



Welcome to Term 2

It was wonderful to see so many happy students and staff ready to begin Term 2. I saw parents with smiles on their faces too as they dropped their children off to school this morning.

On Monday the teachers experienced professional learning to support students in writing with a focus on persuasive texts, EAL/D (English as another language/dialect) education – supporting students and their learning needs and a visiting speaker from Rumbalara and the 'Wiping out Waste' (WOW) program including feedback from last term's audit, planning for minimising waste at the school and teaching and learning resources.

The following is a short summary of departmental guidelines for school operations updated as of April 15. For more detailed information please use the following link to the NSW Government Education website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

- Parents, carers and relatives may enter the school to drop off and pick up students using the school's QR code. Signing in manually is also available.
- All visitors to our school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. Examples of this are when you attend meetings or are volunteering at the school. This includes the requirement to sign the school sign-in sheet where you acknowledge that you will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time you visit. Visitors must also check in using the Service NSW QR code.
- P&C meetings and other gatherings of parents and/or community members for school events can proceed.
- Parents, carers and relatives are able to attend school sporting events and activities, whether indoors or outdoors.
- There are no recommended limits on the number of performers in singing groups, including for in-class educational activities such as group repetition, chanting, recitation, or singing activities.
- Students are reminded to remain vigilant and practise physical distancing and hygiene measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff are maintained.
- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 Clinics.

- Our school promotes the need for good hygiene practices such as regularly washing hands, avoiding the sharing of drinks or food and coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Face to face interviews began today and will operate till Friday 30th April. You will need to fill in a *COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers* sheet (as mentioned earlier) which teachers will have in their room ready for you to sign in when you arrive.

School Photos

Photos are being taken at school this Wednesday including individual, class and family. Individualised photo cards for paying online were sent home last term. These photo cards are to be brought in on Wednesday and handed to the photographers when children have their photos taken. If you wish to make payment by cash, blank envelopes are available at the office for this and family photo envelopes are available at the office also.

ANZAC Day

Kariong PS will be holding our ANZAC Service at school on Friday 23 April. Gosford RSL has invited two of our school leaders to attend the march and the service on April 25 beginning with the march starting at Donnison Street near Gosford Library and going down to the Cenotaph. Jack P and Ella Y will be representing our school at this event and will lay some flowers on behalf of Kariong PS. Due to limited number restrictions, our school is unable to be further represented at the march and service.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics classes for 2 – 6 begin on Monday 26th April. Each session will be 40 minutes with 2 classes at a time in the hall. Money and permission notes are to be in by Friday 23 April.

Cross Country Carnival

Next Wednesday 28th April, KPS we will be holding the 2021 Cross Country Carnival. This year the carnival will be held at school with all students expected to participate.

The events will be in the following order (approximate times):

9:45am – 11yrs and 12/13 yrs

11:45am – Kindergarten and Year 1 students

1:45pm – 8/9yrs and 10yrs

Parents are more than welcome to attend and will be seated on the Basketball Court when attending this event. Entry will be via the gate at Foster Close where you will be able to access the School QR code on entry. More information will be provided on a note which will come home on Friday.

The next School Newsletter will come out on Friday April 30, 2021. We are all looking forward to a great second term.

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