Luddenham Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3



Welcome to 2022!



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our school community to 2022. We have had a number of new families and teachers arrive at our school this year, it has been such a pleasure getting to know everyone and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Speaking of new teachers, you may have noticed we have a new teacher for our 5/6 class. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Shannon Jansen to our wonderful school. It has been fantastic to see the positive impact she has already made.

You might have noticed that the newsletter looks different this year. This is because we are moving away from the schoolbag app as a cost cutting measure.

Newsletters will go out in Weeks 3,6 and 9 of each term via Facebook.

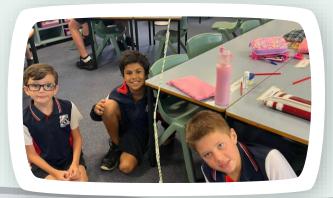


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Covid Update

Thank you to all of our families for following our guidelines when picking up and dropping of their children at school. We will continue to use this method until we are advised we can make adjustments. We appreciate your understanding at this time.

We have been in contact with all of our families this week in regards to handing out of Rapid Antigen Tests. If you choose to test your child and they return a positive result, please get in contact with the school immediately so we can inform the school community that there has been a positive case.



Covid Update - Continued

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

•If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.

•If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hayfever, the student or staff member can return to school.

 In NSW, positive COVID-19 cases are provided a Medical Clearance Notice after 7 days and allowed to leave self-isolation as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.



Visitors on school sites and vaccinations

- No parents, carers or visitors will be allowed on school site until further notice with the following exceptions:
- •Volunteers or staff operating uniform shops and canteens must be fully vaccinated.
- Visitors supporting school operations and curriculum delivery must be fully vaccinated.
 Allied health partners for the wellbeing of students must be fully vaccinated.

All staff on school sites are required to be fully vaccinated, including having their booster when eligible.



P and C

Our wonderful P and C will be meeting on Tuesday February 15 for their annual AGM. The meeting will take place at the school and start at 6.30pm. All community members are welcome to attend.

Don't forget the P and C will also be holding fundraisers through Bunnings Barbeques on the 12th and 26th of March. If you are able to volunteer some of your time, please return the volunteer form that was handed out to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you to the P and C for organising a delicious lunch for our students today. We are looking forward to many more occasions like today throughout the year.



Parking

Don't forget the Kiss and Ride area that is on Jamison Street must be used correctly. If you have parked in that area, please do not exit your vehicle to chat with other parents. This is often a point of frustration for parents that are wanting to pick up their child and get away from the school swiftly however are unable to, due to the congestion in the area.





Walking home from school

The school will be running programs throughout the year to educate our children on road safety. If your children walk home from school, please take the time to discuss with them the safest way to do so. Working collaboratively with our community is key to developing all our student's understanding of road safety. If you have any questions or concerns about this, don't hesitate to get in contact with the school.



Mrs Gillett

Mrs Gillett will be taking leave for the rest of the term to assist her husband with his chemotherapy sessions in his fight against cancer. We can't thank Mrs Gillett enough for everything that she has done during such a testing time for her and her family, the amount of hours she has put in to make sure the start of the year has ran as smoothly as it has is a testament to her commitment to our school.

With Mrs Gillett's departure, we welcome Mrs Jenny Gorges (Monday – Tuesday) and Mrs Kerry McBride (Wednesday – Friday) to our school. Mrs Capaldi will continue to work Fridays this year as well. We appreciate your patience while we get them up to speed with how everything runs at our school. Thank you to Mrs Stove-Wilson for covering in the office this week.



Upcoming Events & Calendar

At this stage we are holding off announcing the date of any events until we have more information regarding whether or not certain events can be held. Be rest assured that we do have every intention of holding days for students to have fun, celebrate and fundraise for the school as well as meeting your child's teacher and parent teacher interviews. We will keep our families up to date regarding events with a calendar via our Facebook page and in the next newsletter. Thank you for your understanding at this time.



Assembly Award Winners

	Class Award	PBL	Luddenham Legend
K/1/2	Bruce Turner Loui Mcintyre		Whi Tito- Jenkins
3/4	Max Knox Max Warren	Tilly Carr	Noah Camilleri
5/6	Dakota Perram Teki Tito-Jenkins	Taylah Mulligan	Lucey Jobson



Getting in contact with the school

If you do need to get in contact with the school, there are a few different ways to do so.

Phone: 024773411 between 8.30am – 3pm

Email: Luddenham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/luddenhamps/

Facebook will be used to update our community about what is happening week to week in our school and about upcoming events. Teachers may also choose to use their own class platforms to update their class community about what is happening.



Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone in our school community. The understanding that our parent community have shown around these uncertain times has provided a wonderful sense of calm for our students. Our teachers have been able to provide a solid platform for our students from day one this term. I can honestly say I have never seen such a settled start to the year for an entire school like the one I have witnessed this year. The lessons the teachers have provided have been so engaging and thought provoking, I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store. Finally, our wonderful students are walking in the gates with smiles on their faces, getting along in the playground and classroom and trying their best with all of their learning.

Thank you once again, I am looking forward to another wonderful year at Luddenham Public School.

Sean Holmes

Principal

