# **Tottenham Central** School

**Principal: Amanda Thorpe** 

Week 9 Term 3 Thursday, 9 September, 2021



## **Principal's message**

**RU OK? Day** R U OK? inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life. You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

Use these four steps and have a conversation that could change a life: 1. Ask R U OK?

- 2. Listen 3. Encourage action
- 4. Check in

Given our current circumstances and isolation there isn't a better day to ask R U OK?

#### **Current COVID restrictions**

The current restrictions in the Lachlan LGA will be eased as planned from 12:01am on Saturday 11 September 2021, meaning our school will move to operating under <u>Level 3 conditions</u> as part of our COVID-safe return to school roadmap.

This means all our students will be expected back for face-to-face learning on site. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students for the remainder of this term.

This time will be invaluable in re-establishing relationships and reconnecting as a class and school

community. 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.
- Students Year 7 and above will also be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors 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.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place. •
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and 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.

All students are expected - and will be supported - to return to school for face-to-face learning. While I with us directly and visit the <u>Wellbeing for students and families page</u> for support materials. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing our students and staff back in the classrooms.

**Lifting Numeracy and Literacy** The Education Minister has recently announced plans for the department to strengthen its approach to lifting literacy and numeracy for all public-school students. As a result, in 2023, our school will receive an additional allocation for an Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction of 3 days per week. The recruitment process for our new Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction will occur in Term 3, 2022 for entry on duty from the start of Term 1, 2023.

#### **Amanda Thorpe - Principal**



**John Barilaro** Deputy Premier Minister for Regional NSW Minister for Industry and Trade

# MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 9 September 2021

# LOCKDOWN LIFTED IN PARTS OF REGIONAL NSW

Parts of regional NSW currently deemed low risk and which have seen zero COVID cases for at least 14 days will emerge from lockdown at 12:01am Saturday 11 September, but will continue to operate under restrictions to ensure the safety of regional communities.

Local Government Areas (LGAs) still seeing COVID case numbers will continue to follow stay-at-home orders and will be monitored by NSW Health with updates provided as circumstances develop.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said regional communities are doing an incredible job following health advice and getting vaccinated which has made the easing of lockdown in some areas possible.

"Today, I can announce that while unfortunately many regional LGAs will remain in lockdown due to COVID case numbers, for other parts of the state, stay-at-home orders will be lifted allowing more freedoms for those communities," Mr Barilaro said.

"This decision is based on NSW Health advice, and the LGAs which remain in lockdown will continue to be monitored and we will update those communities on a regular basis.

"My strong advice to everyone in regional NSW is to get vaccinated as soon as you can. Our communities need to continue to get vaccinated so that when NSW reaches 70 and 80 per cent, restrictions can ease significantly."

The following freedoms will be available to all people in regional LGAs where stay-at-home orders have lifted:

#### Gatherings in the home and public spaces:

- Up to five visitors will be allowed in a home (not including children 12 and under).
- Up to 20 people can gather in outdoor settings.

#### Venues including hospitality, retail stores and gyms:

- Hospitality venues can reopen subject to one person per 4sqm inside and one person per 2sqm outside, with standing while drinking permitted outside.
- Retail stores can reopen under the one person per 4sqm rule.
- Personal services such as hairdressers and nail salons can open with one person per 4sqm, capped at five clients per premises.
- Gyms and indoor recreation facilities can open under the one person per 4sqm rule and can offer classes for up to 20 people.
- Sporting facilities including swimming pools can reopen.

#### Schools:

• Schools will re-open with Level 3 COVIDSafe measures in place.

#### Stadiums, theatres and major outdoor recreation facilities:

- Major recreation outdoor facilities including stadiums, racecourses, theme parks and zoos can reopen with one person per 4sqm, capped at 5,000 people.
- Up to 500 people can attend ticketed and seated outdoor events.
- Indoor entertainment and information facilities including cinemas, theatres, music halls, museums and galleries can reopen with one person per 4sqm or 75 per cent fixed seated capacity.

#### Weddings, funerals and places of worship:

- Up to 50 guests can attend weddings, with dancing permitted and eating and drinking only while seated.
- Up to 50 guests can attend funerals, with eating and drinking while seated.
- Churches and places of worship to open subject to one person per 4sqm rule, with no singing.

