

KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 1 Term 4



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Diary Dates

Thursday 7 October

- **KPS Catchup** – please join us for our Thursday family catchup at 2pm via **MicroSoft Teams**. The link will be emailed to families.

➤ Monday 18 October

School resumes onsite for all students K-6



This model has been designed to:

- minimise unnecessary physical interaction between students on school grounds
- ensure that students learn and play only with those in their cohort, wherever possible
- minimise opportunities for transmission and enhance contact tracing
- minimise the potential for widespread infection across the school and wider school community
- enable learning to be delivered safely and effectively via face-to-face teaching and learning.

We are **expecting all students to return on Monday 18 October** and here are a few dot points to consider when you bring your child to school;

- ✓ Drop off and pick-ups will be as per usual routine. Parents are encouraged to safely distance and avoid overcrowding outside school entry points.
- ✓ No parent is allowed on site without an appointment.
- ✓ There will be no off-site activities in Term 4.

If your child will not be attending on Monday 18 October please contact the school.

Principals Message

Welcome back for Term 4 learning. We trust all families had a well-deserved break and our students are recharged and ready to be their best in our **school values of caring, courtesy and cooperation**.

Our return to school plan will be for **all students to attend on Monday 18 October**. We are a small school and will not require the staggered start that bigger schools will implement. All students should be excited about returning and seeing friends and teachers alike.

We welcome the Robba family and the Simpson-Cleary/Simpson-Smith family to Kulnura Public School. Both families joined us in Term 3, and we look forward to having them onsite to meet their peers and make some new friends.

Our return to school will continue to provide a safe learning environment for students. Measures enabling the most effective contact tracing and containment measures will be in place in the event of a COVID-19 case.

All staff, visitors & contractors are required to report to the office if they are an essential visitor. Our school will commence onsite check-in's using the new DoE School Visitor Check In App shortly. The QR code will be displayed at every entry point in the school, and you will require a mobile phone. The office will also have a device to check in using the app if no mobile service is available.

I would like to invite all parents and families to take time to check out the **Advice for Families** link from the NSW DoE. This provides information as the sources of truth about all things Covid, relating to schools - [Advice for families \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/advice-for-families)

Currently the school remains open for those who need it however is operating on a skeleton staff. If you need to send your children to school please notify their class teacher or the office the day prior.

We are continuing the "five at the door" questions for all face to face contacts. The five questions asked whenever someone needs to come on to the school premises are:

1. Do you have any signs or symptoms of COVID 19/Delta strain or cold and flu?
2. Have you returned from overseas, the Greater Sydney region or any other known or identified hotspots in the last 14 days?
3. Have you had a COVID-19 test within the last 2 days? If so, a negative result must be provided.
4. Have you had contact with any confirmed cases of COVID-19/Delta strain in the last 14 days? This includes: Close contact, Casual contact and Secondary contact.
5. Have you been in contact or had any close contact with anyone with a respiratory illness in the last 14 days?

If the answer is yes to any of these, please call the school office to arrange a phone or online meeting. Please follow the NSW Health Guidelines and self-isolate until you receive a negative covid result.

Students' experiences of the learning from home period, and their needs on returning to face-to-face learning at school will vary and teachers and staff will:

- acknowledge and listen to students' feelings and concerns
- take time to specifically re-establish routines and expectations

- create a balance between learning and wellbeing in the first weeks back
- focus on rebuilding connections
- support students who have found the learning from home period difficult

This may need support from parents in the home as well. If you need any support, please check in with your child's teacher or contact the school.

Finally, **we encourage all families to complete the Tell Them From Me survey for 2021.** The survey gives our school direction for planning in the years ahead. Results also provide feedback about teaching and learning and the school strategic directions as a whole. The survey can be completed by clicking this link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/kps20212022>

Your ideas will help build our school and implement improvement procedures to make learning at Kulnura Public School the best it can be.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing cooperation and support.

Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL



Kulnura Public School are now taking enrolments for **Kindergarten 2022.**

If you have not already done so, please contact the school office if you would like an enrolment package for your child.

We are hoping to hold an information session and three orientation sessions in Term 4, however this will be dependent upon



the Covid-19 restrictions at that time.

These are certainly very unusual and trying times for everyone and we will endeavour to make your child's transition to Kindergarten as smooth as possible.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss your child's enrolment please do not hesitate to contact the school on:
PH: 4376 1264

Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL

KPS 2 – Welcome Back

Dear Students and families,

Welcome back to Term 4, 2021. I hope you were all able to have a good break over the school holidays. I know I was able to relax and enjoy spending time with my children and the great outdoors.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how proud I am of you all during our lockdown and *Learning From Home* in Term 3. It's quite unnatural to be doing schoolwork at home, with no bell times; no fruit break, lunch and recess; no library; no playtime and no teacher! So well done on trying your best and putting in the effort throughout Term 3. Also, I would like to extend a heartfelt 'Well Done' to all the parents and carers who have also had to adapt to Learning From Home. It is/was not an easy time, so I hope everyone was able to find some positives during the lockdown.

As we start taking the initial steps into Term 4, no doubt there will still be some challenges we will all face. I understand this transition may come easy for some students and maybe a little trickier for others. It's ok if we feel a bit worried or anxious about returning into the classroom, so if you are feeling like this, it is very important to share your thoughts and feelings with me, your parents, or your friends.

We do have a busy Term 4 and we are all going to have to work together and support each other during our transition from home back to school. We will be continuing to learn through the MS Teams platform and in-class and utilising our online learning platforms, so please keep up with Reading Eggs, Essential Assessment and Timestables.com.

We have a couple of teacher changes this term. Miss Whiteman has been appointed a teaching position at another school, for the rest of this term. She will continue to teach on Thursday for weeks 1 and 2, then will be replaced by Mr Shaw from weeks 3 to 10. I would like to thank and congratulate Miss Whiteman on her new teaching position as well as sharing all her knowledge, skills and tech wisdom she has taught me, and supported me throughout last term. I would also like to welcome back Mr Shaw to KPS2, and look forward to finishing out this year with him on class.

I am looking forward to having all my lovely students back into the classroom soon, and I hope you can continue to stay happy, positive, and kind.

Miss you all,

Ms O'Kane
KPS2 Teacher

CENTRAL COAST



DESIGN YOUR OWN CRICKET BAT COMPETITION

The Central Coast Cricket Association invites boys and girls of all ages to participate in our 'Design your own cricket bat' competition.



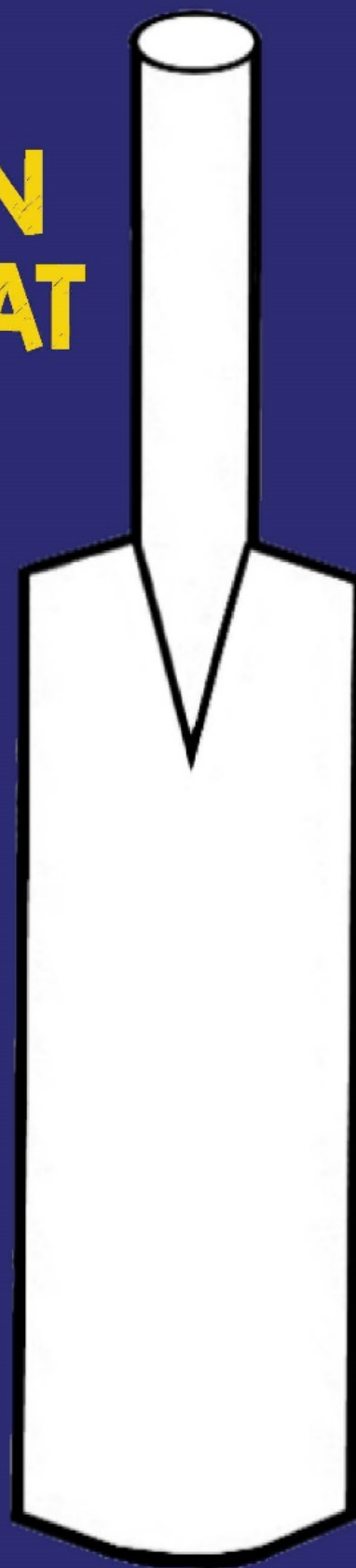
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To enter, print this page and design your cricket bat. When completed, click [here](#) or scan the code below to upload your entry.

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Entries now open and close 1st Nov 2021



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