

Grose View Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3

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Welcome back to 2022!

I would like to welcome the entire Grose View Public School community back to the new school year. I am personally very excited about what 2022 has in store for Grose View and am looking forward to sharing in the success of our students and staff as the year progresses.

Grose View Public School Newsletter

This is our first newsletter of the year and you may notice that there is a more streamlined look and feel to the format. We are increasingly using Sentral Parent Portal, ClassDojo and School Bytes (email) to send information to parents/carers, rather than waiting a fortnight to hear about what is happening at school through the newsletter. This is in response to a survey we conducted last year which indicated that parents/carers preferred receiving information through the ClassDojo app. Newsletters will be sent home on Fridays each fortnight via email. We are also investigating online permission notes and will keep you updated as we move towards this approach.

NSW Curriculum Changes

You may have seen on the news that there are changes to the curriculum in NSW. This will see a significant shift in the way students are taught, especially in the Key Learning Area of English over the next few months. Rest assured that the changes we will be making in all classrooms across the school will be in line with the new syllabus requirements and are steeped in decades of multi-disciplinary research. Once restrictions are relaxed in Department of Education schools, we will be holding a number of parent/carer information sessions which outline changes to the curriculum, the research underpinning these changes, new directions we are taking in each classroom and ways that parents/carers can support student learning at home.

What's on next week?

Monday 14 February

School Swimming Carnival
P&C Meeting

You may have also noticed that there are changes in the way students engage in the classroom this year. We have introduced a number of initiatives, like learning lines, in all classrooms across the school. Taking a K-6 approach will ensure consistency across the school and will streamline the already fantastic teaching practices we have here at Grose View Public School. Once again, these approaches are backed by solid research and will support student learning to ensure that every student, in every classroom receives the very best teaching each and every day.

If you have any questions before we hold parent/carer information evenings, please contact me and I will be more than happy to have a conversation about any of the above. I regularly update the P&C about what is happening at the school with regards to Professional Learning for staff and what is happening at the school and in classrooms. This is another fantastic way to engage for all community members.

Attendance

You may have noticed that attendance has been a key feature of the Principal's Report over the last 12 months. This will continue in 2022. Attendance at school is vital in ensuring students develop social skills and achieve academic success. In short, if students are not at school, it makes it incredibly difficult for students to achieve success in all areas of learning.

To support student attendance at Grose View Public School we will be rewarding students for regular attendance this year. Our goal is for 90% of students to attend school 90% of the time.

Students who are meeting this goal of being at school for 90% or more will receive rewards as recognition of their attendance at school. Students achieving this minimum benchmark each term will receive:

- an attendance pencil
- a certificate of recognition
- a celebratory morning tea/cake

There will also be a special assembly at the end of the year where parents/carers will be invited to share in the success of students who have achieved 90% and 100% attendance over the course of the year. We understand that there may be extenuating circumstances and students may miss school for various reasons outside of your control. If this happens and you are concerned, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. We are also very aware of the impact COVID and Public Health Orders will have on student attendance in 2022 and this will be factored into any decision making around students receiving awards.

We are also introducing SMS attendance support through the Sentral Parent Portal. This means that if your child is absent from school, you will receive a text message indicating that your child is absent and provides you with the opportunity to notify the school immediately of the absence through the Portal. We anticipate that there will be teething problems with this new system and would appreciate your patience. If you think something isn't working properly, please contact the school for support.

Questions and Concerns

It is inevitable that there will be occasions where parents/carers may have questions or concerns about what is happening at school in relation to your child. If you have a question of concern, we ask that you first contact with your child's teacher, either through ClassDojo private messaging or a phone call to the school. If you are not satisfied with the response, or the issue remains unresolved, you will need to contact the Assistant Principal. The K-2 Assistant Principal is Mrs Grech and the Years 3-6 Assistant Principal is Mrs Hopkins. Finally, if these two avenues are unsuccessful in resolving the issue you should make contact with myself. If you are unsure of who to contact or how to make contact, please contact the office and they will direct you to the most appropriate person. Following this process ensures that any issues are handled efficiently, provides all parties with the opportunity to feel supported throughout the process and is handled in line with Department of Education Policy.

Thank you for your assistance.

I hope everyone has an amazing weekend. Until next time, stay safe and be kind.

Matt Carter

Principal



Our wonderful Canteen Manager, Mrs Camilleri, has had two of her recipes published in the Healthy Kids Association "Canteen Collections" magazine. Photos and recipes for her rice paper rolls and baked tortilla bowls are featured with credit to Grose View Public School.

This magazine is distributed to every school canteen in NSW.

Well done Mrs Camilleri! We are very proud to have you running our canteen.

Book Club

Issue 1 2022 has been sent home. Please have all orders completed online via the LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment) platform by Monday 21 February.

See back of brochure for details.



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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](#).



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: richmondagcollege-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

An Information Session will be held in March 2022.

Applications close 11th May, 2022.



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CALENDAR

Monday 14 February	6.30 pm	School Swimming Carnival P&C Meeting
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
Monday 14 March		Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking class presentations
Tuesday 15 March		Longneck Lagoon Leadership—Year 6
Tuesday 22 March		Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking school final
Wednesday 23 March		Regional Swimming Carnival
Monday 28 March		Dance Curriculum commences
Monday 4 April		Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day—Year 6
Friday 8 April		Easter Celebration Dance Curriculum finishes Last day of Term 1
Monday 25 April		ANZAC Day public holiday
Tuesday 26 April		School Development Day
Wednesday 27 April		Students return
Friday 29 April		School Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 5 May		Hawkesbury Leadership Camp—School Executive
Friday 6 May		Hawkesbury Leadership Camp—School Executive
Tuesday 10 May		NAPLAN
Wednesday 11 May		NAPLAN
Thursday 12 May		NAPLAN
Monday 23 May		Sydney Writers Festival
Friday 27 May		Zone Cross Country Carnival
Monday 13 June		Queen's Birthday public holiday
Monday 27 June		Canberra Camp—Stage 3