#### Travel:

- Caravan parks and camping grounds can open.
- Carpooling will be permitted.

#### Masks:

- Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor public venues, including public transport, front-of-house hospitality, retail and business premises, on planes and at airports.
- Only hospitality staff will be required to wear a mask when outdoors.
- Children aged under 12 will not need to wear a mask indoors.

Stay-at-home orders will remain in place in the following LGAs:

- Bathurst
- Bega
- Blayney
- Bogan
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Broken Hill
- Cabonne
- Central Coast
- Central Darling
- Cessnock
- Dubbo
- Dungog
- Eurobodalla
- Forbes
- Gilgandra
- Goulburn Mulwarre
- Snowy Monaro
- Upper Hunter

- Kiama
- Lake Macquarie
- Lithgow
- Maitland
- Mid-Coast
- Mid-Western
- Muswellbrook
- Narrabri
- Narromine
- Newcastle
- Orange
- Parkes
- Port Stephens
- Queanbeyan-Palerang
- Shellharbour
- Shoalhaven
- Singleton
- Walgett
- Wingecarribee

For more information, please visit: <u>www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19</u>

#### MEDIA: Georgina Kentwell | 0427 206 308

## **School news**

#### Canteen

The canteen will be open next Friday, 17th September, the last day of Term 3!

The final winter Soup-of-the-Day will be Pumpkin Soup with bread roll.

The full 2021 menu will be available to all students and staff for recess and lunch orders. Please have all orders in by 9:30am.

NB: The canteen will remain closed tomorrow, Friday 10th September.

Kathryn Klante 0401 305 002 tottenhamcentralschoolcanteen@gmail.com

#### 2021 Calendar Art

We are still holding our annual Calendar Art Fundraiser this year, but due to lockdown, we must approach it a little differently. Normally, we would have the kid's complete artwork on site at school or at the Early Childhood Centre, however this has not been possible this year.

We have special paper that the artwork must go on. We can send this paper home to you. If you would like to request some special paper, please contact the school or Early Childhood Centre at the following email addresses:

admin@tottenhamecc.com (Early Childhood Centre)

tanya.stevens4@det.nsw.edu.au (Tanya Stevens - Tottenham Central School)

If you would like your child to create some art for the fundraiser, then they are more than welcome to do so. Please note that this activity is <u>NOT</u> compulsory. Instead, we have the option of photographs. If you have a photo that you love, we can also put those photos on products of your choosing.

If you decide to have your child complete the art at home, please have that work back to the School or Early Childhood Centre **before Friday the 17th of September** (Week 10).

Ordering notes will be emailed to you. You may print them at home, fill them in and drop them at the School or Early Childhood Centre, or you can take a photo of your completed form and send it to my email. If you would prefer a hard copy of the note sent out to you, we are more than happy to do so, please just let us know!

#### Orders must be sent in before Friday the 8th of October (Term 4, Week 1)

Payments for any products are to be made online on our official Tottenham Central School website. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at the address provided. Tanya Stevens



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Primary news—LFH























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### **Secondary news**

Secondary Assessment

Schedule

Week due	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	
Term 3 Week 10	n/a	n/a	Year 11—n/a Year 12 - n/a	

#### Stage 4 Maths

Stage 4 have been learning about rates and ratios. They calculated the ratio of colours in an M&M bag and mixed cordial at the same rate using different measuring instruments..



#### Secondary Update

We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday. We would appreciate it if you could bring any work that you have at home to school with you, and hand it in to your teachers. Teachers will have a look at work that has been completed in their classes, and assist those students who have not completed the required work.

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Calendar							
WEEK 9	6 <b>LFH</b>	7	8	9	10 No canteen		
WEEK 10	13	14	15	16	17 <b>Canteen open</b> Last day of Term 3		
WEEK 1 TERM 4	4 Oct LABOUR DAY	5	6	7	8		
WEEK 2	11	12 School photos TBC	13	14	15		



Principal Miss Amanda Thorpe

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Mrs Meggan Adam (rel.) Ms Sally Fitzalan (Thurs-Fri)

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You are encouraged to use this space to give us any feedback on things which you feel you need to: Congratulate a student, teacher or parent, let us know what you think of the newsletter format, make a suggestion or request.

We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.

Signed: