



## DATES TO REMEMBER

3-7 AUG	EDUCATION WEEK
4 AUG	WEAR NATIONAL DRESS OR ORANGE
6 AUG	PRESENTATION OF BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS
14 OCT	SCHOOL PHOTOS

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE REMINDED TO MOVE PROMPTLY FROM THE PARKING AREA AFTER DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD TO MAKE WAY FOR OTHER PARENTS

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## From the Principal's desk

Welcome back to Term 3! It was lovely to see the smiles on the faces of both staff and students as they returned from holidays last week. It really felt like we'd had a holiday this time and were starting the term with everyone back.

Our students settled quickly back into work and as I've visited classes over the last week I could see how they are being committed learners.

There are a few staff changes this term. Mr Evans is on leave for the remainder of the year. Miss Dunlop has been offered an amazing opportunity to work as a lesson designer for the Finigan School of Distance Education for two days a week. In her absence Miss Rodriguez will teach 3 Blue on Monday and Friday. Mrs Burgess, one of our substantive Assistant Principals and who has been working at Condell Park PS as Instructional Leader for the past three years, is returning to Leppington. Mrs Burgess will support our EALD students as well as teach classes for science and library. Next Monday we'll welcome Mrs Burgess back.

## Celebration Week

The last week of term we all enjoyed a Celebration Week with an exciting range of activities each day. Term 2 had been a particularly trying term with our students learning remotely for most of the term, all major activities that usually happen in a school cancelled as well as camps and excursions and even restrictions placed on in school activities. It was a very different term without parents being part of our school. However as one student said to me, "We're celebrating because we did it!"



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## Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of local schools and students. This year, Education Week will run from **Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August** with the theme 'Learning together'. "Learning together", reflects an incredible year for NSW public school students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response. This Education Week, we embrace the whole NSW public education community, highlighting the achievements of local schools and the role of public schools as the cornerstone of their communities.



This year at Leppington we have all learned together— staff, students and parents in ways that none would have even dreamt of at the start of the year. Traditionally during this week we welcome parents and family members into our school for a range of different activities and so that you can visit your child's classroom and see them learning first hand. Unfortunately we are not able to do that this year but we have still planned an interesting week for our students and will send photos through on our various platforms so that you are able to see what we are doing and that our families feel included. All students received a flyer and it has also been posted on the app. I've included a link to a promotional video.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/education-week/about-education-week#Watch4>

## News from 3/4 Green

Students in 3/4 Green have been learning, programming and coding through robotics. They have discovered that robots are not just controlled remotely but need to follow programmed instructions. If a robot has not been assembled or programmed correctly, the students have to work out where things have gone wrong and how they are going to fix it. They really enjoy a hands-on approach to digital technology which has allowed them to develop skills of teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving.



## Year 3-6 Sport

Our primary students were very sad to hear that PSSA sport has been cancelled for this term. They had been so excited to know that we were competing in weekly competitions against other schools. However in the interests of safety all schools in our zone elected to cancel PSSA for the term. However Mrs Smee has been able to access a golf program for primary students at no cost that will commence next week. This is very exciting as our students have not participated in golf before.



## Lost Property

In just one week our bin is overflowing with jumpers, jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles! Please remind your child to come and look for their property. **If would help us return these items to you if you clearly label all of your child's belongings.**

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## Breakfast Club

Last week we bid a sad farewell to Aaron from Big Yellow Umbrella who has greeted our students with a smile and cooked breakfast every Tuesday for them over the last six years. To all of us he's known as "the pancake man" in honour of the most perfectly round pancakes he made each week! We all wish we had his secret power! Aaron has also helped out in kindergarten and with our Little Learners program and has shown many of our students over the last six years how to make breakfast and more importantly how to clean up-skills that they'll need in life. He will be greatly missed by both staff and students and we are very grateful for the support that he has given our school and our students.



This week we welcomed Leanne who has taken over our breakfast club. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

## Official Visit

Last Tuesday our school was visited by Mr Daryl Currie, Director Educational Leadership, Glenfield and Mr Glen Paterson, Educational Director, Regional South. This was an exciting visit not just for our school but for our school leaders who were finally able to act in an official capacity. Our guests were able to visit a number of classrooms and were very impressed by what was happening in our classes and by how focused our students were on their learning. It was great to hear such glowing comments about what a fantastic school we have.

## Attendance

Despite many covid 19 hot spots happening in our area, school is still the safest place for your child to be. The best outcome for students is that they are attending school face-to-face. We are taking every precaution recommended to ensure the safety of both students and staff. All students are required to attend school unless:

- they or a family member has been told to self isolate or they develop covid 19
- they are sick or have a doctors certificate stating that they need to be at home

Students who remain at home under medical advice and provide a medical certificate, or who are self-isolating can request some work from the school and if students engage in the learning provided they are marked as flexible.

Under DEC guidelines work will not be provided for students whose parents choose to keep their children at home with no valid reason. Absences in this case are marked as unjustified.

Parents will be contacted by the school following two days absence. Long term absences will be referred to HSLO.

We are also becoming increasingly concerned by the number of students who are arriving late to school. Our school starting time is 8.55 and any students who are not in school by that time are late and need a late note. If your child is late just **5 minutes every day** over a year they will have missed nearly **2 days of learning**. It is really important that students are here **before the bell** so that they are ready to begin learning with rest of their class. If your child is absent from school please contact their teacher or the school. Every absence is required by law to be explained by parents.

***Every day your child attends school is a day of learning.***

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## Semester One Reports

Next week students will receive a modified report informing you of their progress in literacy and numeracy and with a general comment. It also includes comments relating to their participation in remote learning. Formal interviews will not be held this semester but please contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss and aspect of your child's report.

## Online Assessments

Due to the majority of students learning from home NAPLAN was cancelled for all students in 3,5,7 and 9. However the department has given students access to online assessments that will give the school and parents some information of where their child is in literacy and numeracy. Both Year 3 and year 5 students will participate in these assessments this term.

## Enrolments 2021

We are now accepting enrolments for students for next year. Please pass on this message to any friends or neighbours who might have children to start next year. We would like to know our expected enrolment for next year so as to plan in advance.



## School Pick Up

Thank you to all of our parents who have been helping us in the afternoon by using the Kiss and Ride Zone or by socially distancing at the parent pick up gate. The afternoon pick up is now so well organized and runs so smoothly that the majority of students have left the school within 15 minutes. Council rangers who have been out to look have commented on how efficient our system runs. This is due to our staff who conduct it so well and to you our parents who have helped us make it work.

However a reminder that you can only pick up or drop off in the zone and cannot be parked there for more that **2 minutes**. If you arrive **before 2.55pm** expect to be booked. Please also refrain from doing U turns across the double lines. This is really dangerous in front of the school when cars are reversing or entering the parking bays or leaving the kiss and ride zone.



## Uniform News

We now have a 2 piece lycra hijab available for \$10. Thankyou to Amira and Amani who volunteered to model them for our photo. They are looking gorgeous, both choosing their own way to wear them. Apparently they are very comfortable. Hijabs must be bottle green.

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