and purchase new shirts after the new year. Our school is also selling school hats from the front office for \$18.

Back to Basics currently has all the new everyday greens shirts in stock, however, only has some sizes in the sports shirt. I will continue to update the community as the additional stock arrives at the store.

PBL Rewards Day

I am carefully looking at the restrictions as I am looking at booking a PBL Rewards Day for the students who have demonstrated safety, been respectful and have also participated in the classroom and out on the playground. I am hoping to book Penrith Ripples like previous years to celebrate the end of the year with students who have displayed positive behaviour.

Leadership Speeches

Congratulations to all students in Year 5 who participated in providing a speech to be chosen as either the school captain or vice-captain for 2022. Thanks to Mr Zubrycki for coordinating the event via Zoom so the school community could watch all the speeches live via our Facebook page. A letter has been sent home to families of the Year 5 students to provide further details regarding the process.

Canteen open

Our canteen is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Thanks to our canteen manager, Erin for organising all rosters to ensure the canteen can operate this term. I would also like to thank the volunteers who have been able to assist this term.

New demountable

Our new demountable is nearly fully completed. The furniture has arrived, and the carpet has been laid. We are just waiting for the electrical and plumbing to be completed. Once this has been finalised, our school will be able to utilise this space.

Before school care

Our before and after school care is back to operating Monday to Friday. If you would like to enrol your child in the service, please click on the link below:

<https://www.owna.com.au/enrol/cheerfulsports.html>

Attendance – Early and Late Arrivals

I understand that with our staggered breaks, it can be difficult for families to arrive at school on time. However, it is important that students are at school at their start time. Every minute at school is crucial to your child's learning, therefore I strongly encourage being at school promptly and minimising the amount of time a child is missing school. I thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.

It is important to remember that we provide supervision from 8:30am to 3:30pm. If your child/children arrive at school before this time or are not picked up by 3:30pm, students will be directed to the before and after school care service which is on our school site. A casual fee will be charged for this service.

Parent portal

Can I please encourage you to contact the school if you have not yet created an account for the SENTRAL Parent Portal. We have had some parents/carers contact the school about not receiving messages or information about changes to routine. If you have download this app and linked your child, all information should be received via the school Facebook page or Parent Portal.

Daniel McMahon

Principal

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

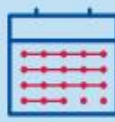


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**



TERM 4 PLANNER 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	15	16 Kinder 2022 Orientation Onsite 12-1pm	17	18	19 SIS K-6
8	22	23 Kinder 2022 Orientation Onsite 12-1pm S2 Virtual Excursion	24	25	26 Newsletter SIS K-6
9	29	30 Kinder 2022 Orientation Onsite 12-1pm	1 Dec	2 SRE Assembly K-2 12:30-1pm 3-6 1- 1.30pm	3 S1 Science Excursion
10	6 Presentation Day	7 Kinder 2022 Orientation Onsite (Parents) 3:30pm-4:30pm	8	9 Indigenous Sport Incursion K-6	10 Newsletter
11	13 Year 6 Graduation And Farewell Dinner	14	15	16 Last Day for students	