



SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**

Friday 4th February 2022

**Term 1 Week 1**



## COMING EVENTS

### TERM 1

Thursday 10th February	School Swimming Carnival (Competitors Only)
Monday 14th February	Fireworks Meeting @ 6.30pm School Staff Room
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	P & C Meeting @ 7pm School Staff Room

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to the students, staff and community of Goulburn North PS who have warmly welcomed me to the role of Relieving Principal. I am very honoured to be commencing my service to this wonderful school, and feel very excited about the challenges ahead.

By way of a brief introduction, I have been a teacher, Assistant Principal and Relieving Principal at Wollondilly Public School for the past 11 years. I have also spent time working abroad in Canada in a middle school setting, and had the opportunity to work in the Queanbeyan Education Office as a Learning and Wellbeing Officer.

I am committed to education and leading school communities to strive for excellence in student outcomes. I spent time in the holidays reading and unpacking Goulburn North's Strategic Improvement Plan to ensure I understood the context of the school and the current directions.

I look forward to working with the students, staff and school community of Goulburn North PS to ensure every student is engaged and challenged to continue to learn.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

During the staff development days, teachers were involved in collaboratively planning consistent teaching and learning programs to ensure we deliver high quality learning environments for our students. Staff also participated in Code of Conduct training and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training provided by Surf Life Saving NSW.

## ANAPHYLAXIS - NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL

We strive to create a safe environment for all students. A number of students in our school have severe allergies or are anaphylactic to nuts. Those students can suffer life-threatening consequences if they come into contact with a product containing nuts, or even a student who has consumed nuts. For this reason, nuts and nut products are not to be sent to school. As part of our school and Department of Education Anaphylaxis Policy, we thank you for your assistance by providing recess and lunch for your child that does not involve nuts or nut products. This includes products such as peanut butter, Nutella and muesli bars, biscuits, cakes and chocolates if they contain nuts or nut products. If you require further information, please contact the school.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Due to COVID guidelines and the ongoing renovations at the Goulburn Aquatic Centre, the carnival is for competitors only with no parent spectators allowed. Thank you to those students who have already returned their permission notes. Permission notes are due back at school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

Our main channels of communication with parents and carers will be via the Goulburn North Facebook Page and Class Dojo. Please check these platforms regularly for updates.

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## RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will be provided to all students through our school.

- Conduct your child's RATs at home on the morning of school, twice a week on school days.
- The RAT kits include instructions for use, how to check the results and how to dispose safely.

## TESTING

- If your child has even mild COVID-19 symptoms, get them tested with a RAT or PCR (nose and throat swab) test.
- If someone has COVID-19, they must isolate immediately for 7 days. Please report all positive tests to NSW Health and to the school email account at [goulburnn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:goulburnn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- A person can release themselves from isolation if they have no symptoms after 7 days. There is more information at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed>. The health advice is not to use the Rapid Antigen Tests for 28 days after being released from isolation of a COVID case. This is due to the high level of COVID-19 antibodies present during that time.
- For more information, please go to 'Testing Positive to COVID-19'.

## MASKS

- All students are strongly recommended to wear well-fitted masks indoors. Surgical masks are strongly encouraged and should be supplied by parents and carers. Please send your child with a mask and a spare in their bag.
- Surgical masks are strongly encouraged in outdoor settings where you cannot physically distance.

## VACCINATIONS

The department strongly recommends all eligible students (and their families) who are 5 years and older get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading it to others.

## VISITORS AND ACTIVITIES

Until further notice, no visitors will be allowed on school grounds, except for fully vaccinated workers or volunteers operating uniform shops and canteens.

## VENTILATION

Natural ventilation is the most effective measure, so we will maximise fresh air flow in learning spaces through opening doors and windows. This approach is strongly supported by expert advice.

## IN ADDITION

- Students will be kept in their stage groups on school grounds, with staggered drop-off and pick-ups, break times, playground and canteen access.
- We will continue to use best practice hygiene processes at school.
- Parents and carers are reminded that students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom free prior to returning to school.
- If parents and carers are picking up or dropping off their child during school hours, please ring the school phone number (02) 4821 3838 when you are at the gate. A member of the office will collect or bring out the children.
- The bubblers are closed. Students should bring a water bottle to school.
- Home learning will only be provided where a child is required by NSW Health to isolate at home.









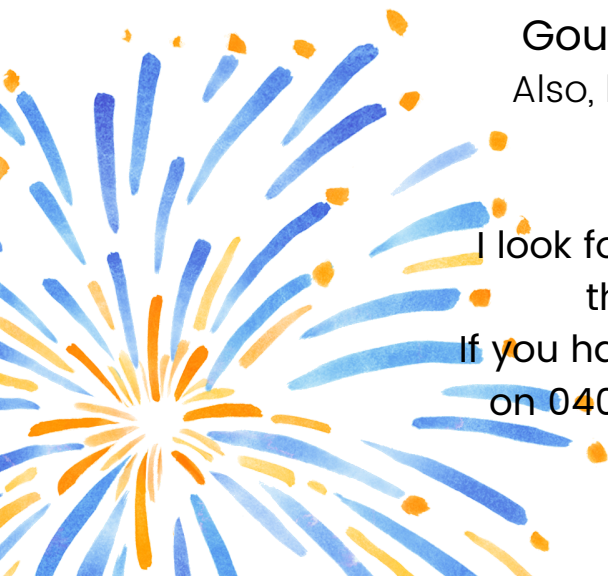




Check out the "Focus On Fireworks" segment in each school newsletter. Here you will find ideas on how you can be part of this wonderful event, and how you can help to make this a successful fundraiser for our school.

