



CARRAMAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 11 2022

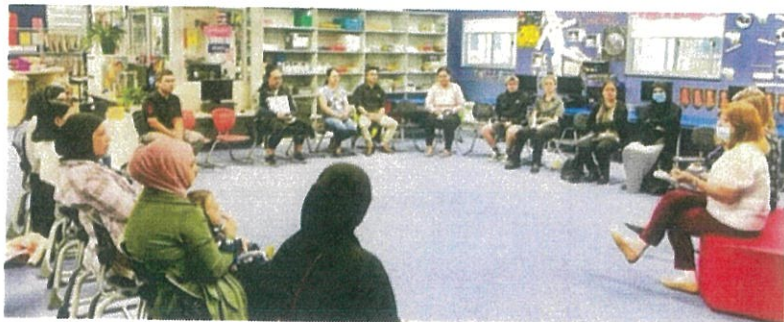
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A look back at Term 1



Principal's Message



Dear Parent/Carers,

End of Term 1 Message.

The last few weeks of Term 1 have been extremely busy and enjoyable: Swimming Scheme, Harmony Day, Best Start Parent Workshop, Student Leader Induction Assembly, PBL Reward Day and Easter Hat Parade are just some of the exciting Term 1 events. As a busy Term 1 comes to an end I would like to thank you for the ongoing support; continuing to follow the Covid safe requests has been especially appreciated. It is pleasing that restrictions have eased considerably. The ability to have parents back onsite to pick-up and drop-off students as well as attend our events has been well received by everyone.

Like all schools we have had to deal with increased teacher/staff absences due to Covid-19 isolation rules. A shortage of casual teachers made this even more difficult to manage. We have successfully navigated this area and with the flexibility of our amazing staff, we were able to ensure student learning was not heavily disrupted.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of our hardworking dedicated staff: executive staff, teachers, administration staff, SLSOs & GAs; who always place the wellbeing of our students first. To the staff and Carramar PS families, I would like to wish you a safe Easter and restful holiday. A reminder that students return on Wed 27th April for the start of Term 2.

Please take the time to read the reminders that follow. These have been posted on Class Dojo throughout the term to keep you informed and up to date with school matters. Please ensure that you are connected to Class Dojo so that you do not miss any important information. If you require help connecting and setting up Class Dojo please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

COVID-19 REMINDERS

Covid Testing: Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any of the Covid-19 symptoms:

fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher)	Other reported symptoms include:
cough	fatigue
sore throat	acute blocked nosed (congestion)
shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)	muscle pain & joint pain
runny nose	headache
loss of taste	diarrhoea
loss of smell.	nausea/vomiting
	loss of appetite.

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen 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, they should remain home until they are well or another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever, they can return to school.

It is recommended that students and staff that return to school after recovering from Covid-19 do not participate in rapid antigen testing for 8 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 8 weeks. Anyone who has had Covid-19, is not required to isolate as a close contact if it occurs within the 12 weeks of their positive Covid-19 diagnosis.

For positive COVID-19 cases

If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.

If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/register-positive-rat-test-result>. Please add details of your child's school when prompted
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow the NSW Health advice at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/self-isolation-and-testing.aspx> to isolate for 7 days.

Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues early on if required.

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

I will inform our community when there is a positive case in the school and guide families on NSW Health advice, including monitoring for symptoms. Parents should expect regular communication via Class Dojo.

For more information, including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets, refer to <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/self-isolation-and-testing.aspx>



More RAT Kits will be available during Term 2 for parents/carers who require more. Providing more RATs aims to ensure everyone can test their child/ren when they show symptoms. We ask you to call the office and a supply will be sent home with your child.

Safety Information Reminders



Safety matters

I would like to point out to our community some Safety Reminders to support student safety including:

- Parents and students are under NO circumstances permitted to enter the staff carpark in a car or as a pedestrian
- Follow the School Zone speed limits
- Parking at the front and around the school must be done within legal guidelines and parents are asked to take note of the signs that indicate where to park and or stop. Please take note of signs including: NO Stopping, NO Parking, Bus Zone
- Do not stop in driveways to drop off or pick up students (especially those of our neighbours)
- All children, regardless of being with an adult, should always use the crossing: stopping at the crossing and waiting for the cars to stop before walking across
- Students are reminded to walk safely to and from school including: walking and keeping on the footpath, not playing while walking, crossing at the lights of the Horsley Drive by waiting for the green walk signal and waiting for the cars to completely stop before stepping off the footpath
- Any student in Stage 3 wishing to ride their bike to school must complete a permission form and a safety-approved helmet must be worn
- Students should be at school no earlier than 8:30am when a teacher is on duty in the COLA. Parents/carers who pick-up their child after school, must do so at 3pm. If a parent is running late they must call and advise the office before 3pm
- Students should **not** stop off at Koonoona Park before or after school without parent/career permission and/or supervision. Unsupervised play has concerns around stranger danger and accidents/injuries that may occur on equipment
- All parents/visitors to the school during school hours must report to the office to scan the NSW Services Covid App and wear a "Visitor Pass" that will be provided.

Information about attendance.

Good attendance at school by all students is a high priority at Carramar Public School. Recent changes to Attendance Law have made it very important for parents and schools to work together to resolve issues of unsatisfactory attendance of students. Schools are required to refer matters further when efforts to resolve issues are unsuccessful. The NSW Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and caregivers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.



Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

During the year there will be occasions where parents and caregivers of children with attendance concerns will be contacted by the school to inform of these concerns. This will be done by letter, phone call or a meeting will be organised if required.

Concerns with attendance may include-

- An unsatisfactory attendance rate
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness/part day absences

Parents are encouraged to work with the school to resolve attendance concerns to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for students at school and in their future opportunities.

Parent/Carer Communication



It is understood that from time to time parents/carers will have questions and will be unsure why something is happening the way it is and or, would like further information about something that happened to their child. We encourage you to reach out and ask questions for clarification. Children will sometimes share with you what their day was like and we encourage this. We encourage students to always speak to a teacher when they need support. At times if they are recounting an incident at home, you will only get part of the facts when your child describes "what happened". We encourage parents/carers to communicate with us by contacting the teacher in the first instance, and if needed, it may be escalated to an Assistant Principal. We are here to work together to support you and your child.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Mazzitelli'.

Anthony Mazzitelli
Principal
7 April 2022