



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to 2021!

It was wonderful to see our students returning from their holidays refreshed and ready to learn.

Over the next three weeks, all class teachers will be contacting parents via phone to introduce themselves and to discuss your child. As each teacher will be calling all parents from their class, we have allocated 5-10 minutes per phone call. If you require longer than the phone call allows, teachers are more than willing to meet with you in person if necessary. Part of our school plan is community engagement and that means maintaining regular contact with families. We're looking forward to working with you to support the educational needs of all our students. There will be ALOT of information coming your way in the coming weeks. It involves our school plan as well as information about staff roles across our school. Thank you for abiding by the updated COVID guidelines. We have reverted back to 2020 guidelines where parents need to remain outside school grounds for drop off and pick up. Kindergarten parents are able to drop off on their first two days (Thursday and Friday this week). If you need to enter school grounds, you must sign an external visitors form and scan the Service NSW code in the front office. We are still able to meet with you as long as it has been arranged. Afternoon pick up in the Cudgera Avenue car park is effective and efficient when only parents of students in K, 1 and 2 arrive first. Parents picking up students in Years 3-6 are asked to come after 3.05pm. This includes if you have a child in 3-6 and in K-2. Please come after 3.05pm so both your children will be ready for pick up. K, 1 and 2 students come to pick up first and if parents of older children arrive early, it creates a bottle neck in our car park. Thanks for your cooperation! Years 1-6 have commenced in their new classes and all classes were put together taking into account student requests, parent requests and staff expertise. We have formed 23 classes across K-6. Our Kindergarten students commence on Thursday 4 February.

2021 classes and teachers are as follows:

**K Collier** - Ms Elle Collier

**K Donnelly** - Mrs Judy Donnelly

**K Mac** - Mr Steve MacDonald

**1 Schultz** - Mrs Alison Schultz

**1 Stone** - Ms Alison Stone

**1 Cowin** - Mr Shaun Cowin

**1/2 Squires** - Mrs Sonia Squires and Mrs Suzanne Gospage (Friday)

**2 Paron** - Mrs Amy Paron and Mrs Tara Samuelson (Friday)

**2 Rudman** - Ms Maryanne Rudman

**2 Roach** - Mr Glen Roach and Ms Courtney Peate (Friday)

**3 Bird** - Mr Josh Bird and Mr Michael Mirana (Monday)

**3 Patterson** - Ms Patterson and Mr Michael Mirana (Friday)

We welcome Ms Madeleine Edwards who is teaching 4 Ryan whilst Mr Ryan is on leave. Other staff within our school and their roles are:

**Deputy Principal and Instructional Leader** - Mrs Jenny Foster

**Learning and Support** - Ms Amanda Hawes

**Relief from face to face (RFF) teachers** - Ms Trish Tyson, Ms Lisa Hook, Mrs Robyn Rampano, Mrs Yula Harris

**COVID tutor** - Mrs Jill Abood

**Kindergarten teacher support** - Mrs Emma Goulding

**School Psychologist** - Ms Zoe Dimech

Office and Admin staff:

**School Administration Manager** - Mrs Sue Matheson

**School Administration Officers** - Ms Charmaine Ray, Miss Jodie Carroll, Ms Catherine Baly, Mrs Jennifer Jardine

**School Learning Support Officers** - Ms Jo McWilliam, Mrs Dale Butler, Mrs Larissa Isles, Mrs Nicole Power

The executive team in 2021 is:

**Principal** - Mr Brad Lyne

**Assistant Principals** - Mrs Kathy Frost, Ms Leonie Richards (Stage 3), Ms Elle Collier (Rel. Early Stage 1), Mr Rod Ryan (Stage 2), Mr David Mercer (Rel. Stage 2), Ms Amy Paron (Rel. Stage 1)

If at any time you have a complaint or an issue, your first contact should be with your child's teacher. If you think it has not been resolved, you can then speak to the Assistant Principal supervising that stage. Contact with the Deputy Principal and/or then the Principal, should only be made if your complaint/issue has not been resolved by the class teacher or Assistant Principal.

You will be hearing all staff and students using the words safe, respectful, learner on a regular basis. Our school has committed to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and a letter was sent home last week explaining what it means. More information will be shared about our processes and procedures on a regular basis. It will create consistency and a common language in our school across all settings.

Our first school event is taking place on Monday 8 February and is our annual swimming carnival. Due to COVID restrictions, we are only able to take competitive and competent swimmers on the day. It will be school as normal for those students not attending.

I am looking forward to working with our entire community this year - let's hope we can invite you in soon!

