



# LAKES GRAMMAR

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to Term 3

For those of you who were able to take time off with your children, I hope you had a refreshing break and enjoyable family time. Perhaps you were able to travel and have a proper holiday away. For those still struggling with the consequences of COVID-19, remember that we are here to help you – email [feeassistance@lakes.nsw.edu.au](mailto:feeassistance@lakes.nsw.edu.au).

The COVID-19 situation has taken a new turn with the outbreaks in Victoria, followed by south-western Sydney. All families and staff need to make themselves aware of the COVID situation in Victoria, and some people who have travelled to Victoria are required by law to self-isolate, details of which can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/border-restrictions#restricted-entry-for-people-who-have-been-in-victoria>.

Further, there is a current cluster of COVID cases in NSW connected to the Casula, Liverpool and Picton area. Certain people who have attended venues in these areas are also required to isolate: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>.

In addition to the government mandates, given school holidays across the country have created many opportunities for this virus to spread, we are asking our school communities to help us by taking a cautious approach to returning to school. If any member of a student or staff household has travelled to Victoria, a border town, or to the NSW hotspot area, or if you have had close contact with someone who has come from those areas, we request you wait 14 days from that contact before returning to school. If you have any concerns, please contact the Principal to discuss your particular circumstances.

On return to school we will be reinforcing our practices of handwashing; social distancing where possible – especially for staff and parents; and asking anyone with even the mildest sniffle, scratchy throat or cough to stay home. Please don't be offended when we ask you to pick up your child from school if he or she shows any symptoms of illness – we've seen how this virus spreads quickly and from people who don't know they have it. We are also continuing with the request that parents and caregivers limit coming onsite other than to drop and collect children.

### **Term 3 school activities and restrictions**

As long as NSW does not experience a more widespread surge in COVID-19 infections, we look forward to resuming many of our usual school activities. Please see my Principal's News in the last Newsletter for the list of activities and our continued restrictions and hygiene practices - <http://www.lakes.nsw.edu.au/newsletter-term-2-week-9-2020>.

*Parent/Teacher Interviews* will be held in Week 2 and Week 3 – detailed information will be sent out soon. The sessions will go live early next week.

*In line with current COVID-19 protocols and restrictions, these Parent/Teacher interview sessions will be held online via Zoom.* Once you have booked in via Parent Lounge, you will be provided with a Zoom link to use by your child's class teacher to access your interview. Please observe the appointment times to ensure you do not run into another parent's interview time.

### *Junior School Kiss and Go*

We will continue to use the optional 'split system' for Junior School Kiss and Go each afternoon for children who will travel home in that way.

- Kindergarten and Year 1 parents have the option of coming through Kiss and Go to pick up their child (and any older Junior School sibling) from 2.45pm onwards. Please do not begin queuing until 2.30pm for this first group of Kiss and Go. From 2.45 – 3.00pm, Kindergarten families can come through Kiss and Go and collect their children. Please advise your children's class teacher via email if you wish for your child to be collected through Kiss and Go in this session so we can arrange to have them ready in the area to be picked up.
- Years 1 - 6 families, and any Kindergarten families who wish to collect their children at the regular time, should begin queuing at 3.00pm. **Please do not queue for the second group before 3.00pm** and consider coming a few minutes later. Please stop in the left hand lane and put your hazard lights on when you arrive if you are in the second group, so that the last parents in the first group know to drive around you in the right hand lane. At 3.05pm you will be able to proceed through Kiss and Go as usual. Please remember that Kiss and Go runs through until 3.30pm and often when you arrive closer to that time, there is a lot less traffic. If you arrive too early, your children will not be at the Kiss and Go area, and staff will direct drivers to go around the loop to queue.
- Please remember that the use of Parent Park is limited in both the mornings and the afternoons and must only be used in special circumstances with permission from the school. Children can only be collected from Parent Park at 2.45pm (Kindergarten children and siblings) or 3.05pm (all other JS students). We can only have about 12 parents in this area and still be able to maintain contact tracing recording requirements and physical distancing requirements, so this must only be used with permission. Please email [admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au) if there is a very important need for your child to be collected in this way.
- If you require a new Kiss and Go label for your car, please contact [admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au).
- Bus services to and from the school will continue to run as normal.

### **New staff**

#### *Senior School:*

As I noted in the last newsletter, Mrs Matthews has resigned. Mrs Meg Broehl-Foster will teach Mrs Matthews' classes for the rest of this year. Mrs Broehl-Foster has experience teaching in local independent and Catholic schools and originally hails from Germany.

#### *Junior School:*

Mrs Karen Leslie also resigned to take up a career in the Navy. Ms Veronica Butcher will teach 5L for the remainder of the year.

### **Congratulations**

Mr Greg Asquith has been appointed Assistant Head of Preparatory at The Scots College, Bellevue Hill, and begins in Term 4. This is a huge achievement to be appointed to such a prestigious Sydney school, which would have had many high-quality applicants. Mr Asquith has relished the leadership roles he has had at Lakes and was keen to pursue a more permanent leadership position. I, and anyone who knows Mr Asquith, will be sad to see him leave Lakes, which he joined in 2013. He has been an excellent teacher who has built loving, nurturing relationships with his students and injected fun and laughter into all he does. I'm sure you will want to congratulate Mr Asquith yourself when you get the opportunity. Ms Melinda Kyle, one of our regular casual teachers (and a Lakes Grammar graduate!) will take on 3A for Term 4.

### **Sad news**

Some of you will have been part of the Lakes community long enough to have known Mrs June Nash. Sadly, Mrs Nash passed away during the holidays after a bout of pneumonia. Mrs Nash taught at Lakes from our opening in 2004, having come over from Lakes Anglican Grammar School, until her retirement in 2014. June taught English and History and served as Year Adviser for Years 7 and 8 for the whole time she was at Lakes.

I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, 21 July.

Kind regards



Michael Hannah  
Principal