



Term 1 Week 1 2022



Possum Post

Waterfall Public School

Principal's Message

Save the Date 2022 - Term 1

Week 2:

Monday 7 February

- ❖ Kindergarten 2022 students begin

Tuesday 8 February

- ❖ 3-6 Competitors ONLY Swimming carnival including any 8-year-olds in year 2. Meet Mrs Morabito at Helensburgh Pool at 8.45am

Thursday 10 February

- ❖ Canteen Open

Friday 11 February

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen Open

Week 3:

Monday 14 February

- ❖ P&C – 7pm onsite – outdoor meeting

Wednesday 16 February

- ❖ Touch Footy begins – Students wear Sports Uniform

Thursday 17 February

- ❖ Canteen Open

Friday 18 February

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen Open
- ❖ Gymnastics begins– Students wear Sports Uniform

Week 4:

Monday 21 February

- ❖ Engadine Zone Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 22 February

- ❖ Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 23 February

- ❖ Touch Footy – Students wear Sports Uniform

Thursday 24 February

- ❖ Canteen Open

Friday 25 February

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen Open
- ❖ Gymnastics – wear Sports Uniform

WELCOME BACK TO 2022

A warm welcome back to all our returning families and students. An extra special acknowledgement to our two new Kindergarten families. It was wonderful to see students return, with such enthusiasm and gusto. Students have settled in seamlessly and this has made for a smooth start to the year given the current climate.

We are looking forward to welcoming our 4 Kindergarten students on Monday. A huge day for our littlest shining stars as they embark on their journey of 'BIG SCHOOL'.

Kindergarten, here we come!



STAFFING NEWS

We are excited to have Miss Beth Hobden join our team as our School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO) this year. Please join me in welcoming her to our amazing school. We welcome back Mrs Stephanie Bremner and Mrs Jenny Giddens who will be teaching K/6W. Mrs Bremner will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Mrs Giddens teaching on Thursdays and Fridays for this term. I will be supporting both Mrs Bremner and Mrs Giddens in the classroom. This year for literacy sessions we are going to trial splitting students into K/2 and 3/6 five mornings a week. This small group focus will begin in week 2 and assist us in reaching our school targets. This year we are lucky to have Mrs Jenny O'Mara our SAM with us for 4 days each week. Mrs O'Mara will be working Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Donna McPherson our SLSO will continue with us in 2022. Mr Ron Balderstone has made a return for Term 1 to support our students and families. He continues in his role as the school counsellor and will be on site every Tuesday.

COVID UPDATE:

COVID continues to impact us all and we are anticipating staff shortages this year. To minimise transmission and keep schools open we are operating with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW Health.



For the first 4 weeks of Term 1, we recommend students take a RAT twice a week on mornings before attending school.

- If your child has even mild COVID-19 symptoms, get them tested with a RAT or PCR (nose and throat swab) test.
- They must isolate until they receive a negative test result, in line with health protocols.
- 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, or another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever, they can return to school.

It is recommended that staff and students that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days (four weeks after recovery) following release from self-isolation. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days (from week five after recovery) staff and students may resume participation in RAT surveillance.

For positive COVID-19 cases

If there is a positive case at school, 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](#)External link or [Service NSW app](#)External link
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow [NSW Health advice](#)External link to isolate for 7 days.
- Students recovering from COVID-19 should first present their clearance from NSW Health before they return to school.

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

When there is a positive case in the school you will be informed and guided on NSW Health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

COVID CLOSE CONTACTS

Students should not go to school if they are a close contact. Families must follow the [Self-isolation guideline](#) and self-isolate for 7 days from the time the first COVID-positive person in your household had their test. They should have a rapid antigen test (RAT) as soon as possible and again on Day 6 and have an additional RAT if they develop symptoms. If all tests are negative, you can leave isolation after 7 days. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/people-exposed-to-covid#toc-what-are-my-legal-requirements>

If your child is a close contact and in isolation please go to the digital learning hubs - [Parents and carers \(nsw.gov.au\)](#) for learning activities and resources.

VISITORS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

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

- Up to two parents or carers will be allowed to accompany their child into school on their first day of Kindergarten, or students starting at a new school.
- Parents and carers are able to attend school when:
 - picking up a sick child
 - attending the front office when required (e.g. to drop off materials or to conduct financial transactions)
 - making a purchase at the uniform shop
 - attending a critical meeting with the principal or other staff member when invited.

