

# Brocklesby Public School

*Gently in manner. Strongly in matter.*

# NEWSLETTER

**Term 2 Week 8 2022**



## Upcoming Events

### TERM 2 2022

#### WEEK 9

**Monday 20th**

**Tuesday 21st**

**Wednesday 22nd**

School Library

Warm Up Wednesday

**Thursday 23rd**

Big Talk parents & students

Lunch Order

Whole School Assembly 2:30pm

**Friday 24th**

Sport—Athletics

#### WEEK 10

**Monday 27th**

Mobile Library

**Tuesday 28th**

**Wednesday 29th**

School Library

Warm Up Wednesday

**Thursday 30th**

Big Talk parents & students

NAIDOC Week Excursion K-6

**Friday 1st July**

Last Day Term 2

*Parent Teacher Interviews  
are being conducted during  
W9 & W10.*

### Principal's Message

Welcome to the end of Week 8. We now have 2 weeks until the end of the term. It has just sped past. It was terrific to see so many people supporting the Walbundrie Small Schools Athletics Carnival today. It was a great day of strong support for our wonderful students.

Semester one student reports have now been sent home. Semester one reports are one way of providing families with feedback about their child's academic progress. The expected standard for each year is described as 'Sound'. All grades are determined through the use of the Achievement Standards provided by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. Please contact the school to discuss this report and participate in your child's learning and progress with the teacher during our three-way interviews.

I know that at this time, many people are either sick with COVID or the 'flu, but I would like to remind everyone about the importance of regular school attendance. Unless sick, students are expected to be at school, ready for learning, every day the school is open. Just an absent day here and there will have a long-term impact on student learning and socialisation. If you are having any issues with getting your child to school, please contact the school so that we can work together and make attendance a priority. Further information regarding attendance is included in this newsletter.

*Miss Widdison*  
Principal



Students enjoying Harmony Day with peers across the Walbundrie Small Schools Network.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## General Information

### School Operating Hours

Just a friendly reminder that the school does not provide supervision of students prior to 8.45am. Families will need to make alternative arrangements if they require supervision prior to this time. Out of School Hours Care is now available to Brocklesby Public School families and can be utilised if you require earlier and/or later supervision of your child/ren.



Outside of School Hours Care

## WE ARE YOUR NEW OSHC PROVIDER!


We are so excited to now be partnering with Brocklesby Public School and we cannot wait to meet you all!

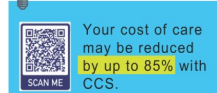
We are now available to care for your child before and after school. Enrol with us today and claim your FREE \$500 voucher via the Service NSW app to use at our service! This could get you approximately 60 FREE sessions with us depending on your circumstances!

We will be available to care for your child offsite at Burrumbuttock Public School for before school care, after school care and during the holidays.

For enquiries or expressions of interest, please contact us via phone or email.

Centre Mobile	0477 060 236
Centre Email	burrumbuttock@bigchildcare.com
Service Location	Burrumbuttock Public School Howlong Rd, Burrumbuttock NSW 2642

 Child Care Subsidy (CCS)



Your cost of care may be reduced by up to 85% with CCS.

To find out if you are eligible, scan the QR code or call Services Australia on 13 61 50 between 9am and 5pm (local time) weekdays.

	Operating Hours	Session Cost
Before School Care	7:00am to 9:00am	\$14.85
After School Care	3:00pm to 6:00pm	\$19.90
Holiday Care	7:00am to 6:00pm	\$50.00+
Staff Development Day	7:00am to 6:00pm	\$50.00

+ additional activity fee applies for excursions  
\$2 casual booking fee applies for non-permanent bookings



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### Absentee Notes

It is a requirement that if any child/ren are absent from school that a reason is to be provided.

To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- Send a note
- Telephone the school
- Visit the school

Wherever possible, parents and carers are encouraged to provide an explanation for absences before the absences occur.

Each family has been provided with blank absentee notes to explain absences for their child/ren.

### Three-Way Interviews

Booking forms for Three-Way Interviews with parents/carers/students were sent home earlier this week, to discuss individual student learning progress. Can all booking forms please be returned by Monday 20th June, so that we are able to confirm times with individual families.

### NAIDOC Day Excursion

On Thursday the 30th June the WSSN students will participate in NAIDOC Week celebrations. The group will be visiting the Yindymarra Sculpture Trail and walking the trail together. As part of Term 2 rewards day we will be finishing the day in Lowe Square and Howlong Skate Park for a picnic lunch and afternoon activities at the playground/skatepark. Permission notes have been sent and need to be returned by next week.

### Lunch Order

Thursday 23rd June the students are allowed to do a lunch order from the Walbundrie Co-Op as part of our end of Term 2 rewards day.

Please send CASH ONLY for payment there is no POP option for this activity.

An order form is being sent home with students.

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## Harmony Day—Bonegilla Excursion



# ATTENDANCE

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

# COVID-19

## COVID19 Information (updated 16th June)

In Term 2 2022, your child's school will operate with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW Health to minimise transmission and keep schools open.

These key measures include:

- use of rapid antigen tests by students and staff who have symptom or are identified as close contacts
- vaccinations
- maximising ventilation
- encouraging regular hand washing and continuing enhanced cleaning of schools
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events
- learning from home where face-to-face learning is not possible

In certain circumstances NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that certain COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at your school. Your principal will work with Health and the department and provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at your school when required.