There are so many ways you can be involved!

**OUR FIRST MEETING IS IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM  
ON MONDAY 14TH FEB, 6.30PM**



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Thank You

Kylie Barnes – Fireworks Night Coordinator



# COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents and students



Being together in a classroom is the most effective way for students to learn and grow. Since COVID-19 remains a relatively mild illness for most children, we're committed to return to school safely in 2022. We will support this through the following measures.



## WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

- If your child is unwell, even with mild symptoms you must keep them home and get them tested. If they display any symptoms they should take a PCR test (nose and throat swab) or rapid antigen test (RAT).
- If symptoms continue your child should stay home and take another RAT or PCR test in 24 hours. If that test is also negative, your child may return to school if another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever.



## VACCINATIONS

- All staff on school sites must be fully vaccinated.
- We strongly encourage all students and their families to get vaccinated. Children aged 5 to 11 can now get vaccinated. Parents are encouraged to book their child in for a vaccination at the first available opportunity.
- Once eligible, all adults are encouraged to get booster shots.



## TESTING

### Before the start of term 1

- All staff and students are asked to take a rapid antigen test and get a negative result before attending school at the start of term 1. Your school will provide advice on when tests should be taken.
- Rapid antigen tests will be provided to all staff and students through their schools. Schools will inform parents on how these kits can be collected.

### At the start of term 1

- For the first 4 weeks, students and staff should take a rapid antigen test **twice a week on the morning before attending school**. Test kits will continue to be supplied by schools.
- Students who are household close contacts must isolate at home for 7 days.



## COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

- If your child has no symptoms and there is a positive case in their class, year or other grouping, they can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.
- Staff and students who get a positive rapid antigen test result must register it on [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) or the **Service NSW app** as soon as possible.
- Staff and students who receive a positive rapid antigen or PCR test result must tell their school as soon as possible, and follow NSW Health advice.
- Schools will regularly communicate to parents about the presence and impact of COVID-19 in their community. Parents should expect to be provided with details of any impacted year groups or cohorts.





## VENTILATION

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- All learning spaces in public schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged.



## MASKS

- All primary and secondary school staff will be required to wear masks indoors.
- No vented masks or cloth masks should be worn. If required, surgical masks will be available at schools.
- Secondary school students are required to wear masks.
- Primary school students are strongly recommended to wear well-fitted masks indoors.



## ACTIVITIES

- COVID-19 will be considered in all risk assessments. Guidance will be provided to schools on applying appropriate safeguards across a range of activities.
- Parents will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give their permission for participation in extra-curricular, out of school hours or off-site activities



## STUDENT COHORTING

- Schools will continue using cohort arrangements and consider staggered drop-off and pick ups, break times, playground and canteen access.
- Depending on the school, cohort size and timetables, cohorts may be based on classes, years or stages.



## VISITORS

- Visitors on school sites should be kept to a minimum to support essential school activities or student needs. Visitors will be required to wear a mask indoors and will be encouraged to wear a mask outdoors if they cannot maintain physical distancing.
- Schools are advised to allow a maximum of 2 parents or carers per student onto school grounds for Kindergarten orientation or Year 7 transition.



## KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN

- Parents are asked to respect the rules at their child's school to help keep the community safe.
- Schools will do everything they can to maintain continuity of face-to-face learning including the use of more casual staff.
- Schools will need to make localised staffing decisions to ensure appropriate supervision can be maintained.
- Schools will not be able to guarantee particular staff for any cohort and students may not have their regular teacher for a class.



## LEARNING FROM HOME

- We will continue to monitor the situation and where face-to-face learning is not possible, learning from home options will be supported for short periods.

For more info, visit [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.

## SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES



### NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you allowed to stop here. (Unless there is a medical or other emergency)

### Maximum Penalty

**\$349**

+ 2 Demerit points



### NO PARKING

You may stop here for no more than 2 minutes, when picking up or dropping off passengers and stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Otherwise no stopping is permitted.

### Maximum Penalty

**\$194**

+ 2 Demerit points



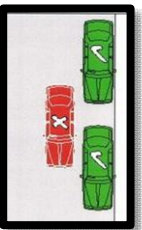
### BUS ZONE

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus

### Maximum Penalty

**\$349**

+ 2 Demerit points



### DOUBLE PARKING

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

### Maximum Penalty

**\$349**

+ 2 Demerit points

For a full list of all penalties and offences, please visit [www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)  
Fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.



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## SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES



### CHILDREN CROSSING

When flags are displayed, drivers must not proceed through the **crossing** if children or adults are still on the **crossing** or about to start **crossing**. This is the law regardless of the presence of a **crossing** supervisor. When children's **crossings** flags are not displayed, pedestrians should give way to passing road traffic.

### Penalty

**\$581**

+ 4 Demerit points



### SPEEDING OFFENCES

School Zone speeding offences attract higher fines & demerit points than other speeding offences.

### Maximum Penalty

**\$2,676**

+ 7 Demerit points



### MOBILE PHONE USE

Driving using a hand held phone in a school zone.

### Penalty

**\$464**

+ 5 Demerit

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