



Kentlyn Public School

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Monday 25 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



We are very excited to welcome all our students back to our great school 😊

I would once again like to thank all of you for supporting your child/ren with learning at home but also for ensuring that their wellbeing was always our number one priority. I know it wasn't easy, but we all are very appreciative of your time and assistance.

Our '*Together We Can*' mantra certainly resonated with all of us during Term 3's difficult circumstances but we are proud to say, we are all heading back to where we belong and the specialised roles, we all signed up for 😊

Please continue to visit the 'Advice for families' website for updates and I will also continue updating our whole school community with Department of Education Guidelines.

The first of these changes is that **Year 6 formals can go ahead if they are held outside of school grounds.** We are good

to go. We have already started our planning with the Catholic Club, and I would imagine like last year, we will need to adhere to their strict Covid Plan.

Returning Borrowed Laptops to the office

Can we respectfully ask **that if you have borrowed a laptop to support your child's learning from home over Term 3 that it is returned on Monday 25th October to the office,** as it will need to be cleaned and returned back to the classes for the students to use.

Kind Reminders:

Drop offs and pick-ups

We respectfully ask that you follow our drop off and pick up guidelines, starting Monday 18

October 2021/Monday 25 October 2021, depending on your circumstances.

Morning drop off: Please drop your child at the Old Kent Road gate as close to 9:00am as possible. Mrs Harris and I will be at the gate, guiding students and asking them to go straight to their classes.

Pick up time: The pick-up will be staggered to ensure that we are not mixing our cohorts. We are asking for your support and patience until a routine is established with our students.

Pick Up (Home Time)– Old Kent Road

2:40pm KE & 1/2E

Will be lining up near the silver seat, closest to the gate. Teachers releasing students to parents outside the gates. We are trialling not waiting for siblings. Each cohort will be walked to the gate and released to the parents.

2:50 3/4D

3/4D students to wait on synthetic grass area where teacher and students are still able to view the gate. Once most K-2 students are gone, teachers proceed with walking students to cars and release to parents.

2:55 - 3:00pm 4/5W and 5/6R Wait under COLA – Once most students picked up, teachers walk students to the gate and release to parents.

To ensure that we are complying with Covid safe guidelines we also ask that you follow the following guidelines:

- staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so
- follow the physical distancing advice and avoid gathering outside the school gates
- remaining outside school grounds



Our School's Safe Return Plan.

<p>KPS Covid Plan for our staggered return.</p> <p>Playing areas: KE AND 1/2E - netball courts/synthetic grass/sensory garden All equipment to be cleaned after use eg. trucks and shovels, balls, toys.</p> <p>3/4D – COLA/Basketball courts and mini soccer field.</p> <p>All equipment to be cleaned after use eg. soccer balls/basketballs and skipping ropes.</p> <p>4/5W AND 6R COLA/Basketball courts and mini soccer field. All equipment to be cleaned after use eg. soccer balls/basketballs and skipping ropes.</p>	<p>Morning, Lunch and Recess Breaks are as follows:</p> <p>Morning – all students in their classrooms/or cohorts. Parents are requested to bring students to school as close 9:00am as possible.</p> <p>KE and 1/2E together in KE classroom 3/4D in their room 4/5W and 6R in 4/5W's classroom</p> <p>Lunch: 10:20 – 11:00am 3/4D 11:10 – 11:50 KE and 1/2E 12:00 – 12:40 4/5W and 6R</p> <p>All students playing in allocated areas with their cohort.</p> <p>Recess: 12:25 - 1:00 3/4D 1:05 – 1:40 KE and 1/2E 1:45 - 2:20 4/5W and 6R</p> <p>All students to have own labelled water bottles or designated cups for water drinking during class time. (Minimise movement)</p>	<p>Drop off. Ms K to supervise all students walk to their classrooms as per the designated pathways.</p> <p>Pick Up (Home Time)– Old Kent Road 2:40pm KE & 1/2E Will be lining up near the silver seat, closest to the gate. Teachers delivering students to parents outside the gates. We are trialling not waiting for siblings. Each cohort will be walked to the gate and released to the parents.</p> <p>2:50 3/4D 3/4D students to wait on synthetic grass area where teacher and students are still able to view the gate. Once the majority of K-2 students are gone, proceed with walking students to cars and release to parents.</p> <p>2:55 - 3:00pm 4/5W and 5/6R Wait under COLA – Once the majority of students picked up, walk students to the gate and release to parents.</p>	<p>Toilet and Bubbler cleaning</p> <p>Regular enhanced cleaning will be taking place from 8.30am – 3.00pm</p> <p>Our toilets and bubblers will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. We are trialling every 30 minutes.</p> <p>Please Note: We will be constantly revising this plan to ensure we are adhering to all guidelines.</p>
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Other great news

Concrete pathway re-surfacing

Work will start in the next week or so in getting most of our playground re-surfaced. It is my understanding that they will complete these works within a two-week time frame, weather pending. You will see some scaffolds around the school, and this is to ensure everyone's safety, while these works are taking place.

Sensory Garden

We received a grant to create a sensory garden for all our students. This garden is nearly completed and is located next to our sand pit.

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction:

DoE announced at the end of Term 2 a restructure in terms of supporting schools further with curriculum instruction and introduced a new role in schools, Assistant Principal and Curriculum Instruction. Their role will be to work in the classrooms with our teachers and further support them with all key learning areas and effective differentiation. Our school was lucky to be allocated a full time Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction to start at the beginning of 2022. More information regarding this role to follow in the next few weeks.

We are very excited with this additional role and the positive outcomes that this will bring for all our students 😊

Student Leaders

Our Year 5 students will start having the "Student Leaders" conversations and be introduced to our timeline for the selection process for 2022.

School Canteen

As of today, since we are operating at Level 3 Plus, **canteens are still not allowed to be operating.**

Thank you and looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 25 October 2021 😊

Regards

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Principal