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TERM 4 WEEK 2 Wednesday 13th October, 2021

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18.10.21
Kindergarten
and Year 1
return to
school

25.10.21
Years 2 – 6
return to
school

Updates via
School E-
News

Kindergarten
enrolments
Online
via school
website

19.10.21
Kindergarten
transition
Zoom for
parents and
carers
1pm
Zoom link
via email.

19.10.2021
P & C Zoom
meeting
7 pm

*Please
contact the
office for the
link.*

31.10.21
Return 2022
Enrolment
Information
via MS Form

Welcome back to Term 4. It is wonderful to see everyone getting back into school routines with Learning from Home and attending school. Soon we will see everyone back onsite. I have attached our COVID safe guidelines and organisational information to this newsletter. There is also a short video (*Return to School Roadmap*) <https://youtu.be/kDhxTPfBkTQ> which will be shared via School E-News and Google Classrooms outlining organisational information regarding the separation of cohorts and support for the safety of students and staff upon their return to school. Please ensure that you take a look at this video with your child.

Returning to School

Kindergarten and Year 1 will be returning to school on Monday 18th October.

Years 2 – 6 will be returning to school on Monday 25th October.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Students will be allocated entry and exit gates to support physical distancing and separating of cohorts. The staggered exit will commence at 2:50 pm and classes will be exiting class by class through their allocated gate.

Recess and Lunch

Recess and lunch times will be staggered to support physical distancing in the playground.

Please see the attached information

'What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4'

2022 Planning

We are currently planning for 2022. To assist us with planning, please complete the following short survey to let us know if you your child/children will or will not be returning to WCPS in 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Ewh395NYZ1>

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2022. Children need to turn 5 by the 31st July, 2022 to be eligible to enrol. Parents or carers can fill out an online enrolment form on our school webpage. Click on '**Enrolment**' to be directed to the online enrolment system or click on the following link. <https://werringcty-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Please call the school if you have any questions. Our parent and carer information session for Kindergarten 2022 will be via Zoom at 1pm on 19.10.21 and there will be further online information to share with your child.

Thank you for your support as we transition back to face-to-face learning. If you have any questions regarding our return to school, please call or email school or access the <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> - Level 3 plus guidelines.

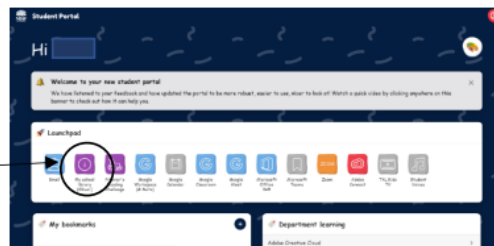
Take care,
Kristine Beeby

Relieving Principal

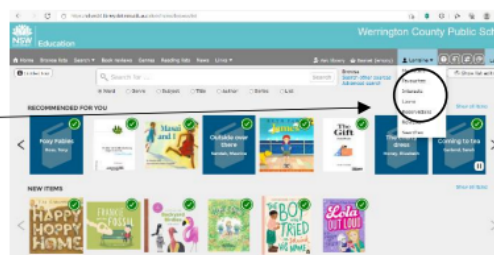


How do I find out what books my child currently has on loan?

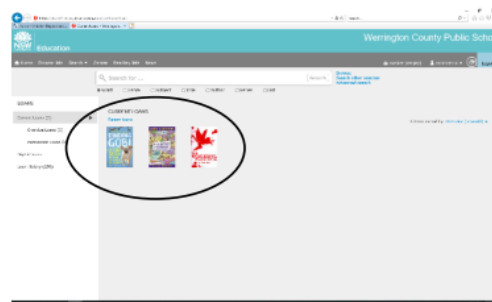
1. Log onto: <https://education.nsw.edu.au>
2. Select **Student portal**
3. Log in using student log in details. Please contact the school if you don't know your child's log in details.
4. Select **My school library (Oliver)**



5. Under your name select **Loans**



6. The books that are borrowed out to your child should then appear. Most of them have book covers, some do not. **Please note: some of these books may be in the classroom.**





What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4



We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect. We appreciate your assistance in managing our safe return to school and supporting our community.



Key dates for our staged return

While we know there is excitement about the return to school it's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- from 18 October – Kindergarten, Year 1
- from 25 October – all remaining year groups.



Our school's COVID-safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.



Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

Recess and Lunch

Recess and lunch times have been adjusted to facilitate student access to the playground.

Early Stage 1/ Stage 1- Recess

10:30 – 10:40 am eating time, 10:40 – 11:00 am playtime

Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 - Lunch

12:30 – 12:40 pm eating time, 12:40 – 1:20 pm playtime

Stage 2/Stage 3 Recess

11:00 – 11:10 am eating time, 11:10 – 11:30 am playtime

Stage 2/Stage 3 Lunch

1:20 – 1:30 pm eating time, 1:30 – 2:10 pm playtime

The canteen will be operating with students accessing the canteen in their allocated cohorts.

Students will be limited to their stage allocated area for playtime and will be supervised by a staff member that has been allocated to their cohort.

Drop off and Pick Up

Parents and carers please follow the advice regarding changes to student drop-off and pick-up.

This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so. This does not apply to drop off and pick up from outside of school hours care (OOSHC) as sign-in and sign-out procedures are required.

Please follow the guidelines below;

- *follow the physical distancing advice for their local area and avoid gathering outside school gates*
- *remain outside school grounds*
- *adhere to mask-wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order*
- *obey the road rules and parking signs as they are still in operation*
- *take care driving in the school zone as more children may be walking or cycling to school*
- *find a safe place away from the gate to wait and meet their child in the afternoon*
- *please drop independent children away from the school so they can safely walk into the school*
- *walk your child/ren to school if possible, or park away from the school and walk to stop congestion at kiss and drop zones.*

Arriving to School

Students will be supervised from 8:30am.

Students will access the playground in cohort groups only.

Early Stage 1 – KB, KN, K/1S – Entry via COLA gate and directed to the Lower Courtyard where they will be supervised by Early Stage 1 staff.

Stage 1 – 1B, 1Q, 2B, 2P – Entry via COLA gate and directed to the COLA where they will be supervised by Stage 1 staff.

Stage 2 – 2/3T, 3/4A, 3/4EW, 3/4G, 3/4R – Entry via office gate and directed to the Upper Courtyard where they will be supervised by Stage 2 staff.

Stage 3 – 4/5P, 5C, 5/6T, 6F, 6G – **Entry via Admin block South gate** (near Stage 3 classrooms) and directed to Stage 3 Courtyard area where they will be supervised by Stage 3 staff.

Support Unit – 1-5J, 2-5K, 4-6F – **Entry via office gate** and directed to the Sensory play area where they will be supervised by Support Unit staff.

Exiting School

Student exiting will be staggered from 2:50 pm.

Students will exit the school on a class-by-class basis and will not be collecting siblings on the way.

Exit points will be

Early Stage 1 – COLA gate, KN, KB, K/1S

Stage 1 – COLA gate, 2P, 2B, 1Q, 1B

Stage 2 and Support Unit – Office gate - Support, 2/3T, 3/4R, 3/4G, 3/4EW, 3/4A

Stage 3 – Admin block South Gate (near Year 6 classrooms), 6G, 6F, 5/6T, 5C, 4/5P

Staff will be supporting students exit from school, so please organise a meeting point with your child away from our exit points to ensure there is adequate physical distancing outside the school gates.



Mask wearing for students and staff

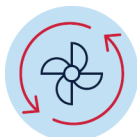
Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and are strongly recommended for students indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating.

Students are asked to supply their own masks, however we will be able to provide extras if required.



Vaccinations

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.



Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of

our outdoor spaces wherever practical.



School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events.

K-6 assemblies will continue virtually and will be uploaded to Google Classrooms each week.

Information regarding Year 5 prefect elections will be shared with Year 5 students over the coming weeks.

Presentation Day – information will be distributed regarding Presentation Day upon further advice.

Year 6 Games Day and Year 6 Farewell are on hold until further notice.



Covid Communication

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

We will provide information via the School E-News app. Please download the NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates



Preschool and out of school hours care

Out of school hours care, vacation care settings and preschools operating on school sites will follow the same COVID-safe guidelines as public schools including the requirement to be fully vaccinated from 8 November.

OOSHC will continue to operate with access via the COLA.



Orientation and transition to school

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.

Kindergarten orientation will be online and via a series of videos sent by email. Kindergarten parents will be notified individually regarding orientation.

We will be discussing high school transitions with each high school to support Year 6 students transitioning to Year 7 in 2022.