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#### 5 November 2021

### **Principals Report**

#### Dear Parents and Carers

We are excited to have welcomed all our students back and the Term 4 programs have all started. Congratulations to our students and families on the smooth transition back to school and learning. Classrooms are noisy and active with learning, fantastic smells are coming into the office from students cooking, students are being creative in Music, Drama, Art lessons and the hot weather has made swimming very popular.

The teachers all say a big "THANK YOU" to all our staff for preparing and cooking an amazing breakfast and to our community for the messages on Facebook for World Teachers Day, it was lovely recognition to read these, and breakfast was yummy!

We continue to follow both Department of Education and NSW Health advice with Community Access and outside school activities currently on hold. We will provide further advice on school events such as Presentation Day and Year 12 farewell as soon as we can.

All students arriving at school have their temperatures taken currently and staff are wearing masks. If students choose to wear a mask, we have them available. If your child is unwell and has flu like systems, they must be kept at home and get a COVID test before returning.

New students and their families who will be starting at Chalmers Road in 2022 will be welcomed individually and supported to complete paperwork, get uniforms and get ready to start school. We hope to have a transition to school and meet our new students, if possible, at the end of this term.

The P&C Annual General meeting and regular meeting is coming up on the 15 November 2021. I encourage all our parents to join the P&C who do a fantastic job supporting our students. This year has been difficult to fundraise and hold Mother's/Father's Day Stalls for students, but our P&C continue to meet and make plans. The evening Zoom meetings have proven to be popular.

Everyone at Chalmers Road School is looking forward to a busy Term 4. We also hope to welcome back onto our school site parents, therapists and other community members as soon as allowable.

Stay well and stay safe

**Michelle Davies** 

## **Upcoming Events**

#### What's happening at Chalmers Road School

Term 4 2021 (all activities need to be confirmed)

| Monday 15<br>November   | P&C Annual General Meeting – on<br>Zoom |
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| Friday 26 November      | Last Day for Year 12 Students           |
| Wednesday 1<br>December | Presentation Day                        |
| Friday 3 December       | International Day Disability            |
| Tuesday 7 December      | Year 12 Graduation                      |
| Thursday 16<br>December | Students Last Day                       |
| Tuesday 1 February 2022 | Students Return 2022                    |

## **Green Class**

Green class have been enjoying being back at school and interacting with their friends in and out of the classroom. Green class have been practicing position through songs and placing their toys into different positions in the classroom. They have been enjoying music and dance sessions and being able to select their preferred song choices. Green class have been exploring different emotions and recognising them in stories, pictures and their friends' facial expressions. Green class have been enjoying their time being able to interact with their peers and pushing, squeezing or pulling their awesome new toys in the classroom.

### Kathleen & Shelly



## **Yellow Class**

Yellow class has had a great transition back to school. The students have adapted well to Ziggy as their new teacher and have engaged with many key learning areas. Yellow class have been expressing their opinions when reading texts and evaluating how literature makes them feel. artworks that match the books we have read in class and experienced different textures and sensory items. In mathematics yellow class has been looking at whole number, simple addition, and area. We have been playing in the high school playground looking at push and pull forces. It has been fantastic being back at school and we are excited to keep learning and growing.

### Ziggy and Laura

# **Red Class**

Red Class have returned to school after a whole term of home learning. It was a pleasure to see Red Class come back to school happy and ready to learn! We have welcomed Martin Taher and the return of Toby Tran into our classroom. Everyone has settled in beautifully into our daily routine. Red Class have been busy making comments in English using the visuals yes and no to answer the question Did you like the story of The Three Little pigs? In Drama Miss Nat read the story about different superheroes called Mirror Mirror What will I be? We made masks then pretended to be superheroes moving to music. We are proud of Red class as they have been following our PBL rules and working towards getting a wave.

Thank you to all the parents and siblings that helped us through home learning. Thank you for your support and patience when technology would let us down and freeze or internet connections were lost. Well, done Red Class we are so happy to see you all and have you back in the classroom.!!

#### Tania and Eman



# **Blue Class**

Blue class are setting back into school well. The students and teachers have all enjoyed seeing each other and getting to spend time together again, not only with the student in our class but also the rest of the Junior section as well. Blue class have been participated in all their learning activities, showing both Sarah and myself how much they have learnt so far this year.



Now that the weather is warming up we are ready to enjoy swimming again. The class is excited to work with Miss Rhiannon and Miss Natalie as well this term. It is great to be back in the classroom learning together again and we can on wait for what the rest of term 4 has in store for Blue Class.



### Luke and Sarah

## **Purple Class**

Purple Class have demonstrated resilience and perseverance this term. They engaged daily in online learning and completed mathematics tasks online. The staff of Purple Class would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support and ensuring their child engaged in learning activities each day of the learning from home period. Purple Class have been focusing on identifying their likes and dislikes including what language, facial expression and body language they can do to tell accept or decline an activities, toy or food item. We have enjoyed seeing out friends on zoom each day, and working on our who, what and why questions. The teachers of purple class are extremely proud of everyone's efforts during our online learning time. We welcomed back Purple Class in Week 4 and have already had so much fun! Including swimming in the pool, building our social skills through games and getting back into a routine.

