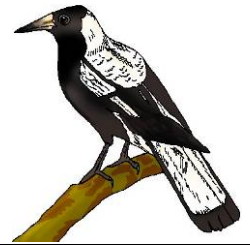


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Tuesday 1 February 2022 - Week 1

Up coming events....

Breakfast Club –every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30-9.15am

Thursday Canteen closed-will reopen week 3.

Thur 3 Feb Swimming Carnival

6-12 Feb Healthy Lunch Box Week

Mon 14 Feb Questacon visit

Ms Dallas' Dialogue...

Dear Parents, Carers and Elders,
I would like to warmly welcome our new and existing families back to Mogo Public School. I hope that you all managed to take some time out to rest and recharge and are ready to embark on another wonderful year of learning. I would like to welcome our new families.

It has been wonderful walking through the playground greeting the students and hearing stories of their adventures over the holiday period. The smiles and laughter were contagious and it certainly was a fantastic way to start the 2022 school year.

I would like to sincerely thank all the parents for your patience and cooperation at the commencement of the school year, with Covid upon us, once again. Your understanding and assistance, collection of RAT kits, and adhering to new Covid guidelines within our school has been greatly appreciated by all the staff at Mogo Public School.

At Mogo Public School, we believe that strong, direct, and open communication is best. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s), or our administrative staff, if you have questions, need clarification about a school matter, or wish to discuss the personal academic/social goals for your child. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me after contacting the class teacher first, if you have any further questions or concerns over the course of the Term 1.

As the new substantive Principal, I look forward to leading the school with the staff, getting to know students and families of Mogo Public School and upholding the good reputation Mogo Public School has in and outside of our Mogo community.

STAFFING NEWS

This year we have, K/1/2 with Mrs Taylor , 3/4 with Mrs Catrina Niddrie, 5/6 with Mr Andrew Craft. Three very professional and dedicated teachers. We have invested in smaller class sizes and provide further support with a Student Learning Support Officer for each class, in order to focus on wellbeing, attendance and individual student learning for Literacy and Numeracy. I would like to welcome back Carol Dale as the SLSO on K/1/2, Katrina Collins on 3/4 and Aathne Brown on 5/6. I would also like to welcome Mrs Georgia Withers joining us Tuesday's and Wednesday's for COVID Support and Mrs Lyn Cheney will take 3/4 on Fridays while Mrs Niddrie completes our Assistant Principal Curriculum Support role.

COVID GUIDELINES

We have started 2022 with a layered approach to COVID-smart measures that have been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help minimise transmissions at school. I would like to sincerely thank parents and carers who have collected (RAT) kits over the last week. Your cooperation, assistance and time, is greatly appreciated.

The health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our priority at Mogo Public School. The following measures put in place are designed to help keep our school open and our students learning in the classroom.

These key measures include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise



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transmission of COVID-19 across our school.

- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and strongly recommended for all primary students. Masks will be provided by the school upon parent request. Masks are also strongly encouraged in outdoor settings where you cannot physically distance. Your child can remove their mask when eating, exercising or playing a musical instrument.
- Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site.
- Two parents or carers are allowed to accompany their child into school on their first day of Kindergarten or new students starting at our school.
- Students will be kept in their stage groups on school grounds, with restricted playground and canteen access to minimise the spread of COVID-19 across cohorts.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

Visitors on school sites and vaccinations

No parents, carers or visitors will be allowed on school site until further notice with the following exceptions:

- Two parents or carers are allowed to accompany their child into school on their first day of Kindergarten or students starting at a new school.
- Visitors supporting school operations and curriculum delivery must be fully vaccinated.
- Allied health partners for the wellbeing of students must be fully vaccinated.

Rapid Antigen Testing

The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. We have distributed packs of rapid antigen test (RAT) kits for our students and staff this week. Please note:

- School staff ***will not*** be administering the rapid antigen tests to students.
- RAT tests are to be completed twice a week Monday and Wednesday in the morning before attending school.
- If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website [External link](#) or Service NSW app [External link](#)
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible and follow NSW Health advice [External link](#) to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

Unwell at school

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative, the student or staff member can return to school once they are symptom free.

What happens when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. The school will inform parents/carers when there is a positive case in our school and advise families on public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

We strongly encourage our students and their families to consider vaccination when eligible.

GET TO KNOW YOU PARENT/ELDER BBQ

After Covid restrictions ease we will be organising a Welcome BBQ for parents, students, elders and staff in order for parents to meet their teachers. Teachers will give a brief outline of their class routines and how you can support your child/ren at home. We are all looking forward to meeting and working with you.

If you are unable to attend, each class teacher will provide a handout for your information.

