



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Even though Term 4 is an 11 week term, I'm sure it'll fly by very quickly! We have returned at Level 3 COVID restrictions and we are all very familiar with what we can and can't do. It is anticipated that these restrictions will remain in place for the rest of the term. There has been no further advice around end of year events apart from not being able to plan for them at this stage.

We continue to have very strong enrolments for Kindergarten in 2022 and if you haven't already yet filled out your application to enrol form, please do so as transition commences shortly. Our Year 6 students will also be able to attend orientation/transition at Kingscliff HS. We are just awaiting confirmation of the COVID restrictions and when we have them, will pass them on to you.

We conducted a P&C meeting last week and our main focus is the upcoming colour run. It's fantastic to see so many children set profiles up and some healthy competition between classes has ensued!

The installation of the shade over the playground equipment has been approved and we are awaiting installation. Issues with the border seem to be delaying the project.

Years 3-6 will complete a check-in assessment over the next couple of weeks which will give us real time data so we can highlight strengths and areas of concern.

We are discussing 2022 classes at the moment and as always, we offer the opportunity for parents to let us know of any issues with class placements. We also discuss with the students to nominate some friends they'd like to be in their class. Not all requests are possible as we sometimes have conflicting requests. We will be placing children where we think they will learn best and use information about academic, social and emotional needs to inform our decisions. We do not yet know which teachers will be on each grade. Requests for specific teachers cannot be made.

**Brad Lyne**  
Principal



Bindi listening to students reading. She loves it!

**COLOUR RUN NEWS**

On Friday 29 October we are holding our Colour Fun Run as a major fundraising event! We're holding it to raise much needed money for Decodable Readers and new quality text for our Library.

Are you Fundraising?

Currently we're still a long way from our goal, so we need everyone to pull together to help. The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising. Go to [schoolfunrun.com.au](https://schoolfunrun.com.au), create a student profile page and share your online fundraising link via SMS, Email and Social Media. If you are currently fundraising, THANK YOU! We hope you will continue to share your link and fundraising for the school.

The Colour Fun Run is all about Fun! It will be a huge colourful mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim.

More information about the organisation of the day will be in our Week 4 newsletter.

**Kathy Frost - Relieving Deputy Principal**

**OFFICE NEWS**

**Parking** - Please observe the rules/signs as indicated on our school parking map attached. The rangers do visit our school on a regular basis.

**Lost Property** - We have an enormous amount of lost property already this term, including many uniforms without names. **PLEASE LABEL** your children's uniforms so we are able to return to the owner.

**Music Fees** - Invoices for music fees were sent home with all participating students. Please pay by POP or Eftpos. You are welcome to pay by instalments. If you would like to discuss your invoice please call the office. As band has not been able to operate due to COVID restrictions, fees have not been charged. If you have already paid band fees the amount has been put into fees in advance against your child.

**Sue Matheson - School Administrative Manager**

**2022 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are being accepted for Kindergarten 2022 at Pottsville Beach Public School. We can't wait to meet our new students for 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6676 1161. Enrolment applications can now be accessed and submitted through the school's website: <https://pottsville-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

**Eleanor Collier - Coordinator**

**ES1 AND STAGE 1 NEWS**

Welcome back to Term 4. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have enjoyed returning to our class routines and are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning.

**K-2 - Assemblies** - Due to the current restrictions we are unable to hold our K-2 assemblies. All silver awards and birthday celebrations will be presented in classes. We look forward to when we can run our assemblies again.

**Home Reading** - Well done to all students who have been consistently practicing their reading at home. A reminder that the Decodable Readers Australia online library is still available for our students to access quality texts. The website can be accessed via the following link <https://draonline.com.au/> and usernames/passwords were sent out to parents/carers last term via Seesaw.

**Cyber Safety Incursion** - On Tuesday K-2 participated in a Cyber Safety virtual incursion with Ollie Online. The Cybermarvel program aims to build online safety awareness in our schools. We enjoyed learning about how we can stay safe when using digital technologies and how important it is to balance green time with screen time. We hope to send our families some resources to continue the important conversation of cyber safety at home.

**Parent Overviews** - Our parent overviews were sent out this week. These overviews outline the key learning areas we are focusing on throughout the term and can be referred to support revision at home.

**Kindergarten - Sport Day** - Kindergarten will continue to have sport on Tuesdays and Fridays continuing our fundamental movement skills and also learning simple dance sequences. Students are encouraged to wear their coloured sport shirts each Tuesday and Friday.