#### Brooklyn, Emma, Bharti and Mary



### **Pink Class**

Pink class have been enjoying being back at school and participating in class activities. Students have slowly transitioned from online learning to face to face teaching. We have been proud with our students' efforts regarding this transition. Pink class have been getting back into routine within the classroom.



In Term 4 students have been participating in extracurricular activities such as drama, swimming, art and music. During English, Pink class have been looking at their dislikes and likes when making comments verbally, using Key Word Sign and visuals. In Mathematics, students have been learning to recognise 2D shapes such as circle, triangle, rectangle and square and we have been learning on how to find the area.



Navneet and Christine

# **Magenta Class**

Magenta class have been enjoying being back at school face to face learning and interacting with their friends in and out of the classroom. The students have been focusing and engaging in communicating with each other using different types of communication such as visuals, Devices, KWS and verbally.



# **Teal Class**

It was lovely to see our students and work with them 1:1 in person after such a long absence from face-to-face learning. I

would like to thank all the families of Teal class students for their "home-work" with their sons.

We have had a settling in week, everyone to get familiar with the classroom routine and each other as we recommence our learning programs. This term we will complete work on shape and the concept of 'chance' in mathematics in addition to number and operations. I am pleased to see that some of the students can identify and say numbers up to 200 and are learning to recognise more complex shapes such hexagon and octagon. Well, done boys!

As part of our summer activities, we commence swimming this week and the weather has been warming up the pool water. As we walk to our class the boys are already looking through the gate as the pool maintenance man checks the chemicals and point saying, "swimming Craig". They are looking forward to our Friday swim session.

### Craig, Daphne, Erin & Eaman



# **Orange Class**

Welcome back to Term 4. The students in Orange Class are settling back into routines quite well and were very excited to see all their friends and teachers again



we have missed them just as much as they have missed us. In Orange Class we have been looking at Australian money and matching it to sample. We have enjoyed matching and recognising the letters of the alphabet.



The boys were highly engaged with Miss Nat's drama session. Our favourite activity was sensory play using shaving cream.



Tamie and Manale

# **Banksia Class**

Banksia Class are so happy to be back face to face to be learning and playing together again! We've continued learning about whole number and fractions during our cooking sessions, while discussing our favourite pizza toppings. In History, we've started learning about the Ancient Egyptian culture and created a scarab amulet using painted pebbles.

We're so glad to see everyone happy, safe and well back at Chalmers Road and are looking forward to a great remainder of Term 4!

### Liam & Linda



## **Kangaroo Paw Class**

We are so happy to see everyone back at school!

Kangaroo Paw have returned to school full of energy and ready to learn. Every morning we greet each other in French and then begin our busy day. We have learnt about Ancient Egypt, Forces and Energy an have created delicious French crepes during our Food Science lesson. Students have also been working individually with Mr. Joel to further develop their reading skills

Kangaroo Paw students have excellent social skills and have been working together to revise the Math's skills they developed during online learning. Chrissy and I are very proud of the way that everyone is able to support each other in their learning.



# Wattle Class

Everyone in Wattle Class is so happy to be back at school again after several months of remote learning. Even though we're

back to our school routine, learning can still happen in different and flexible ways.



Learning can happen in the classroom, but we don't always have to sit at a desk.



Learning can even happen when sitting on a stack of chairs!



Learning can happen outdoors as well. We are enjoying taking care of the garden, visiting the middle school playground, and using the pool again.

It's great to have everyone back at school again, and we look forward to having an enjoyable term.

### Sophie and Lubna

# **School Uniforms**

School uniforms encourage students to feel part of our community

Our uniform is designed to:

- Meet the requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- Include items that are affordable, comfortable and made from easy-care and easy-wear fabrics
- Be appropriate for the full range of school activities
- Learn more about the NSW Department of Education's School Uniform Policy

https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0 025

Chalmers Road School uniform supplier is Unison Designs

https://chalmersrd.unisondesigns.com.au/

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Order availability for parents:

Parents can order uniforms whenever they would like. They may select one of the below delivery options:

### Delivery Option A (free delivery)

School delivery: In this option, we will deliver their order to Chalmers Road school, once in the middle of the school term, and once at the end of the school term. The order will then be sent home on cab with the students (or picked up by parents if they are picking the students up)

#### Delivery Option B (\$9.50)

Parents may order the uniforms to be delivered directly to any Sydney location that they require (this can be an office, or home address). We will dispatch the order within approximately 1 week from the order time to that address.

## Café - Music, Art & Dance/Drama (C-MAD/D)

Café started back in term for with an online cooking session with some of our students making savory Muffins. It was great seeing all the students online but I'm looking forward to being back in the kitchen cooking with everyone.

The café started again at school in Week 5 with students cooking chicken fried rice and chocolate brownies. We started off with two favourites to get everyone back into the swing of things. We are all looking forward to cooking up a storm again this term in café!

#### Luke



Music classes have kicked back off face to face on Fridays with Mr Liam. Junior classes have enjoyed playing and recognising loud and soft sounds with percussion instruments with a focus on animals and nursery rhymes. The Middle and High School classes are exploring music from France and have compared the sounds and lyrics with English. Students have also practiced recognising and naming various instruments such as the Djembe, Bongo and Tambourine.

### Liam



Drama & movement via zoom continued with excitement! Students enjoyed read-aloud stories and magical props to bring to life through movement.

### Natalie P

