

Week 2 Term 4



# COOLONGOLOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 19 October  
Kinder Orientation

Tuesday 26 October  
P & C Meeting via Zoom

Friday 29 October  
Day for Daniel

Wednesday 3 - 5 November  
Year 3 -6 Camp

Monday 15- 19 November  
Swim school

# From the Principal's Desk



Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 4. We have an extremely busy term ahead and we look forward to sharing our learning with you in the upcoming weeks. I have been impressed by the student's attitude since returning from COVID home learning and the spring holiday break. Keep up the good work everyone!

The school remains to operate under level 3 restrictions. We hope to see these restrictions lessened to level 2 in the coming weeks. We thank parents and carers for supporting us during these times.

A Big Welcome to Natasha MacArthur who will be completing her final practical at Coolongolook. Mrs Mac will be working with Mrs Donnelly and I in the 3-6 Classroom.



On Tuesday we held our 2021 Book Parade. Thank you to the parents and carers who worked so hard in organising their child's costumes. The kids looked amazing and we were impressed in the many different book characters that were on display. A big shout out also to our staff who went the 'extra mile' with their impressive costumes. The parents and carers who were able to watch our parade on Zoom must have been extremely impressed. Photos of the event are on our school Facebook page.

Our next P & C Meeting will be held Week 4 Tuesday 26 October at 2pm to discuss end of year events and fundraising. Due to the current restrictions the meeting will be held via Zoom. A link will be sent to parents who wish to attend closer to the time.

At this stage our 3-6 class will be attending the Aussie Bush Camp in Week 5. We ask parents and carers to continue payment for this activity. If we need to cancel at any stage, all money will be refunded to families. We also hope to organise a day excursion for K-2. More information to follow soon.

We are also going ahead with Swim School in Week 7. Letters will be sent out next week. Once again if this activity is unable to proceed, all moneys will be refunded. As always, if families are requiring financial assistance, please contact me at the school.

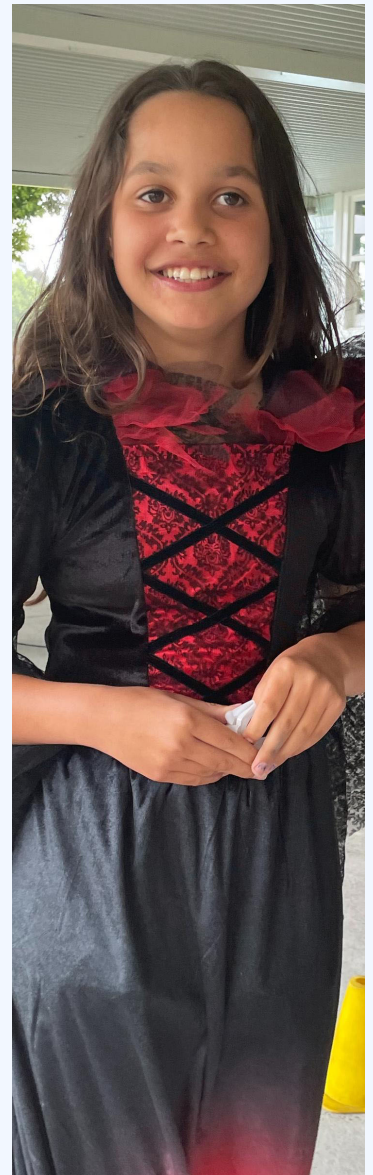
On Friday 29th October, the school will hold activities to acknowledge 'Day for Daniel'. The day is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness activity. The students will be asked to wear red and to give a gold coin donation. More information will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.

Looking forward to the remainder of Term 4 and importantly, welcoming the community back to our wonderful little school in the weeks ahead.

Jason Tindall



# BOOK WEEK PARADE





# K -2 CLASSROOM

Hi everyone, welcome back. I hope you all had a relaxing break.

K-2 were very excited to return to class after weeks of home learning. This year's final term is another busy one in the K-2 classroom.

Term 4 sees us investigating Connections in our Mappen unit, 'Through Generations'. Students will learn about the lives of people in the past as they interview a person from an older generation. They will learn words to describe events in the past, present, and future. Students will consider the importance of places to people in their community and people from different cultures. They will learn different ways that stories from the past can be told.

K-2 writing this term will focus on descriptions and expositions using our focus texts Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge and Shoes from Grandpa. Year 2 are preparing for Year 3 and increasing their literacy and numeracy stamina, to support their learning, by working with Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Nixon and Mr Kelly.

