



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone to the new 2022 school year, which is already shaping up to be fantastic, despite the ongoing changes and rules surrounding COVID. Thank you to all our parents who were able to pick up the Rapid Antigen Tests from school over the past couple of days. If you were not able to get them during these times, please give the office a call and we will organise a time for you to collect them.

Our students had a wonderful start to the year. They are very settled, and we were able to move into our new classes very quickly. They were all excited to see their friends and eager to meet their new teachers for 2022. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families who are joining Kariong PS for the first time and we look forward to welcoming our Kindergarten children on Friday.

We are also welcoming some new staff members to our team: Miss Naomi Gay, who will be Assistant Principal for Early Stage One, Mrs Lisa Mills who will be working in the front office 2 days a week. We also have Miss Hannah Mills and Mrs Kylie Stephenson joining our Support Learning Officers team. I would also like to welcome back all our wonderful staff who I know are very pleased to be back ready to begin a new year with their new classes.

Morning

Each morning we will have staff at each gate to welcome all our students. On arrival Year 1 will meet in the hall, Years 2-4 in the Courtyard area and 5/6 in the COLA area. Staff will be on duty from 8:30am.

Afternoon Dismissal

Whilst COVID guidelines are still in place, we will continue to meet parents at both gates, Truscott and Langford. Please make sure your child knows which gate you will meet them at the end of the day. Kindergarten will leave first at 2:45pm and Year 1 from 2:50pm. A staff member will supervise all children until they have been collected by a parent or sibling.

Parent-Teacher Information

We hope to be able to meet face to face in the coming weeks, however if COVID guidelines prevent this from happening, we will present class information via other means. Your child's teacher will be in touch shortly with some important information once we have all settled back in.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Other information

- Canteen online only, for the time being
- Uniform online only, for the time being
- Kindergarten starts Friday February 4.
- Swimming carnival (competitors only), Monday February 14. This note has already been sent home.
- Newsletter begins Week 3 (first edition Feb 11)
- Sport in School gymnastics programs starts Monday February 7 for years 3-6 classes and some year 2 classes. Notes will go home with students tomorrow.

As you are all aware, there will be changes and new directions constantly regarding COVID and how we operate in our schools. We will continue to keep all families updated via Facebook, email, and our website. If you are concerned about anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you

Toni Skinner
Principal