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Term 3 Week 1

Thursday 23rd July 2020



## Important Dates

### Term 3

First day back is Tue 21st July

*Some events are still to be confirmed.*

#### Week 1

Parent teacher interviews by appointment

#### Week 2

Monday 27th July Transition Day—postponed

#### Week 5

- COLOURSS Science Connections Day, Various school sites Tuesday 18th Aug
- Stage 1—Wiangaree PS
- Stage 2—Rukenvale PS
- Stage 3—The Risk PS
- Afterlee Book Fair

#### Week 6

- Interrelate Year 5 & 6 at Wiangaree School, Tuesday 25 Aug and Wednesday 26th Aug

#### Week 8

- Energy Safety Week

#### Week 9

- COLOURSS Cultural Day, TBA

#### Week 10

- COLOURSS Interspeak (Public Speaking) TBA

### Reminders

Monday—EAfS and Sport

Tuesday—Library & Music

Wednesday—Geography

Thursday—Science

Friday—Art, spelling test

- Literacy and Numeracy

everyday

- Toasting of sandwiches available at lunch time for students during Term 3.

## Welcome back to a Covid Safe Term 3.

This week we welcome a new student in year 2, Jethro, to Afterlee School. This brings our enrolment total to 8 students. We also welcome a new staff member Ms Jennifer Givens on Tuesday to fill in for Mr Nolan, who will be sadly missed while he battles ill health. We are sending our best wishes to Mr Nolan and his family.

The students have begun the term learning about the p and r graphemes in spelling. There will be a focus on figurative language and improving writing through descriptive vocabulary and organisation throughout the next 5 weeks. In mathematics we have been measuring temperature, collecting data and looking at chance.

The 10 week Premier's Sporting Challenge has begun, with the aim being to increase the daily time spent undertaking physical activity at school and at home. Students are recording time spent on physical activity in a log book kept at school.

This week and next, I hope to hold parent teacher interviews with each family. These will need to follow our Covid-19 health and welfare safety guidelines with hygiene practices and social distancing in place so please book an appointment. Phone interviews are available for anyone who is more comfortable meeting this way. A booking form has been emailed and is also attached for your convenience.

Included in this week's newsletter are the current recommendations and guidelines for NSW schools. I will keep our community updated as changes arise for restrictions through our newsletter.

Work continues on our school site. The new footpath and roofing is looking great and will be a welcome change from the old cracked and leaky ones they are replacing. Our playground has had a facelift and looks fantastic.

More improvements since Term 2:

- New smart board for the classroom
- New zero turn mower
- Tank cleaning and new water
- New guttering
- New Canon colour photocopier
- New chickens and hens
- New garden beds for the kitchen garden
- Weather station, rain gauges and temperature gauges for STEM.



### **COVID-19 Procedures for Term 3**

**Although we had hoped to relax some of our COVID safety procedures for Term 3 we have been instructed that due to the resurgence of cases in Victoria and NSW, these safety expectations will remain;**

For the safety of staff, students and visitors to our school, we at Afterlee PS will follow the procedures listed below.

- Washing hands on immediate arrival to school before and after food and play breaks. Hand washing will be supervised by staff.
- Parents and carers who need to be on site for purposes where they are providing a service, must sign the visitor acknowledgement form. Community use and visitor guidelines form is attached for parents to read.
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters).
- P&C meetings should continue on-line where possible. P&C run activities involving gatherings should continue to be discouraged to minimise the number of non-essential adults on the school site.
- Physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the latest AHPPC guidelines.
- Physical distancing requirements remain for adults.
- Non-essential visitors to schools should not be allowed.
- Anyone (staff or students) displaying any cold or flu symptoms will be isolated and asked to go home.
- SLSO to sanitise handles /taps/ desk tops in high use areas and bathrooms. N.B. There is extra cleaning time provided after school for all high touch surfaces.
- Bring own water bottles. (there will not be cups at school)
- Drop off and pick ups of students attending school- all parents / carers to remain outside the school gates and not congregate in the car park. Social distancing, 1.5 meters apart at all times.
- Payments or questions for staff will be managed by phone or email appointment only to allow planning.
- There will be no pie day on Wednesday and no Tuck Shop on Fridays for Term 3.
- Birthday cakes and any shared food will not be possible during Term 3.

### **Activities on hold until further notice**

A small number of activities remain on hold and will be reconsidered in the future:

- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above), Interstate excursions
- Gathering of large groups of staff (from either one school or from multiple schools) for face to face conferences, all day professional learning activities, meetings or planning sessions. Refer to the Physical distancing guidelines.
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events.
- Parent and carer volunteers - e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events.
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed.

We wish for everyone in our school and community to stay safe and well and encourage you to be cautious when travelling, shopping and catching up with friends and family.







Our cow project continues with our amazing local artist Jenny Kitchener overseeing the design and painting.

### School Promotions

*Small School , Big Difference, Huge Opportunities.*  
 Afterlee PS is focusing on attracting further enrolments into our wonderful school and would like our community to help support this.  
 You can do this by: speaking positively about our school; identifying and communicating with prospective families with children for our school and notifying us of any vacant housing suitable for families with children available within our area.  
 There is a lot to love about Afterlee School and the extra opportunities we provide for student's learning and welfare.  
 The school will continue to promote our points of excellence and differences, which make our school an outstanding educational choice for prospective families.  
 We are using an Afterlee School Facebook page and also P&C Facebook to help with communications and good news stories. There have been colourful posters put up in Kyogle and a new echidna sign will be erected at the turnoff indicating 1.5km to Afterlee School. We also continue to promote our school news items in the local Talking Turkey.  
 Parents are welcome to talk to us about any ideas you may have to help promote our school and encourage enrolments.



Find us on Facebook



Interviews Term 3 2020

Please indicate your preferred time/s for a parent/teacher interview- you can email, phone or fill in the form and return to school.

Week 1

Time	Thursday	Friday
2:50-3.10		
3:10-3:30		
3:30- 3:50		

Week 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:50-3.10					
3:10-3:30					
3:30- 3:50					