



Fernleigh Public School

Term 4 Week 1- 2020

Welcome to Term 4

I hope you all enjoyed a restful school holiday period and were able to spend quality time with your child/ren. It goes without saying that Term 4 will inevitably be very busy, as it always is, especially now that we have been given the clear to participate in excursions. It will however still be a different Term 4 to usual given the fact that we are operating within unique DoE guidelines but none the less we look forward to an exciting few weeks, doing what we can within the current guidelines.

As you are aware, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. DoE schools have been very clearly directed to send students home who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms including: fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, headache, muscle or joint pains.

Any students or staff who have even mild flu-like symptoms need to arrange to be tested through their local practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of the negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

The DoE continues to update its guidelines for schools. The following link contains the most up to date information from the DoE. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

If the student or staff member is still displaying ongoing symptoms that is typical of a condition such as seasonal allergic rhinitis (hayfever) they can provide a medical certificate from their GP to continue to attend school.

What's Coming Up!

Week 1- Tomorrow– Blue-berry Farm Excursion (see attached permission note to be returned tomorrow)

Week 2

Monday 19th – Zoom Excursion to Vacluse House

Thursday 22nd – Mindfulness with Jodie

Week 3

Monday 26th – Swimming and Zoom Excursion with Sydney Living Museums, A Bushranger Event!

Thursday 29th – Mindfulness with Jodie

Friday 30th – Book Character Parade

Library is Back

Students will be able to borrow a book from the library from Friday Week 4.

***Sports Days – Wear**

Joggers*

3-6– Tuesdays

K-2– Thursdays

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Teacher / Parent check-in

During Week 4 of this term, parents will receive a phone call from the teachers to discuss different aspects of your child's schooling. Each family will be provided with a phone meeting time. If the time provided for you is not viable please let us know so an alternative, mutually convenient time to speak can be made. This is a valuable opportunity for parents / carers and teachers to connect. As always, at any time you wish to discuss an aspect of your child's schooling, please phone the school to speak with Melissa the School Principal.

Book Week 2020 is going ahead!

CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

Book Week Celebrations - On Friday 30th October students are encouraged to dress up as a character to participate in a celebration. We look forward to seeing some amazing creations again this year. Due to COVID restrictions parents will not be able to participate, however we will share photos and videos to our Facebook Page.

Scholastic Book Fair - The books have arrived and the fair is set up and ready. The kids will have the opportunity to visit it tomorrow. They will be able to put together a wish list to take home for parents/grandparents and care-givers to peruse at their leisure. Due to ongoing Covid rules, parents, grandparents and caregivers will not be able to attend school to see the Book Fair in person.

To purchase books you can either send in cash or go directly to the Scholastic Website and pay through their online 'LOOP' payment system.

The Scholastic Book Fair is one of the main ways we replenish books in the Library. Last year the Library was able to keep nearly \$1,000 worth of books from the commission of books sold. An amazing achievement!

We encourage all students and parents to use this opportunity to purchase books from our Book Fair. Please forward enquires to Mrs McClymont.

Swimming - This term we will participate in a 6 week swimming program on a Monday afternoons. The students will travel to the Lennox Aquatic Centre indoor pool by bus for a 45min lesson and then return to school by bus. This program will be highly subsidised using our Sporting Schools grant for Term 4 and school funds. Please return the attached permission note by next Wednesday as our first lesson will be Monday 26th October.

Mindfulness

We are welcoming back our mindfulness teacher Jodie Lunn on Thursday 22nd October. Jodie will teach mindfulness lessons each Thursday to both classrooms, with her theme being resilience and reactions. Please send girls to school wearing shorts or bike shorts under their skirts on these days.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2021

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 now! If you have a child starting school next year please call the school on 66878267 or speak to Mrs Reid. Our Transition Program is limited due to Covid restrictions, a brochure is attached for you to give out to a friend or family member wanting to enrol at our school.

Student absences It is a requirement that parents supply the school with written information, a letter or email, with the reason a child is absent within 7 days of return. During this time we are also accepting text messages sent to the school mobile 0423601231. As our rolls are marked electronically, the system automatically lists an absence as unexplained if an explanation is not returned by the 7th day. We urge you to supply us with a reason the day your child returns to school to avoid unexplained absences being recorded against your child's name.

Please send drink bottles to school each day as our bubblers are still out of action due to Covid.

New friends Mabel and Murdoch



Random acts of kindness always
put a smile on someone's face.



A very excited welcome from the
kids and Caramel to our four new
Guinea Pigs, Sushi, Inari, Cinnamon
& Pepper.



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