These temporary measures may include:

- ceasing large indoor gatherings
- ceasing off-site and inter-school activities
- mask wearing for adults and high school students
- limiting visitors to schools
- separating cohorts of students
- symptomatic use of RATs
- learning from home or remotely.

### Testing

Remember: Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) [External link](#).

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

Additional delivery of RATs will be provided for students and staff who are identified as close contacts and are returning to school.

All students and staff will receive 1 multipack of RAT kits within the first three weeks of Term 2. The RAT kits can be used for symptomatic testing or for daily testing as part of the close contact requirements. Note that students and staff in SSPs or support classes or who utilise assisted transport who are identified as close contacts must not attend school and learn from home.

Additional RAT kits will also be sent out to ECE services to support symptomatic testing or for daily testing as a close contact for ECE staff. Beyond the department's provision of RATs, symptomatic students and staff should continue to access PCR and store-purchased RATs.

### Testing continued

If a student is unwell and has any COVID 19 symptoms they should always test for COVID-19. If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until either: The student no longer has any symptoms, or A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever)

It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

**It is recommended that students and staff that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen testing for 12 weeks following release from self-isolation unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 12 weeks.**

### Self-isolation and close contact requirements

Last week NSW Health announced changes to close contact isolation requirements. Students and staff who are identified as close contacts may return to school provided they follow certain risk mitigating criteria, including taking daily RATs, mask wearing in secondary schools and not attending SSPs or support classes where there are a number of students at greater risk of serious illness if they were to contract COVID-19.

People who have had COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks do not have to comply with this guidance if they become a close contact.

This change does not affect students and staff who are confirmed COVID-19 cases or who are showing any symptoms.

There are no changes to the isolation requirements for confirmed cases of COVID-19, who must isolate at home for 7 days. Anyone showing symptoms should get tested and isolate until they receive a negative test and symptoms subside.

In line with these changes, students and staff at greater risk of serious illness if they were to contract COVID-19 should speak with their treating medical practitioner or specialist to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan.

**Refer to [Response protocols](#) for further information or to the [NSW Government's Testing positive to COVID-19 fact sheet](#).**



# ENROLMENTS

**BROCKLESBY PUBLIC SCHOOL**



## ENROLMENTS now open for 2023!

### ● Learning

Young children arrive at school with a wealth of experiences and knowledge. Schools acknowledge this and use this prior knowledge as the basis for future learning.

### ● Connecting

Building on children's prior and current experiences helps them to feel secure, confident and connected to familiar people, places, events and understandings.

### ● Transitioning

Transition programs impact a child's engagement with school, their wellbeing and ongoing learning trajectory. A transition to school program is developed in response to the needs of the children and parents within the local context.

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# SCHOOL EVENTS

## Term 2 2022

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26 Staff Development Day	27 School Library	28 Big Talk parents & students	29 Sport Table Tennis	30/1
2	2 Mobile Library	3	4 School Library	5 Big Talk parents & students	6 Sport Table Tennis	7/8
3	9	10 NAPLAN Writing Year 3 & Year 5	11 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	12 Big Talk parents & students	13 Sport Table Tennis	14/15
4	16 Mobile Library	17	18 School Library Warm Up Wednesday NAPLAN Reading & Language Conv	19 Big Talk parents & students NAPLAN Numeracy	20 Sport Table Tennis	21/22
5	23	24	25 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	26 Big Talk parents & students	27 Sport Athletics	28/29
6	30 PAT-Reading K-6 Mobile Library	31 PAT-Maths K-6	1 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	2 Big Talk parents & students	3 Sport Athletics	4/5
7	6	7 LAMP Project with Stacey from Wirraminna	8 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	9 Big Talk parents & students Harmony Day Excursion	10 Sport Athletics	11/12
8	13 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	14	15 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	16 Riverina Cross Country Gundagai Big Talk parents & students	17 WSSN Athletics Carnival Semester 1 Reports Sent Home	18/19
9	20 Parent Teacher Interviews	21 Parent Teacher Interviews	22 Parent Teacher Interviews Warm Up Wednesday School Library	23 Parent Teacher Interviews Big Talk parents & students Lunch Order Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	24 Sport	25/26
10	27 Parent Teacher Interviews  Mobile Library	28 Parent Teacher Interviews	29 Parent Teacher Interviews Warm Up Wednesday School Library	30 Big Talk parents & students Parent Teacher Interviews NAIDOC Week Excursion K-6	1 Sport Last Day Term 2	2/3

Term 3 students return Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Happy and Safe Holidays**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

# P&C NEWS

## Nutrition Snippets

### Nutrition Snippet

EAT MORE FRUIT & VEG.



3 easy ways to get your family eating more fruit and veg

- 1) Start with breakfast and spread fruit and veg throughout the day
- 2) Make snacks based on fruit and veg
- 3) Pack fruit and veg in the lunch box

Check out our blog for more tips at [healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/adding-fruit-and-vegetables/](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/adding-fruit-and-vegetables/)



### Sunsmart Snippet

Create good sun protection habits. Use a checklist to help incorporate sun protection into your morning routine!



- Wash my face.
- Brush my teeth.
- Get dressed.
- Pack my school bag.
- Wear my SunSmart hat.
- Apply SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

## P&C Meeting

Next P & C Meeting TBA  
Monday at 6:30pm  
*All Welcome - at the school*

### Attached to this Newsletter:

#### Permission Notes:

NAIDOC Day

#### Other:

Absentee Notes

School Operating Hours

Lunch Order Form

Big Childcare

NAIDOC Day Excursion

## Happy Birthday Kimberley!



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