



Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of Term 3 has been a busy one for our school and others throughout the state. We're happy to say that together we made it through what has been a constantly changing and sometimes difficult term. We could not have done it without the commitment from all our families who supported learning from home, and from our fantastic teaching and school staff. I want to thank you all for your efforts to continue to keep our school community safe – I know everyone has faced different challenges at different times throughout the term.

I hope everyone enjoys a break over the holidays and is looking forward to the COVID-safe return to school sites that we are planning for in Term 4.

As I mentioned in last week's letter our students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe Level 3 plus settings on school sites in the following order:

From 25 October 2021: Kindergarten and Year 1

From 1 November 2021: Years 2, and 6

From 8 November 2021: Years 3, 4 and 5.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on our [Advice for families page](#). There will be more information sent out to families early next term regarding how we will be operating here at Kariong Public School from October 25.

On behalf of all the staff here at Kariong Public School we would like to congratulate all the students for their hard work throughout the term whether working from home or at school. The work that has been produced has been amazing and we congratulate you for your efforts.

It was great to see so many students at our virtual disco yesterday after school and I look forward to the day where we can have such an event in person. Thank you to all who joined in on the fun!

Our learning from home packs will be on our website on Monday October 4 ready for the term to start on Tuesday October 5. Please remember to keep your children at home if you are working from home and let the office or your class teacher know if your child needs to come to school any day. This is of high importance as we staff our school depending on the number of students we have each day.

Take care everyone and enjoy the break.

Toni Skinner

Principal