

LOWESDALE LIAISON

Lowesdale Public School newsletter

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"Individuals can make a difference"

Term 3 Week 1
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Welcome to Term 3

This term is looking to have some great learning activities, both inside and outside of the classroom. Please read your newsletters carefully to make sure that you keep up to date with current events. The prompt return of permission notes has always made my job easier in arranging transport and supervision of students when attending events.

Welcome Mr Southam, Dakota and Bethany

It has been great to have Mr Southam join us from Khancoban Public School. He will be teaching Mon- Fri with Mrs Strachan for Terms 3 & 4. Mrs Keith (Wed) and Mrs Andriske (Fri) will still be our casual teachers when available. Mrs Kuschert continues as SLSO on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.

We also welcome our new students, Dakota (Year 2) and Bethany (Year 3).



Small Schools Athletics Carnival –

Friday 29 July at Corowa High School Arrive 9.15am for 9.30am start

K-6 students will all be attending the Small Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at Corowa High School next Friday 29 July. There are some events that all students can participate in on the day and others that only 1 or 2 students can enter from the school. This is because of the number of students involved in the carnival from all the schools.

*Note – school selection trials will be finalised at school prior to this carnival.

Hot lunch – Pies available this Friday



Students can purchase a hot pie for lunch this Friday.

*If your child would like to have a hot pie for lunch this Friday, please send \$2 per student.

P& C Meeting – week 3 Friday 5th August

Lions Club Public Speaking

We had two students keen to enter the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition to be held in Corowa this Sunday. It will be held at the Lions Shed beginning at 1pm sharp.

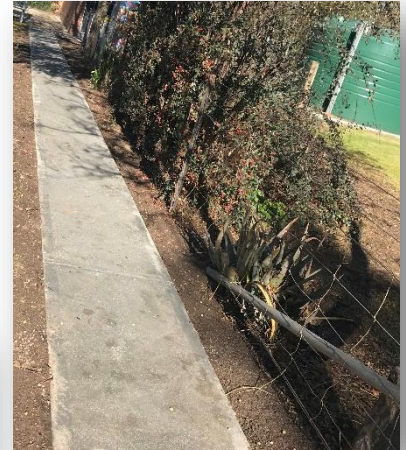
Edie and Lucia will be participating in the Year 3 & 4 section. We wish them all the best for their speeches and know that they are looking forward to the delicious afternoon tea that usually follows the public speaking competition.



School Holiday Maintenance

During the school holidays, we have had several sections of concrete paths replaced where they had lifted due to tree roots or ground movement.

It is great to get works like this carried out in the holidays to ensure student & staff safety and minimise disruption to our learning.



Upcoming Events Term 3 2022

Sunday 24 July	Lion's Club Public Speaking (selected students only)
Thurs 28 July	Year 4 Opportunity Class Test @ LPS (selected students only)
Friday 29 July	Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ Corowa High School
Friday 5 Aug	Term 3 P&C Meeting at 3.30pm

Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g., attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.



Current Covid Update – Term 3



In Term 3 2022, your child's school will operate with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW Health to minimise transmission and keep schools open.

These key measures include:

- strongly encouraging mask-wearing indoors for all students and staff
- rapid antigen testing (RAT) of students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms or are identified as close contacts
- strongly recommending staff and students keep up-to-date with their vaccinations
- maximising natural ventilation
- encouraging regular hand washing
- boosting enhanced day cleaning of schools
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events learning remotely where face-to-face learning is not possible.

In certain circumstances, NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that additional COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at your school. Your principal will work with the Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team and provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at your school, when required. These temporary measures may include:

- ceasing large indoor gatherings
- ceasing off-site and inter-school activities
- cancelling or postponing overnight activities and excursions, including school camps
- mandating mask wearing for adults and high school students
- limiting visitors to schools
- separating cohorts of students
- learning from home or remotely

Close contacts attending school

Being together in a classroom is the most effective way for students to learn and grow. Since COVID-19 remains a relatively mild illness for most children, the NSW Government is committed to school safety in 2022.

Students and staff who are identified as close contacts and have no symptoms can attend school (excluding schools for specific purposes (SSPs) and support units) if they follow certain guidelines agreed with [NSW Health](#) in addition to the [NSW Health guidelines](#):

They must notify the school and/or early childhood education (ECE) service provider (including their outside of school hours care provider) if they are intending to return under this provision.

- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).



- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities), which in the department context includes schools for specific purposes (SSPs) and support units.

Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

Students and staff at greater risk of serious illness, if they were to contract COVID-19, should speak with their treating medical practitioner or specialist, to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan and speak with the school about any local considerations.

Note that staff and students who have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 4 weeks do not have to comply with the following guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms.

The department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team will continue to work with schools around temporary use of additional COVID-smart measures for short periods of time based on localised risk assessments.

Remember: Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID. If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

All students and staff in schools and ECE services will be provided with 1 multipack containing 5 RAT kits in early Term 3. These RAT kits can be used for symptomatic testing or for daily testing as part of the close contact requirements.

Positive Covid-19 cases

If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.

If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#) – please add details of your child's school or early childhood education centre when prompted
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days.

Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues early on if required.