



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

## School Calendar

| <u>Date:</u>                  | <u>Event:</u>  |
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| <b>Thursday 4/11/21</b>       | School Canteen Reopens                                     |
| <b>Friday 5/11/21</b>         | P&C Meeting  |
| <b>Monday 8/11/21</b>         | K-2 Mascot Cricket Challenge                               |
| <b>Thursday 11/11/21</b>      | Remembrance Day Ceremony<br>10:50am via Zoom in classrooms |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>17/11/21</b> | Year 4 & Year 5 Opportunity<br>Class Placement Test        |
| <b>Friday 19/11/21</b>        | White Ribbon Day – Violence<br>against Women               |

## Principal's Message – Mrs. Bahia Almir

I would like to begin by giving a warm welcome to our families and community after navigating several weeks home schooling. The Chullora Staff would like to give a heartfelt 'Thank you' to our parents for assisting their children with the home learning packs and preparing them for back-to-school learning. I would also like to extend another warm 'Thank you' to the *Lighthouse Charity* and *Mr. Walid* for delivering hampers during the pandemic, as many families have expressed their gratitude and support during the tumultuous times we experienced.

This week there has been a buzz on the Chullora Public School grounds; with the laughter of children, quality teaching experiences in our classrooms and overall happiness to be back together, learning and growing.

I look forward to a wonderful term of learning.



## NSW Teachers Federation – Tree Levy Grant

Our school successfully applied to the NSW Teachers Federation to receive the 2021 Tree Levy Grant to purchase Australian native trees. The trees that will be purchased will be used to surround our school's planned Indigenous 'yarning circle' to create an outdoor learning space for our students.

Thank you to Mr. Tuton, Mr. Russell and Mrs. Russell in preparing the grant application, and to the NSW Teachers Federation.



## Year 4 Sapphire – Teacher Replacement

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs. Saab as she will be taking Maternity leave. Mrs. Saab has worked closely with Miss. Khoder, who the students are already familiar with, for an easy transition and continuity in the students' learning.

We wish Mrs. Saab and her husband all the best for their growing family and look forward to her returning in the near future.



## Attendance including COVID Advice –

### Ms. Mikellides (LST AP)

It is with great pleasure that I announce 98% of our students have returned back to face-to-face teaching.

Please ensure that if your child experiences any flu-like symptoms (even if they are mild) that they stay home to rest and recover. If your child is absent please send a medical note or alternatively a letter stating the reason for their absence.

The school will continually work with the department who is constantly working with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining safe hygiene practices.

### So far the advice and school procedures include:

- Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff and strongly recommended for Stage 3 students.
- Antibacterial sanitizer and wipes are used frequently and students are reminded to wash their hands regularly.
- Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air, so classrooms are receiving good ventilation by ensuring windows and doors are open.
- Support teachers are not mixing across the grades. The school has aligned teachers to a grade to minimise potential spread.
- Stages are segregated during break times; meaning less students in one area and students are playing with the students in their class.
- K- 2 has an early departure of 2:50pm at Norfolk Rd gate and 3-6 finish at 3pm exiting from both Waterloo Rd and David St.

The school is following the advice closely to maintain safety at the school.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.