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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We all know that 2020 is the most unprecedented year on record, but in saying that, we also know that it is going very fast. Term 4 is going to be another great term for Kentlyn Public Students with already some fun events such as the Stage 3 Mini-fete, NAIDOC celebrations, Principal's Morning Tea, (covid19 version) and of course our track events that will be held this week.



I am very excited to announce that our new Assistant Principal for lovely KPS is Mrs Sarah Harris who is the R/AP at Ruse Public School - Stage 3. **Sarah will be commencing her role with us day 1 Term 1**

2021. Sarah has relieved in the Assistant Principal role this year at Ruse and has worked incredibly hard,

demonstrating many qualities of an exemplary leader. All her referees have spoken very highly of Sarah's ability to be able to step out of her comfort zone and how she has taught and lead across number of different stages and settings. She has developed her leadership skills through leading in two other very challenging and complex networks, as an Assistant Principal at Wilcannia and as an Instructional Leader in the Bowen network. Sarah is an exceptional practitioner who will be sharing her knowledge and expertise with all staff and students at KPS and of course continue the fantastic collaborative practice with Ruse Public School. I also know that Sarah and I will be touching base at any opportunity that comes our way and start the 'induction' process as such, over Term 4. I know that you will all join with me to welcome Sarah to our great Kentlyn Community. Ms Tracey Rogers will continue in the Relieving Assistant Principal role until the end of 2020.

We are pleased to announce that the Term 4 restrictions have eased a little, however, some guidelines still remain the same. **What is not changed is:**

- Principals must ensure that all visitors to the school site are aware of the physical distancing, health and hygiene measures required by the school. **All adults that enter school grounds at any time, must go to the school office to sign the relevant covid-19 acknowledgement form.**
- Parents and carers who need to be on site for canteen or uniform shop purposes must also sign the [visitor acknowledgement form](#).
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters).
- Scripture will remain the same as last term, in cohort groups and only Protestant scripture will be available this year.
- P&C meetings should continue online only. P&C social events or functions including dinners, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues that involve parents and other adults are not permitted in Term 4
- Students must not attend school if they are unwell. Flu like symptoms include fever, cough,

sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste and loss of smell. If a student has been absent due to flu-like illness or develops flu-like symptoms while at school, they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.

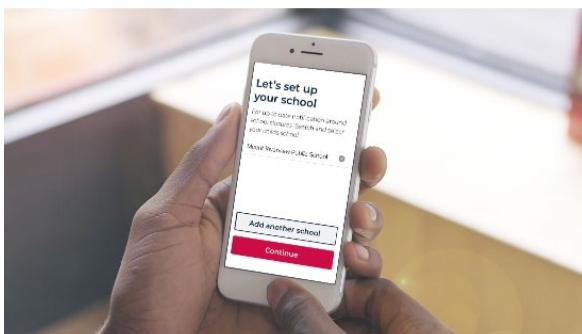
- Where a school has difficulty obtaining a COVID-19 test result, for example where a parent or carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID-19 test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, the student is to be excluded from school for a 10 day period. Additionally, the student must be symptom-free for at least 3 days before returning to school.

School operations - What's changed

- Interschool activities can recommence in Term 4. This means that schools and students may now travel outside of their local community. This applies to all interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities organised or sponsored by the school.
- Ongoing safety measures remain in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools during Term 4
- Where possible, students should stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school. This applies to all curriculum activities, co-curricular activities approved in these guidelines, arts activities and sport and physical activities. The mixing of students from different cohort groups should be avoided where possible in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.

Year 6 formals and graduations

Year 6 formals and graduations can proceed for Term 4. Schools should use the COVID-19 Safety Plan guidance for year 12 graduation ceremonies and formals to support planning for these events.



NSW families can now get notified when their school becomes non-operational, wherever they are.

NSW School Updates app

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

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