**Library Day** - KMac and KDonnelly will continue to visit our library on Mondays and KCollier will visit on Wednesdays. Please make sure students bring their library books and bags on these days.

**Show and Tell** - Our show and tell topic for this week is 'What is your favourite season and why?' Our topic for next week is 'Share a story or photograph from our past' Students are encouraged to bring in a photo if they can to share with the class. It is always helpful for students to talk about their show and tell topic with their family before presenting it on their show and tell day.

**Sight Words** - Our sight words for this week are 'very, would, because, them'. Our sight words for next week 'by, off, could, took'. It is always helpful for students to practice recognizing and writing these words at home to consolidate the learning we do in class.

**Stage 1 - Phoneme-Grapheme focus Weeks 3 and 4** – ow, ou  
**High Frequency Words - Year 1 - Week 3:** also, around, form, three, small.

**Week 4:** set, put, end, does, another. **Year 2 - Week 3:** horse, birds, problem, complete, room. **Week 4:** knew, since, ever, piece, told.

**Stage 1 Intensive Swimming 2021- CANCELLED:** Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions on schools, our two week Stage 1 Intensive Swimming Program, that was rescheduled to begin next week (Monday 18 October 2021) has been **CANCELLED**. We were desperately hoping restrictions on schools would ease so we could attend, however this is not the case. We have secured a two week block in Term 1 2022 for our 2022 Stage 1 students. Intensive Swimming payments made by the current Year 1 students will roll over to cover their participation in the 2022 Intensive Swimming program. Year 2 students who have paid for the program will receive a refund as they will not have the opportunity to participate in the program next year. If you have any questions, please phone the school office. We are more than happy to assist.

**Kindergarten Transition Program** - Pottsville Beach Public School are excited to announce that our Kindergarten transition can now take place.

Students will be split into the following groups -

**Group 1 – Last name A-J**

**Group 2 – Last name K-Z**

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

“1-2-3 What are we?”

“SAFE-RESPECTFUL-LEARNER!”



After such a long and disrupted time away from school and the Level 3 restrictions placed on our staff and students, we have had a commendable resumption of learning in Term 4. Students have adapted well to the zoning of our playground to reduce cross-stage mingling and are responding well to the feedback given from the staff on playground duty. The earning of tokens is well under way in anticipation of another reward day at the end of the term should all three tubes be filled.

Bounce back groups are on hold for the time being due to our restrictions but our PBL lessons will continue in that time slot as class cohorts. Congratulations again to everyone on a great start to Term 4.

**PBL Team**

Students are welcome to attend on the following dates -

**Group 1 – Monday 25 October, Tuesday 26 October from 9.30am-12noon**

**Group 2 – Thursday 28 October, Friday 29 October from 9.30am-12noon**

Students are required to bring a backpack with a water bottle, crunch and sip, lunch and a hat to each visit.

Due to restrictions parents are unable to come on site during our visits.

Students are to be signed in and out just outside the front gate. Our Year 5 students are looking forward to meeting their Kindergarten buddies but unfortunately this is unable to happen during transitions due to current restrictions. Our senior buddies will aim to send something special to our new Kindergarten students and they can't wait to meet them next year.

Presentations on our key learning areas, Kindergarten best start assessment and school administration will be available on our website in the coming weeks. Please check our school website, Facebook page and Seesaw for regular updates and information on Kindergarten 2022.

**Eleanor Collier - ES1 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**Amy Paron - S1 Relieving Assistant Principal**

### STAGE 2 NEWS

Welcome back to school Stage 2 students. We are looking forward to participating in the Colour Fun Run. Please ensure you have created your profile and start raising some money! It appears some students are running out of supplies to complete work in the classroom. Please check with your child to confirm they have adequate stationary resources (whiteboard markers, pencils and pens etc) to see out the school year.

**David Mercer - S2 Relieving Assistant Principal**

### STAGE 3 NEWS

#### Update on Term 4 Activities

As you are aware there will be no Year 5 or Year 6 camp this term due to Level 3 restrictions. The Year 5 Taster Day at the high school has been postponed until Term 1 next year.

The Year 6 transition day will go ahead as scheduled as will extended transition for some students identified as requiring additional support. Information to be sent home soon.

We will plan on holding our Presentation Assembly, Ringing of the Bell Ceremony and Farewell under the current restrictions, which unfortunately means no parents in attendance. If this should change, we will adjust our planning accordingly. We will also plan for an end of year Fun day to be held here at school.