Note that parents and carers do not need to be vaccinated to visit a school for the reasons mentioned above. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?deliveryName=DM24957>



ATTENDANCE – Every Day Counts

Student attendance at school has an impact on academic achievement and social and emotional wellbeing for individual students. Good student attendance is achieved when schools and families work in partnership to support every student. This year our school target is having students attendance at 90% or above. The bell rings at 9am and rolls will be marked by 9.10am. Learning time will commence after that. Students therefore, need to be at school before 9am. A teacher is on duty to supervise students under the COLA at 8.30am. If students arrive after 9am, they are to go to the office for a late note. This is deemed a partial absence and is monitored by the school and reported in the Semester 1 and 2 reports. School finishes at 3pm. Staff will walk students to the front gate.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our BAASC services continue to be a wonderful support to our families. Morning and afternoon bookings can be made by emailing the centre, provided prior registration is completed. Thank you to Adam and his team for their caring professional service to our families. I know our students truly enjoy going.

SKOOL LOOP app

Our School Loop app is how we send information, notes and important messages to parents. Please don't rely on our Facebook page as this is mainly used to celebrate student achievements. The Skool Loop app can be downloaded easily from the Apple and Google online stores.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday night, 14 February at 7.00pm under the COLA. This will be an outdoor meeting.

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform Shop is up and running and don't our new school polo shirts look stunning. Students are extremely thrilled with our new improve polo's. The P&C Uniform Shop will be opened Tuesday mornings 8.30 – 9.00am. It's great to see all students back in full school uniform.

Thank you, parents



NEW FURNITURE UPGRADE

Students are loving learning in the classroom on the new flexible furniture. To keep in line with the spectacular transformation of the school gardens we thought it was only fitting and fair to transform the inside as well.





Students' thoughts on the new furniture.....

Mark said, "I think with the new furniture it is a lot more roomy, there is more space and more places to sit at. Our room is cosy and it is really fun to work in."

Jessica said, "I love how you can draw on some of the desks and we have bean bag. It is sooooo cooooool!!!!"

Isabella said, "I like our new furniture because it is new, it is comfy and I get to sit with more friends."

Jack said, "I like our new bean bag and our furniture is fun to work on."

Glenn said, "I like how we can write things on the table, I also like that I get to work on the high chairs and tables and it helps the blood flow back into my legs."

SAVE THE DATE:

Happy Birthday to Waterfall Public School. We will be celebrating our **120 Year Anniversary on Saturday 2 April 2022**. Please add this prestigious event to your calendar.

A huge thank you to parents who have already paid school fees and contributions. These fees assist in the purchase of resources to help with students learning. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss payment or need assistance.

We are looking forward to a sensational 2022 school year.

*"Be yourself.
Everyone else is already taken."*

—Oscar Wilde

*Lilly Morabito
Principal*

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School Principal Mrs Lilly Morabito

Toasted fruit bread	\$1.00 per slice
Toast and Jam or Vegemite	\$1.00 per slice
Seasonal fruits	\$1.00 each
Pikelets and Jam	3 for \$2.00
Fruit jelly OR Custard cups	\$1.00 each



Corn cob	\$1.00 each
Cheese sandwich	\$2.00 each
Noodle Cups beef /chicken	\$2.00 each
Sausage roll and sauce tom/bbq	\$3.00 each
Cheese Pizza	\$3.00 each
Steamed Mini Chicken Dim sim	6 for \$3.00 each
Ham and Cheese sandwich	\$3.50 each
Salad wrap	\$4.00 each



Note : Salad is Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber , Mayo

- Teriyaki Beef + Cucumber
- Tuna + Cucumber
- Schnitzel + Cucumber
- Just Cucumber



Juice cup 250ml	\$2.00 each
Apple / ABC / Tropical	
Water cup 250ml	\$2.00 each
Cockatoo Shakes	\$2.00 each
Milo or Strawberry	



Ice Bombs shapes \$1.00 each
random mixed flavors

TNT's \$1.00 each
chocolate / red berry blast / blue raspberry

Juice Tubies \$1.00 each
Orange / Tropical / Lemonade / Wildberry



Flip over for winter menu for terms 2 and 3 >>>>>>>>>





If you are interested in holding a stall

Please call Stacey on
0466 636 441

or email
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WATERFALL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

TWILIGHT MARKET AND MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2022

Waterfall Public School

120 Year Anniversary Celebrations

Get ready to be transported back in time as you walk through our historical photo room. Then head out to the many market stalls!

We have something for everyone:

- ❖ face painting for the kids
- ❖ D.I.Y slime class
- ❖ Live band
- ❖ coffee and cake
- ❖ ice cream
- ❖ international food cuisine options

Finally find your spot to settle in for a *MOVIE UNDER THE STARS*. A relaxing fit for family and community time surrounded by our beautiful bush setting.

So come along and join us, there's entertainment for EVERYONE!

Twilight Market
and
Movie Night

Waterfall Public School

McKell Ave,
Waterfall 2233 NSW

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Entry 3pm

\$10 Family tickets

2x adults + 3 kids

\$5 Single tickets

Sold at gate on the
day of event