Kinder orientation will begin shortly to help our 2022 Kindergarten class feel at home at CPS.

That's all for now.

Mr Martyn



# 3-6 CLASSROOM

Welcome back to school for a very busy Term 4. Welcome to Mrs MacArthur our student teacher from Southern Cross University. We know she will enjoy her final practical teaching experience at Coolongolook PS and we are so lucky to have her working with the 3-6 students for six weeks.

We are studying the unit 'Our Island Home' with focuses on global weather. We have been conducting experiments on why night and day occurs, the seasons, what are the basic elements on earth and whether they are solid, liquid or gas. We are also learning the names of the main elements for life on earth to exist.

All students have enjoyed conducting experiments and writing reports and descriptions to their findings.

Math groups continue this term with students completing topic tests ready for end of year assessments.

Thank you to all students for their participation in the Book Week activities and don't forget the library is open Friday for book borrowing. This term 3-6 are reading the book Bungawitta by Emily Rodda which is a story about a small country town in Australia.

Mrs Donnelly



# WELCOME MRS MACARTHUR

My name is Natasha MacArthur - Mrs Mac. I am a university student on placement with years 3-6 for my final prac. I have been privileged to be working with your wonderful children, teachers, and support staff at this beautiful school for the past 2 weeks. I am enjoying every moment!

After over 10 years of experience working as a Teacher's Aide, I'm excited to be finishing my teaching studies. I am looking forward to continuing to support students on their learning journey in the weeks ahead!

Natasha MacArthur



**MANGO ORDERS DUE MONDAY 25 OCTOBER**

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation starts Week 3 Tuesday 19 October. Enrolment packs are available at the front office for 2022.

**Coolonglook  
Public School**

**Enrol  
Now**

Inclusive play  
Public speaking  
Music/Rock band  
Science/Tech focused  
Enviably class sizes  
Picturesque setting



# School Visitor Check-in



A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

*Benefits of the new system include:*

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate.[External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short parent video to see how it works for parents or our contractor video.

## Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.



# COVID-safe school operations

## Overview

## Guidance on mask wearing

### Level 1

School operating in a COVID-safe way

- Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school
- Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on site
- QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors
- COVID-19 Safety Plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events)
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings

- Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines
- Community use in line with broader Health settings
- SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational
- Community Language Schools operational
- P&C on site
- Additional cleaning measures in place

- Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.

### Level 2

COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 1, and:
- Non-essential visitors not allowed on site (including parents and carers)
- Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only

- Assemblies must have COVID-safe practices in place and no parents or carers are allowed
- Excursions within local government area (LGA) only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance

- While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

### Level 3

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed on site; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 2, and:
- Mask wearing requirements
- Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted
- School canteens can operate with conditions
- Exams as per Health approved COVID-safe HSC guide

- Staff interactions limited with physical distancing
- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)
- Uniform shops are online.
- No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes)
- No Community Language School on site

- While on school sites masks or face coverings are required (unless eating or exercising) for:
  - All staff indoors and outdoors
  - Indoors for students in Year 7 and above.
- Masks are recommended for primary students for both indoors and outdoors, and also for students in Year 7 and above when outdoors.

### Level 3 plus

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed for certain cohorts if vaccination rates achieved; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 3, with following condition:
- Return to school will be based on community settings such as adults fully vaccinated and levels of community transmission
- Only vaccinated staff on site
- Students in cohorts (including split classes) starting with staggered return of priority cohorts

- Minimised interactions and contact within student cohorts
- Staggered access to school facilities and shared spaces such as libraries and canteens
- Drop-offs, pick-ups and break times staggered by cohort

- While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above unless they are eating or exercising.
- Masks are strongly recommended for all students.

### Level 4

Learning from home encouraged; schools are open for families who need it

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away
- Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home
- Study bubbles for students sitting their HSC exams
- Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, and:
  - No community use (except early childhood services)
  - No canteens

- Schools in identified local government areas of concern are operating under Level 4 settings.
- Requirements for authorised workers in an LGA of concern remain in place. Staff must not leave their LGA for work unless they:
  - had at least 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or provide evidence of a medical exemption
  - have registered their travel with Service NSW,
  - Staff who live outside but work in an LGA of concern will need to register their travel.

- While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above unless they are eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for all students.

# Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



## Here's what you'll find on the website:

- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



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