



Fernleigh Public School

Term 1 Week 1- 2021

Welcome back! We are excited to begin the journey of another fantastic year at Fernleigh Public School. We especially welcome all of the new students in Kindergarten and their families. We wish you all the very best as you join us at our very special school. Please do not hesitate to approach any of the teachers and staff if there is anything you need to know.

Our current school enrolment is 30 students, 13 students in 3-6 with Mrs McClymont as the teacher and 17 students are in the K-2 classroom, Mrs Reid, our Principal will teach the K-2 students Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Mrs Gillot will teach Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Gillott will also assist students and teachers on a Monday as our Learning and Support teacher and each Thursday she will teach both classes their much loved sport lessons. This term we are welcoming back a school favourite Mrs Callaghan. Mrs Callaghan will teach both classes music each Thursday morning. Mrs Lewis will be in the office every Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays. Miss Lewis will be in the office every Wednesday. Mr Dunbar-Reid (Grizz) will maintain the grounds as our General Assistant. Mrs Murray will continue to assist us each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Your child's teacher is always happy to talk to you and they are more than willing to make a mutually agreeable time to meet if you have specific issues to discuss. Please call to speak to them or contact them to make these arrangements as discussions in the playground before and after school can be difficult.

School Communication – Staff can be contacted via the school mobile 0436601231, face to face or via the school number 66878267. Please note we also send messages home via the school mobile. Every family will receive a paper copy of the school newsletter printed each fortnight. Our school Facebook page is another form of communication we use.

What's Coming Up!

Week 2

Tuesday 2nd February—Library

Thursday 4th—Welcome morning tea

Week 3

Tuesday 9th—Library

Wednesday 10th—Parent/student/teacher conferences

Thursday 11th February—3-6 Swimming Carnival

Week 4

Tuesday 16th— Library

Wednesday 17th—District swimming carnival for those that reach this level

Week 5

Tuesday 23rd— Library

Friday 26th— Whole school drumming workshop

Together We Grow

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Our new sandpit is 7meters long and 3.5 meters wide, we think the whole school will fit into this one. Thanks Grizz

Parent Morning Tea

We would like to invite our parents and carers to an informal welcome morning tea on Thursday 4th February. This will start at morning drop off time and we will ring the bell at 9.45am to conclude the morning tea. All visitors will be required to social distance and check in using our QR code. We hope you can make it to our first Covid Safe event for the year.

Parent/student/teacher Goal Setting Conference

This year we are excited to include our parents and carers more with sharing our student individual goals. We will be inviting you to attend in person or via phone for a meeting with your child and teacher on Wednesday 10th February. Please pick a time from the attached note and return. We will confirm your preferred time via text.

Covid Update

In accordance with NSW Health, Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at off-site school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers with a scheduled appointment. If you are coming for a prearranged appointment please bring your mobile phone so you can scan our QR Code.
- Parents and carers who have been contacted by the school for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell. Parents and Carers will be asked to

Swimming Carnival- Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 11th February at the Ballina Swimming Pool. The primary students (3-6) will join Cabbage Tree Island, Empire Vale, Broadwater, and Wardell for this event. K-2 students will remain at school. All 3-6 students must attend this carnival, they are not to attend school on this day as there will be no supervision for them. More information to follow.

arrange a COVID-19 test for their child if they have displayed flu-like symptoms while at school.

- To attend our school office to buy uniform or make an enquiry.
- To attend a school organised event.

Label..Label..Label- Please label all belongings, shirts, pants, jumpers, hats and containers

Library- Both classes will visit the school library for book borrowing every Tuesday. Please provide a library bag for borrowing.

Before and After School- As all students and their families are aware, there are a couple of rules that are in place to ensure everyone's safety.

There is no supervision available for the students before 8.45am and we ask that you do not arrive/drop off before this time unless pre-arranged. Students arriving before 8.45am must stay seated on the lunch tables. All staff are engaged in meetings, planning or preparation for the day until this time.

At the end of the day 3.15pm all students make their way to the maroon bench seats and remain **seated** until their parents arrive at the gate.

Please **be on time picking** your child/ren up, they have had a long day and do not enjoy waiting to be picked up. If by chance you are running late please inform the school by calling the landline phone 66878267 as the school mobile is not always monitored at this time.