



# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 1

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## Up Coming Events

Week	Date	Event	Time
2	Thursday 14 October	School Photos	Morning



*"To me there is no picture so beautiful as smiling, bright-eyed, happy children; no music so sweet as their clear and ringing laughter."*

*- P.T. Barnum*

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to all our students, families and staff for Term 4, 2021!

After we emerged from the latest lockdown in the Port Macquarie LGA at midnight on Tuesday, it has been wonderful to have our students back on site for business as usual from today. With the roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions in place, I am feeling more confident about what the remainder of Term 4 will look like for Telegraph Point Public School, and the rest of New South Wales. I will share these details as they are made available by the NSW Department of Education.

## COVID-19 update

Telegraph Point Public School students are expected back for face-to-face learning from day 2 of Term 4. Any students who live in an area still under stay-at-home orders are also expected back at school for face-to-face learning and this is allowed under the public health order. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back all of our staff and students.

As a reminder, here's what our families and student can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions:

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- Masks or face coverings are recommended for primary students in indoor and outdoor settings on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check in and wear masks at all times.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds, follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.
- Before and After School Care will be available on site following COVID-safe plans.

We have worked closely with NSW Health in developing our return to school roadmap and COVID-safe school plan. NSW Health will continue to monitor vaccination rates and transmission levels in our LGA and will advise us if settings need re-evaluation.

We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November. This will help protect our staff and students and we encourage our entire school community to also get vaccinated as soon as possible.

All students are expected - and will be supported - to return to school for face-to-face learning. I encourage you to get in touch with us directly and visit the Wellbeing for students and families page for support materials.

Please have a look at the [Helpful tips for primary students coming back to school \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/helpful-tips-for-primary-students-coming-back-to-school) to support your child in preparing to start the term.

## Build Overview

The building works have progressed rapidly throughout the school holidays, making the most of two weeks without students and staff onsite. Concrete slabs were poured for the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) in the playground, the additional building perimeter, and for the sheds. The sheds have now been erected and power connected, ready to be put to good use when we gain access to this area of the school. All perimeter playground fencing has now been completed, excluding the fence at the front of the school. The sports court fencing has also been erected and completed. The external cladding of all buildings has been installed, as well as the floors in the library and demountable classrooms being reinstated. The roof on our permanent classroom building has also been reinstated. A newly completed concrete stage will provide a space for our assemblies, performances and safe passageway to our permanent classroom building when we have access to this area of the school once more.

Although there is still much work to be done, there is an air of excitement as the building works progress through many of the initial milestones. This week the anticipated works will be sheeting the ceilings in the demountable classrooms and roughing in for electrical work.

## Term 4 Staffing

At the end of Term 3 we farewelled Rebecca Hancock and Kyara Stennett, who have commenced their maternity leave. While we will certainly miss these wonderful teachers, we wish Ms Hancock and Mrs Stennett all the best on this exciting, new journey.

This term we welcome back Mr Nat Fullbrook and Mrs Belinda Lord to Telegraph Point Public School. Mr Fullbrook will be part of the learning and support team, as well as providing teacher release for KW and 4/5C each week. Mrs Lord will be providing teacher release for K/1C, 2O, 3H and 5/6H and some learning support each week. Both Mr Fullbrook and Mrs Lord are well known to our students and school community, and we are very excited to welcome them back to the team.

## 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2022. If you know of any families in our enrolment area with a school-aged child in 2022, please forward this information on. The following information is vitally important for families seeking to enrol children at Telegraph Point Public School next year.

### Enrolment areas

Many NSW Government schools have specific local enrolment areas. The designated intake areas are determined by the Department of Education. These schools ensure that there are enough places for students who reside in their local enrolment area. Although preferable, designated local schools may not always be the closest public school to your home. Schools work with their local community to provide advice on public transport availability.

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy sets out the entitlements and requirements for enrolment. Additional information for parents is available to explain recent changes to the enrolment policy and can be accessed at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/changes-to-the-enrolment-policy-for-parents.pdf>

School Finder is the tool used to find your local NSW Government school. You can check your local school by using School Finder at <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/>

### Out-of-area enrolment

Schools may accept enrolments from outside their designated area if places are available. Such applications are subject to department policies. If the school is able to accommodate out-of-area enrolments, the school will advise you of any non-local enrolment selection criteria. If the demand for local enrolment exceeds the number of places available, out-of-area enrolments will not be available.

Telegraph Point Public School is currently enrolled over our enrolment cap, **and as such out-of-area enrolment places are not available.**

## Online enrolment program

We are trialling a new online enrolment process to apply to enrol your child at your local school. To apply online your child must be:

- a NSW resident
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and
- living in the local enrolment area of the school for which you are submitting an application.

Further information about enrolment, as well as links to online enrolment is available from our school website at <https://telegrappt-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

*Duncan Adams*

**Principal**

## School Photos

The School Photographer will be on site next Thursday 14 October 2021.

Envelopes will go home today to those children who did **not** pay earlier in the year (the school photos were originally scheduled for the week after the flood, and some parents had already paid either by cash in the envelope returned to school, or on line).

If you do not get an envelope with your child today but think that you should have please call the school office and we can check for you.



## P&C Report

### **P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be communicated in a Newsletter once restrictions have eased.

### **Uniforms**

We have school shirts, jackets and hats in stock, please contact the school office to arrange payment and collection.

### **Canteen**

As you may be aware the canteen will need to be repaired before we can reopen but in the meantime we are looking into other options. We will communicate more information when available.

Many thanks,

*Mary Cas*

**P&C President**

# Rebuild After the Floods



# Positive Behaviour of Learning

safe



respectful

personal best

## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



= 3 days



30 mins per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks

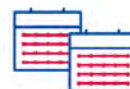


= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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# Voice of the People...



Q. Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

A. My favourite place would have to be Japan because they have lots of adventure parks I would like to see.

Q. What would your dream school look like?

A. I would like to have a movie theatre, a pool and a motor bike track.

Q. If you were a fruit what would it be and why?

A. Dragon fruit because they have a cool name.

Caylana W - 4/5C



Q. Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

A. My favourite place is at home because my cat, Chestnut is there.

Q. What would your dream school look like?

A. My dream school would have a really large classrooms and a swimming pool.

Q. If you were a fruit what would it be and why?

A. Lemon because no one would eat me.

Heidi C - 4/5C



Q. Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

A. My favourite place is Springloaded because they have fun activities and are great for birthdays.

Q. What would your dream school look like?

A. My dream school would have a massive playground with slides and swings and a footy field.

Q. If you were a fruit what would it be and why?

A. Mandarin because they are juicy, nice and refreshing.

Eli J - 4/5C

# Voice of the People...



Q. Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

A. My favourite place is flip Out in Sydney because it is lots of fun.

Q. What would your dream school look like?

A. My dream school would have a soccer stadium and a pool.

Q. If you were a fruit what would it be and why?

A. Banana because I can rock.

Phoenix F - 4/5C



Q. Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

A. My favourite would be Tasmania because I would like to find out more about the Tassie Devil.

Q. What would your dream school look like?

A. My dream school would have a large canteen with healthy and non healthy food and offer every subject but not science.

Q. If you were a fruit what would it be and why?

A. Pineapple because it is spiky and I like to eat them.

Toby R - 4/5C



Q. Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

A. My favourite place would be Antarctica because I would like to see the seals.

Q. What would your dream school look like?

A. My dream school would have a virtual reality room, a large pool and a petting zoo.

Q. If you were a fruit what would it be and why?

A. Mango because I just love them.

Scarlett W - 4/5C