



Term 3

Week 10

Thursday, 16 September 2021

## Principal's Message

It was great to see students back at school this week to touch base with them before the holidays.

Congratulations to all students as well as parents and carers with their efforts during Learning from Home. We hope you have had time to catch your breath this week before the holidays hit next week.

I'd like to thank the staff for their care, flexibility and professionalism during lockdown. We have a great team, working together to be creative and present for our community. We hope we lifted your spirits in some way during these difficult times. Check out our Facebook Page to see some of our posts and continue reading over the page to see some of the things we did to reach out to community over the past few weeks.

### A COVID-safe return to school

Our school is operating under Level 3 conditions as part of our COVID-safe return to school roadmap. This means all our students will be expected back for face-to-face learning on site from Monday 13 September 2021 and we have been thrilled to see such high attendance this week.

The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are happy to have staff and students back for the remainder of this term.

Here's what our families and students can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions: - Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds. - We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies, excursions or field trips. - Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.

Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds (unless here for Yuluwirri) and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups. - There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.

We have worked closely with NSW Health in developing our return to school roadmap and COVID-safe school plan.

NSW Health will continue to monitor vaccination rates and transmission levels in our LGA and will advise us if settings need re-evaluation. We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November. This will help protect our staff and students. All students are expected - and will be supported - to return to school for face-to-face learning.

While I know this may be an uncertain time for some students and parents, I do encourage you to call the school or message the school mobile if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe two week spring break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, 5 October 2021.

Stay well and stay safe everyone. Skye Davis



**Fri, 17 Sept - Last Day of Term 3**

**Mon 20 Sept - Mon 4 Oct—School Holidays**

**Mon, 4 Oct - Long Weekend**

**Tue, 5 Oct - Students return, Term 4 begins**

**Wed, 6 Oct - Scripture 3-6, Library Open Second Break**

**Friday, 8 Oct - Sport with Sam**

**Monday, 11 Oct - Yuluwirri 9.15am**

**Tue, 12 Oct - Scripture K-2, Library Open Second Break, Community Craft**

**Wed, 13 Oct - Scripture 3-6, Library Open Second Break**

**Friday, 15 Oct - Sport with Sam**





# Come along and join us!

## Monday mornings: 9.15am – 11 am

Mum's and Bubs playgroup.

Play group is a great opportunity for children to participate in fine motor and gross motor activities whilst working on their social development.

### Everyone is welcome!

Masks must be worn and QR Code Check In on arrival.



Our Yuluwirri children spent the morning in the sun last Monday, exploring all different types of imaginative and creative play. Some of these activities included having tea parties, painting and building sandcastles and forts. Imaginative play provides the children with opportunities to develop their language and social skills. It also boosts the children's problem solving and self-regulation skills.

**Yuluwirri resumes in Week 2, Term 4. We encourage all children in the village to come along, everyone is welcome! We hope to see you all there!**





# Looking Back in Lockdown



Staying at home over an extended period has added an unexpected layer of strain to our day-to-day routines. It's an overwhelming time, so to keep in touch with our families we delivered a fantastic food hamper, some wonderful craft packs for our regulars who attend Community Craft sessions on Tuesdays at WPS - Virginia, Lorr, Charna and Susan and surprised the executive of our P&C with a care package of baked goodies.

We also celebrated Father's Day by giving each family a BBQ breakfast pack and students also received cards and gifts for them to make for their special male role models in their lives.

It was very exciting delivering fun filled hampers of learning and afternoon tea to our Yuluwirri kids. The smiles on their faces said it all!

## Lolly Guessing Competition



Look at that grin! Congratulations to Brody who won our lolly guessing competition. Children have been working towards earning guesses with the more pages completed in their learning from home booklets, the more guesses they could have. Well done Brody! Don't forget to brush your teeth after eating the lollies.

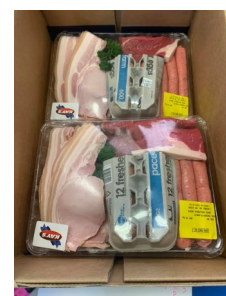
## craft packs!



### P&C CARE PACKAGE



### Father's Day Packs



## Writing Letters

Each Walhallow PS student received a letter from a staff member, this was another great way of checking in with students. We then sent out the challenge and encouraged students to write a letter to a resident at Eloura in Quirindi to practise their writing skills and more importantly brighten someone's day.

### Indigenous Literacy Day

It was lovely to see the kids for their second swap, where they borrowed a new library book and collected literacy packs filled with fun activities celebrating Indigenous Literacy Day.



### Yuluwirri Fun Filled Hampers







# Ready, Set, School!

## Transition to School Program at Walhallow Public School 2021



Every Thursday  
Morning  
9-11am

Starting Week 2,  
Term 4 2021

8 - Week Transition  
Program  
Please register your  
interest with a staff  
member.

Please pack a hat and  
water bottle for your  
child. Crunch and Sip  
fruit break provided.

Get to know our  
school, teachers and  
daily routines.

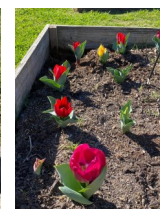


Yuluwirri Dhayaanmaa Yala-y  
"Follow the Rainbow to School"



# SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring has sprung at WPS - these are the tulips that students and their mums planted at our Mother's Day breakfast back in May. How lovely to see them come to life!



## Nutrition Snippet

### MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your recommended daily serves of veg  
with these easy dishes!



- Mexican baked sweet potato - 5 serves of veg per portion
- Eggplant tagine - 6 serves of veg per portion

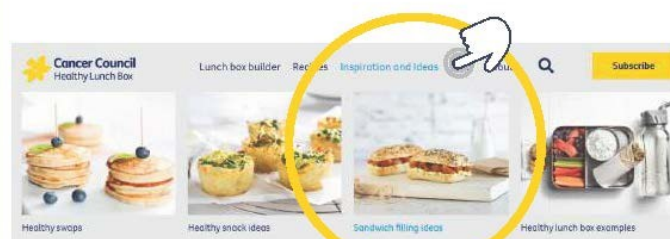
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## Nutrition Snippet

### DITCH THE HAM SANDWICH.

Click on our sandwich filling ideas tab  
for lots of healthier alternatives



Read more about why we need to limit ham at  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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# Stay COVID safe

## Our school is operating at Level 3



- Face-to-face learning on site
- Masks required for staff indoors and outdoors
- Staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student groups wherever possible
- Physical distancing for pick-up and drop-off
- Non-essential visitors not permitted



QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors.



Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell.



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