**Brad Lyne - Principal**

**3/4 Tait** - Mr Alex Tait

**4 Mercer** - Mr David Mercer

**4 Lee** - Mrs Sue Lee

**4 Ryan** - Mr Rod Ryan

**5 Coleman** - Ms Georgia Coleman and Ms Courtney Peate (Monday)

**5 Keyes** - Mrs Tamara Keyes

**5 Oehlmann** - Mr Paul Oehlmann

**5/6 Briggs** - Mrs Darlene Briggs

**6 Rologas** - Mr Peter Rologas

**6 Smith** - Mrs Karen Smith

**6 Richards** - Ms Leonie Richards

**Assistant Principal and Instructional Leader** - Mrs Kathy Frost

**Library Teacher** - Mrs Renai Hollis and Mrs Suzanne Gospage (Thursday)

**COVID tutor** - Mr Michael Mirana (2 days)

**Wellbeing teacher** - Mrs Danielle Thomson (3 days)

**Music Teacher** - Mr Matt Pines

**General Assistant** - Mr Brian Pollard

**Deputy Principal** - Mrs Jenny Foster

### DEPUTY NEWS

**Scripture /Ethics** - Scripture and Ethics lessons will begin Week 3 Thursday 11 February. Classes are held for Ethics, Catholic and Combined Christian. If you wish to change your child's preference which was previously nominated, please put in writing change required and send to the front office.

Special religious education (SRE) is the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion delivered by authorised representatives of that persuasion. It is the distinctive religious tenets and beliefs of the home and family, provided by the churches and other religious groups for children of parents expressing the desire that they receive such teaching. Special education in ethics (SEE) is education in ethical decision making, action and reflection within a secular framework, based on a branch of philosophy. The Special Education in Ethics Policy and Procedures are available on the religion and ethics website.

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/religious-education-policy>

**Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal**

### OFFICE NEWS

**Personal Contact Information** - Please remember to notify the office if you have a change of address, mobile number, work number or if you need to change/update your emergency contacts.

### School Bell Times

**8.30am** - Playground bell

**9.00am** - Class

**11.00am** - Lunch

**11.10am** - Lunch Play

**11.40am** - Class

**1.40pm** - Recess

**1.50pm** - Recess Play

**2.15pm** - Class

**3.00pm** - End of Day

**Sue Matheson - School Administrative Manager**

### ES1 NEWS

Welcome to our Kindergarten Students!

Thanks to all our new Kindergarten students and families who attended their Best Start appointments. The Kindergarten teachers enjoyed meeting everyone. Kindergarten will start their first day on Thursday 4 February. Due to COVID restrictions, we will have staggered start times in place for Thursday 4 and Friday 5 February.

The start times are as follows -

**9.15am** – Last name A-Ma

**9.45am** – Last name Mc-Z

Parents and caregivers will need to sign in at the front gate before heading to the hall. Students will meet their buddies who will take them to the Kindergarten rooms.

Our school day ends at 3.00pm. Students will be walked to the front gate for pick up. If you have made other arrangements with pick up, please let the Kindergarten teachers or front office know.

**Passive Play** - Activities will be set up in the school hall for Kindergarten students from 8.30am to 9.00am starting Monday 8 February. This will assist with our Kindergarten students transitioning to school. Parents are asked to drop students at the front gate and a teacher will be there to walk groups of students to the hall where they will meet their buddy and enjoy playing with them and their peers until school starts at 9.00am.

**Get to school safely** - Starting school means lots of changes for you and your child. It is crucial to plan and talk about safe travel to and from school with your child.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road. If a hand isn't available they should hold an arm, bag, clothes or the pram.

**Eleanor Collier - Relieving Assistant Principal**

### STAGE 1 NEWS

Welcome Back to our Stage 1 students and families.

The buzz is high and the smiles have been many during the first few days in our new classes. It has been a fantastic start to the year and an absolute delight getting to know your children and meeting some of our parents.

**Parent Feedback** - Teachers value interactions and conversations with parents as the information we obtain allows us to better meet your child's needs. Stage 1 teachers will be asking parents to provide information about their child by completing a 'Tell me about your child' Parent Survey and by making phone calls to parents in the coming weeks.

**SeeSaw** - Teachers will be sending home SeeSaw Invitations for parents to access their child's learning portfolio and I highly encourage you to access this platform as it is a fantastic insight into your child's learning.

**Sport Shirts** - Stage 1 students are encouraged to wear their sport shirts on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Library bags** - Please remember to bring your library bag to be ready for borrowing in the next week.