**Uniform and Jewellery** - Could we kindly ask that all students continue to comply with our school uniform policy. This means all students are required to wear the school hat every day. We have also noticed that some students are not wearing appropriate shorts/skorts/skirts. Please be aware that bike pants are not acceptable. If your Year 6 child has outgrown their uniform, inexpensive shorts/skorts/skirts can be purchased at Best and Less or Big W to get your child through to the end of the year. Please see your class teacher if you require assistance. We would also kindly ask that you assist your child to remove any bracelets, necklaces and rings and leave them at home. Earrings should be a small stud or sleeper so as to reduce the risk of potential injury. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

**Social Media and Your Child** - Recently your child received a letter home about the negative impacts of social media. Please find the time to read this information and discuss with your child.

**Senior shirts** - We have started the process of organising the Senior shirt for 2022. The Students have looked at samples and determined their favourite

design. The ordering process will start next week.

**Senior Leadership Positions 2022** - SRC Application forms for 2022 will be distributed to interested students on Friday 22 October. We will start with applications for executive SRC positions and then later for Sports Captain and Vice Captain positions.

**Year 6 Fundraising for gift to the school** - Each year during Term 4, Year 6 students raise funds to be used to purchase a gift to the school. Last year, funds raised were dedicated to the support the installation of our cubbies. Stay tuned for this year's project! Year 6 will hold a cake stall on Monday 29 November this term.

**Leonie Richards - S3 Assistant Principal**

### LIBRARY NEWS

Almost every student has visited the library to borrow books over the past week and we have hundreds of new books to enjoy at home and in classrooms. We've been sharing some lovely stories and completing multimedia tasks so keep an eye out for some fabulous student work samples on SeeSaw. This week the final BUMPER Issue 7 brochure was given out to students. Profits from book club go directly towards new books for our library so we really appreciate it if you do some Christmas shopping! Order by 3:00pm on Friday if you would like an 'early bird' order. Late orders can be made up until Friday 22 November. Happy Reading.

**Renai Hollis - Teacher Librarian**

### SCHOOL NEWS

Our wonderful P&C have funded some wonderful new reading resources to support our fabulous classroom programs. Due to their fabulous efforts with fundraising our students gain the benefits. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous P&C. They are always looking for new ideas and new members to be a part of the success of our school.



### WELLBEING TIPS

Good sleep is important for your child's physical and mental wellbeing. A relaxing bedtime routine is an important way to help your child get a good night's sleep. Doing the same relaxing things in the same order and at the same time each night helps promote good sleep, you could give these tips a try:

- A warm (not hot) bath will help your child relax and get ready for sleep.
- Keeping lights dim encourages your child's body to produce the sleep hormone, melatonin.
- Once they're in bed, encourage your child to read quietly or listen to some relaxing music, or read a story together.
- You could also suggest your child tries some relaxing breathing exercises.

**Dannielle Thomson - Student Wellbeing Teacher**



# Pottsville Beach Public School Pick Up/Drop Off Area Map

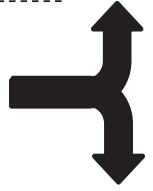
School Days  
2.30pm - 3.30pm

NO RIGHT TURN FROM KOALA BEACH INTO SCHOOL

CONTINUE TO ROUNDABOUT TO JOIN QUEUE

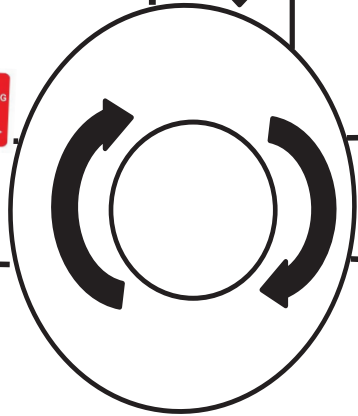
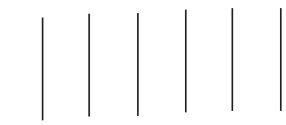


Pedestrian and Bike Entry /Exit  
PICK UP ZONE



COLA Student Pick Up Waiting Area

Keep Moving



Student Entry

Parent and Visitor Entry

No Parking Sign  
School Days  
8.00am-9.30am  
2.30pm-3.30pm

School Drop-off Pick-up ZONE



BUS ZONE  
8.00-9.30  
2.30-4.00  
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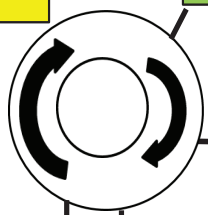
Staff ONLY Carpark



Bike Entry Only

Please WALK YOUR BIKE

No School Crossing



Fire trail  
NO Entry/Exit