

Grose View Public School Newsletter

25 February 2022

Term 1 Week 5

Volume 2

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We have had a great start to the school year, and the news only got better when we were informed by the Department of Education on Wednesday that there were changes to school operations from next week. A detailed account of the changes was posted on ClassDojo on Wednesday afternoon, however, there are a few changes that I would like to highlight.

Parents/carers will now be allowed to attend official school functions. This means that if we are holding an assembly, sports carnival or information evenings, we will be allowed to invite parents/carers and the community into the school. We are very excited about this change as it means that we can have parents/carers at school assemblies again. This was the reason we rescheduled this week's assembly to next week to allow parents/carers to watch students receiving badges and awards. We will still livestream the assembly for those who are not able to make the assembly, and this will become a regular occurrence at future assemblies.

We are now no longer required to cohort students. This means that students will be able to once again choose where they play at recess and lunch. We will no longer operate staggered finish times in the afternoon. **All students will finish school at 3.00 pm.** We will continue to operate the **Green Zone**, as parents/carers are only allowed onsite for official functions or by invite only.

If you utilise the Kiss and Drop Zone in the afternoon, a gentle reminder that we do have Council Rangers and the police monitoring this area regularly. The rules for the Kiss and Drop Zone are as follows:

- You must stay in the car at all times. If you need to strap children in, you are required to park your car and collect them from school, not in the Kiss and Drop Zone.
- The engine needs to remain on at all times.
- You can only stop in this area for a **maximum** of 2 minutes.

What's on in Week 6?

Wednesday 2 March

Zone swimming carnival

Thursday 3 March

Assembly

PSSA touch football training

Friday 4 March

Schools Clean Up Australia Day

What's on in Week 7?

Tuesday 8 March

Halogen Young Leaders Expo

Wednesday 9 March

Year 7 2023 EOI booklets sent home

Thursday 10 March

Selective High Schools Placement Test

PSSA touch football training

For parents/carers entering the school to wait in the **Green Zone**, we ask that you use the two gates near the car parks to enter and exit the school. We are trying to keep the main gates where the bus shelter is as clear as possible for students moving to the Kiss and Drop Zone and buses. This is a change to routines, as we were asking parents/carers to use the main gates to enter the school during staggered dismissal times.

Thank you for your understanding as we move back to normal routines at school. I have mentioned before that the community has been so supportive over the last two or so years and we have worked through the various changes as one big community. Hopefully we are seeing the end of disruptions for the foreseeable future.

ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance has improved over the last fortnight, and we have been pleased to see a large number of students attending school every day so far this year. I have included a graphic below emphasising the importance of coming to school regularly and the impacts this can have on school achievement. Please take the time to read this.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



= 3 days



30 mins
per day



= 18 days



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Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

We have had quite a number of parents/carers requesting leave for holidays this term. We understand that there are always extenuating circumstances, however, we encourage all holidays to be planned during the school holiday period if at all possible. If you are intending on taking your children out of school for a period of time, you will need to apply for Leave through the front office, however, leave will only be granted under extenuating circumstances.

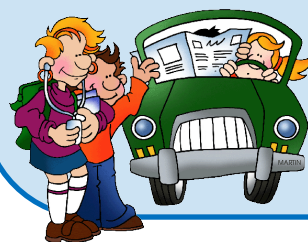
I hope everyone has an amazing weekend. Until next time, stay safe and be kind.

Matt Carter

Principal

Kiss n Drop Zone & U-Turn Bay

Please be reminded that the Kiss n Drop zone has a maximum standing time of two minutes. This time allows for many parents/carers to drop off and pick up children in safety. Drivers must remain in their vehicle. Children must enter and exit the vehicle through the rear kerb side door. Whilst waiting, vehicles must not impede buses or passing traffic.



Please do not drop children off in the bus U-turn bay—always use the Kiss n Drop zone.

Change of After School Plans

We know that sometimes changes to after school plans are unavoidable. If you need to get a message to your child about how they are getting home, please contact the office.



Class Dojo should not be used. Teachers do not access their personal devices during class time or they may be absent from school on the day.

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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free
to attend

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Diversity of autism
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

Location:

Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley
61 Hawkesbury Valley Way
Windsor NSW 2756

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

Richmond, NSW

Tuesday 1st March, 2022

9.15am - 3.00pm



Interpreters available

To register, visit



positivepartnerships.com.au OR,

contact Alison Macrae

amacrae@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:

1300 881 971

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JOIN NOW

Australian
Air League

NSW Group

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING

Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

ACTIVE KIDS

WE'RE COVID SAFE

Email: development.nsw@airleague.com.au
www.airleague.com.au Email: info@airleague.com.au
Free Call: 1800 502 175

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 **Hawkesbury
City Council**

Hawkesbury Community Hubs

FIND OUT MORE

yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch

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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](#).



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.



CALENDAR

Monday 14 March	6.30 pm	Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking class presentations P&C Meeting
Tuesday 15 March		Longneck Lagoon Leadership—Year 6 PSSA Touch Football
Thursday 17 March		Landcare Junior Landcare Team Awards
Friday 18 March		Year 7 2023 EOIs to be returned
Tuesday 22 March		Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking school final
Wednesday 23 March		Regional Swimming Carnival
Monday 28 March		Dance Curriculum commences
Wednesday 30 March	2.00 pm	Assembly
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
Friday 17 June		Brewongle—ATSI students
Monday 27 June		Canberra Camp—Stage 3
Tuesday 28 June		Canberra Camp—Stage 3