



Grose View Public School Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Principal

Wow, what a year it has been! My first year at Grose View Public School was an interesting one, to say the least. Even though it has been a disrupted year of teaching and learning, I have been incredibly proud of the students, staff and parent community. The resilience, determination and flexibility of the school community has seen student learning remain front of mind. We have been able to establish strong systems in 2021 and have laid the platform for an amazing year of student progress in 2022. It has been an absolute privilege to lead Grose View Public School this year and I am so proud of everything the students and staff have achieved. I would like to thank the parent community who are so welcoming and willing to support the students and staff. I thank you for your support and trust that you will have a restful break over the Christmas period with your families and loved ones.

Over the last fortnight we have held many significant end of year events at the school, and whilst they looked a little bit different to normal, we did our best to make these things happen in light of our current restrictions and DoE guidelines.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2022

We started off with Year 5 student nominees delivering fantastic speeches to be considered for the 2022 Student Leadership Team. I would like to congratulate each and every student who delivered a speech with such confidence and enthusiasm. Our 2022 leadership team was announced at our Presentation Assembly and is as follows:

Captains	Cooper H and Ellen O
Vice Captains	Ben M and Lillian C
Prefects	Annalise M and Lucy S
Boronia Captains	Ben S and Cooper H
Waratah Captains	Ava V and Charlotte W
Wattle Captains	Ayden H and Lucas L

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

On Friday 10 December, we held our Year 6 Farewell, and to say this was a success is an understatement. The staff and parents involved in making this event come to life created a truly fantastic night. I would like to thank Mrs Lavender, Mrs Dowsing and Mrs Hopkins who coordinated this event. Sincere thanks to an incredible group of parents, who without their support and help, the Farewell would not have happened. I'm sure you'll agree by the photos, this was definitely a 'night of nights' in which our Year 6 students celebrated in style!



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance committee have been working on a new Attendance Policy to be implemented in 2022. A key component of this policy is developing processes to encourage students to attend school and there will be a number of new incentives for students to attend school being introduced next year. The new policy and incentive structures will be introduced to students and the community early in Term 1 and we look forward to working with the community to ensure that all students are attending school as often as possible in 2022.

I have not included our attendance graph for Term 4 as it has been disrupted with COVID. Our baseline target is 90% and results this term are very encouraging with all grades achieving over our target in the last half of this term. Attending school every day ensures that students receive the same instruction as their peers and ensures that every child has the opportunity to achieve their best academically, socially and emotionally. Let's see if we can keep this up in 2022!

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

2022 CLASSES AND STAFFING

At this stage we will maintain 10 classes next year. Enrolments will be slightly up, with an expected enrolment of 251 students.

We do have two teachers who will be leaving us next year. Mrs Dowsing and Mr Eldridge will be taking up other opportunities in 2022. We thank them for their commitment to Grose View Public School this year and wish them all the best at their respective new schools.

Ms Hutchins and Mr Michael Smith will also not be with us in 2022. They will both be taking leave to pursue other opportunities. We wish them both well and hope to see them back again in 2023.

We welcome a number of relieving teachers for 2022. Mrs Reick, Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Tomlin will join the Grose View Public School team of

teachers in 2022. They are all experienced teachers who will add a lot to the teaching team next year. We are very excited that they will be joining the team in 2022.

The class structures will be as follows:

KD	Miss Dixon
	Mrs Edwards supporting Term 1
KP	Miss Procopio
1A	Mr Andrew Smith
1/2S	Mrs Stone
2G	Mrs Grech
3/4R	Mrs Reick
3/4T	Mrs Tomlin
4/5C	Mr Chenery
5/6L	Mrs Lavender
5/6O	Mrs O'Rourke

We have a number of teachers in off-class positions in 2022. They are as follows:

Learning and Support	Mrs Harrington (coordinator)
	Mrs Andrews
	Mrs Thomas
	Mrs Azzopardi

Release from Face-to-Face	Mrs Leer
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Library	Mrs Hopkins
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Students will be informed of their classes early in 2022.

Absences from School



If your child is absent from school, you need to contact the school with an explanation of the absence. This can be done by phoning the office or by sending a note to the class teacher.

If the absence is more than **3 school days**, call the school to inform the teacher or provide a note to the class teacher. Include any additional information the school may need to know, eg cannot play sport.