**Amy Paron - S1 Relieving Assistant Principal**

### STAGE 2 NEWS

Welcome back! We are looking forward to seeing or speaking to all parents and carers of Stage 2 students over the next few weeks. Stage 2 sport is on Wednesday (sports uniform day). We will be competing in a sports house

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Last week you would have received information about PBL across the school. Each newsletter we will be providing you information so you can discuss with your child what they are learning at school.

PBPS will begin to implement Positive Behaviour for Learning in 2021 as endorsed by staff, students and parents in 2020. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. Over the next two weeks the students will be focusing on what our school expectations are:

**Safe     Respectful     Learner**

Students should be developing their Mascot ready for the competition. Please hand these in to their class teacher by this Friday.

**PBL Team**



competition with a focus on developing skills. In fitness sessions we will be training for the school cross country event. This will take place daily (normal school uniform). Thank you to all families who have sent in the requested class supplies.

**David Mercer - S2 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Our Library is open for business. It's fabulous to see our students returning to the library this week. We've been rearranging our collections to make it even more inviting and easy to choose books to borrow. Please send in library bags this week ready for borrowing (from next week onwards).

**Renai Hollis - Librarian**

**MUSIC NEWS**

Band returns once again in 2021! I am looking forward to a great year of music and fun. We still have heaps of space for students wanting to learn a wide array of wind instruments so please get in touch if you are interested.

**School Concert Band** - rehearsals return at the new time of 7.45am on Friday 12 February for all 3rd and 4th year players. Rehearsals return at the new time of 7.45am on Tuesday 16 February for all 2nd year players (1st year players will join once they have a basic understanding of their instrument).

Tutorial times will be given to the students at school. Enrolment/Re-enrolment forms will be given to students however if you need one you can collect it from the front office.

**Instrument Hire** - I will be in touch with you if you indicated that you were looking at hiring a school instrument or are continuing to hire one.

**A little about me** - Music has been in my life since day one. I play a wide selection of instruments and specialise on the Baritone Saxophone. I worked with many different ensembles in Sydney before moving to the Northern Rivers in 2020 and I really look forward to working with the amazing students at this school.

The program moving forward will not only involve student's learning their instrument but also working together to write music for their ensemble. We are also looking at introducing new musical experiences in the school so keep an eye out. If you have any questions regarding the program please don't hesitate to email me: matthew.pines2@det.nsw.edu.au

**Matthew Pines - Band Coordinator and Music Teacher**

**CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS**

A very warm welcome to everyone and a special welcome to families new to the school and to Camp Australia. For those who know us, Camp Australia may look a little different than you remember, but we are still here to provide a supportive outside of school hours space for children to play, connect, learn and grow through engaging experiences.

We offer before school care 6.30am - 8.30am, After school care from 2.55pm - 6.00pm and Vacation care during school holidays 6.30am - 6.00pm.

Feel free to contact Donna on 0438 400 610 or Camp Australia direct on 1300 105 343. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at Camp Australia.

**Camp Australia Team**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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Find out more at [play.afl.com.au/auskick](https://play.afl.com.au/auskick).

**NEW STAFF**

**Courtney Peate** - Hi my name is Courtney Peate. I have been teaching for 10 years in many different schools all around the world. Pottsville Beach Public School is now my base each Monday on 5Coleman and each Friday on 2Roach. I love animals and have a black labrador called Charley. I also love travelling, running, playing basketball, hiking and camping. I'm really looking forward to my time here at Pottsville Beach Public School.



**Alex Tait** - Hi to all members of the Pottsville Beach Public School community, my name is Alex Tait. I am extremely excited for the year ahead and feel privileged to be working at a school that is so highly thought of in the wider community. I have previously taught in London, Western Sydney, Coffs Harbour and the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. Everyone has been incredibly welcoming, and I look forward to becoming a part of the community over the coming year through my work with 3/4 Tait.



**Michael Mirana** - Hi my name is Michael Mirana. My family has been living in the Kingscliff area for five years. I have had the privilege of teaching in many schools over the years from Sydney, to South Western NSW and the North Coast. I have taught in schools from as small as six students to others with over 600 students. Each school and community are unique and that's why I enjoy my job so much. I look forward to working with the students, staff and community at Pottsville Beach Public School this year.



**Madeleine Edwards** - Hello everyone, my name is Madeleine Edwards and I am very excited to join the Pottsville Beach Public community. I grew up in the area and am looking forward to getting to know everyone. A fun fact about me is that I compete in Woodchopping and Sawing competitions across Australia.



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**SCHOOL BAND - Fridays 7.45am**



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