SCHOOL BELL TIMES FOR 2022

8.45-9.20 Breakfast Club
9:25 - 10:45 Morning Literacy Session
10.45 – 10.50 Fruit Break
10.50-11.10 Fitness
11.10 -12.30 Literacy
12.30 -1.00 Lunch
1.00 – 2.00 Numeracy
2.00 - 2.30 Recess 2
2.30 - 3.25 Afternoon Session

ASSEMBLIES

Assembly will be each fortnight K-6.

NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATION IN 2022

This year the school newsletter will continue to be published fortnightly. There are many ways other than the newsletter that parents can access information about our school, including notes sent home, Facebook, the School Stream App, and the school website.

There are also a number of ways to receive our School Newsletter: Download the free School Stream app to receive alerts and the newsletter.

1. Open App Store, Play Store or Windows Store
2. Search for "School Stream"
3. Download the "School Stream" app (icon on right)
4. Open the app and search for "Mogo Public School"

Subscribe for Email Updates and the newsletter.

You can also subscribe through the school website for the newsletter and updates to be sent to your email account. Simply go to the school website and click on the tab 'Newsletters and Notes', and follow the simple steps to subscribe.

CONTACT DETAILS OR CHANGES IN MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please come to the office and update any contact details or changes in medical conditions for your children. We need to be able to reach you in case of an emergency. This is for the safety of your children. If your child has asthma or anaphylactic reactions, it is your responsibility to update your child's medical plan and medications.

Staff train to keep our children safe. All teachers are trained in CPR and have their skills updated each year. This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping students safe. Our staff have also updated their emergency care training.

STUDENT ABSENCES

This year, our school will once again have a focus on attendance. It is important your child attends school each day unless they are sick. It is also important that your child arrives at school and to class on time. Our school day officially commences at 9.25 am and goes through until 3.25pm. There is a Breakfast Club each morning. Any lateness will be recorded as a partial absence and is required to be explained by the child's parent/carer. Parents are

reminded it is a legal requirement that you explain your child's absence in writing on the first day of their return. If you are having any problems getting your child to school, please contact me to work together as a team to discuss strategies.

Some further reminders:

- If your child has Covid and or there is someone in your house who has Covid please contact the school the day they are positive.
- If your child is absent for two or more consecutive days, please advise the school.
- If your child is absent for three or more consecutive days due to illness, please attach a doctor's certificate to the absentee note.
- If you are planning on taking a holiday during the term, you must apply for Extended Leave - Travel. The application form is available from our office and must be completed prior to travel.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Kind regards,
Ms Lynn Dallas
Teaching Principal

Marida
The K/1/2 Classroom has settled in well. We welcome two new Kindy kids: Azaylia & Tyler.
Leyla Taylor

Bilima
Year 3/4 have a new class name this year- we are Bilima- the Sea Turtle. We have chosen this name for our fabulous class as we all love learning and can't wait to learn things that will help us in a long life of wonder, awe and joy within the beautiful world around us.
I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Mrs Niddrie and I was the COVID Intensive program teacher last year at Mogo and am now teaching on class as well as in the position of APC&I- curriculum. I am looking forward to celebrating all the learning that will take place this year and share in the growth of your children with you. Here's to a fabulous 2022!
Catrina Niddrie

Waagura

Welcome back to school! It is great to see all the children again and hear the exciting stories of holiday adventures.

Everyone is happy to be back and ready to learn. I am looking forward to the year ahead and the interesting opportunities for learning this year.

Home readers will be coming home this week please keep an eye out for them and listen to your child read each night.

I hope everyone had a restful break.

Andrew Craft

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival is this Thursday, 3 February. The bus will leave school at 9.35am and return approx. 12.45pm.

Students are to wear their swimmers under their uniform and bring a change of underwear, towel, hat, lunch, recess, sunscreen and water bottle. Pool canteen will not be available. Cost is \$5.00. Please return permission note and money tomorrow. Thank you.

PERMISSION NOTES

Each year we need to update our Permission notes. Please check your child's bag, for the following notes:

Photos/Child Protection/Local Area permission

Scripture class attendance

Swimming Carnival

Please complete the attached forms and return them to the office ASAP.

Thank you.

FRUIT BREAK

Just a reminder fruit break is at 10.45am daily. Please bring a piece of fruit cut up and school hat is to be worn.

Check out the website for healthy lunch box and snack recipes and ideas: healthylunchbox.com.au



BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is being provided four mornings every week (not Thursdays).

CANTEEN

Canteen is closed this week and will open again Thursday, week 3.

P&C NEWS

P&C meetings are on hold, at the moment. As soon as Covid restrictions ease we will hold our AGM. The AGM is where new office bearers are elected. We look forward to new members on our P&C and ask that you phone and speak with Kizzy or Chris if you have any queries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- *Mogo Aboriginal Preschool*. Ph: 4411 8453 for enrolment details.



Meet our new Kindy students...



First day 2022...