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays of **more than 5 school days** taken outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. **Please obtain a application for extended leave from the office prior to the absence.**

2021 SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Student progress reports were sent home Monday 13 December. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NSW Public Schools will be providing parents with a simplified template for Semester 2 reports. This simplified version did not contain the usual grading system used in previous reports. If you have any questions, please contact the office or speak with your child's classroom teacher.

REDBANK CHRISTMAS EVENT

A huge thank you to the P&C for their support of the Redbank Christmas Event on Saturday. The Grose View P&C worked with the P&C team at Richmond North Public School to provide lots of yummy treats for over 500 attendees. There was also a GVPS stall where Miss Dixon and Mrs Harrington spoke with current and potential new families to our school. It was a great community event and it was fantastic to work alongside the Richmond North Public School P&C and staff. Thank you to all involved!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Traditionally on the last day of school, Year 6 students are given a guard of honour by all students K-5 to congratulate them on finishing primary school and to wish them well in high school. To continue this tradition, we are asking that on Thursday 16 December all K-2 students finish school at the normal time of 3.00 pm. In line with COVID-19 guidelines, all students will remain outdoors in cohort groups and stand at least 1.5 m apart from the departing Year 6 students. Your child will still be dismissed at 3.00 pm.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind.

Matt Carter

Merry Christmas

We wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday shared with loved ones.

Karen & Rosemary



Notes & Newsletters

Each time a note is sent home with every student, youngest/only students and selected students a copy is uploaded to our website under "School Notes". If a note has gone astray between school and home, please click on the link and print a copy at home.

Our School Bytes application is proving to be a great tool in ensuring that fewer children miss out on opportunities to join in school events. It allows us to email reminders about outstanding permission notes and/or payments. The emails are personally addressed by the application, however, if you have already returned the note and/or payment you may ignore the reminder.

For this reason, it is more important than ever to keep your email address up to date with the office.

Each time a newsletter is published a copy will be uploaded to our website under "NEWSLETTERS". Simply click on the link to read and/or print a copy at home.

CALENDAR

Thursday 16 December	2.00 pm 2.35 pm	Year 6 Assembly Farewell Arch Last day of Term 4 for students
Friday 17 December		School Development Day

2022

Friday 28 January		School Development Day
Monday 31 January		School Development Day
Tuesday 1 February		Years 1-6 students return for Term 1 Kindergarten Best Start assessments
Wednesday 2 February		Kindergarten Best Start assessments
Thursday 3 February		First day for Kindergarten
Monday 7 February	6.30 pm	P&C Meeting
Monday 14 February		School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 17 February		Hawkesbury Leadership Camp
Friday 18 February		Hawkesbury Leadership Camp
Wednesday 23 February		School Photos
Wednesday 2 March		Zone Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 8 March		Halogen Leaders Expo
Thursday 10 March		Selective High Schools Placement Test—Year 7 2023
Tuesday 15 March		Longneck Lagoon Leadership—Year 6
Monday 28 March		Dance Curriculum commences
Friday 8 April		Dance Curriculum finishes Last day of Term 1
Monday 25 April		ANZAC Day public holiday
Tuesday 26 April		School Development Day
Friday 29 April		School Cross Country Carnival

NOTICES

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Transport
for NSW

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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Richmond Agricultural College



Applications : Year 7, 2023 AgSTEM Specialty Stream



Enrolment processes are now open for Richmond Agricultural College's **Year 7 AgSTEM Specialty Stream** in **2023**.

This will be a unique opportunity as students within this stream will study between the College's Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Education and Richmond High School campuses.

Year 7 enrolments will be managed by the College. There are no local drawing areas for enrolment in the AgSTEM stream. Students must be eligible to enrol in a NSW Department of Education school as a Year 7 student in 2023. There are no residential places in this program.

Enrolment Packages can now be obtained by emailing the College:

E: richmondcollege-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

An Information Session will be held in March 2022.

Applications close 11th May, 2022.



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**WESTERN
WILDCATS**



We are recruiting players of all ages and abilities and are always seeking new members and volunteers to join our club.

Come Play & Sign up today!

- * Net Set Go and Competitive teams on offer
- * All Players Welcome
- * Western Wildcats Netball Club is a community club based in Hawkesbury City Netball Association
- * Bring a friend or meet new friends and have fun!

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ON PLAY HQ

Online registrations open from the 4th Jan 2022 on Play HQ.

15/01/2022 - Registration & uniform Day Time:TBA

29/01/2022 - Registration & uniform Day Time:TBA

Come & meet the wildcats family on Registration days at:

The Royal Richmond

163 Windsor Street Richmond

Contact us to sign up or find out more information:

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