

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

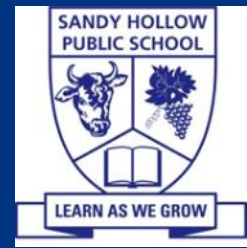
**1 February**  
Kindergarten  
Students Start

**1 February**  
Small School  
Swimming  
Carnival - Scone  
(Years 3-6)

**4 February**  
Welcome  
Breakfast for  
parents

Sandy Hollow Public School

# Newsletter



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## 2021— Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Sandy Hollow Public School for 2021. I hope you have all had a wonderful restful holiday break and have enjoyed time with your children and families over the summer.

This year we have some slight changes to staffing, and it is anticipated that these will stay in place for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Parker will be teaching 3/4/5/6, and is due to return to full duties 4 days per week this term. Ms Borg will teach the class on Wednesdays until Mrs Parker returns to 5 days per week. We are excited to welcome Mrs Parker back for this amount of time, and hope she is able to return to full time teaching in the near future.

Miss Cooper joins us again for 3 days per week on the infants class, and I will be teaching K/1/2 for three days as well (Wednesdays the class will have both Miss Cooper and myself until lunch time).

Ms Borg joins us in a Learning Support role each Friday, and Mrs Smith, as well as her normal School Administration Manager role, will be doing some Learning Support in the classrooms as well.

We welcome Mrs Tracy Main as an SLSO in the infants classroom 3 days per week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays) and Mrs Liz Smith will return on Fridays. These ladies are an invaluable help in the classroom, and their presence enables us to give more individualised support to the children in their early years of learning.



I look forward to a productive year with your children,

Mrs Jane Fuiono

## Kindergarten Start School

Our Kindergarten students start school on Monday, February 1, and we are excited to welcome Aubree, Bohdee, Knox, Lucas and Leo. We would also like to welcome their families into our school community. Please make these new parents feel welcome, as it can be a stressful time for them as well as their children, starting 'big school' for the first time. I am sure the students and their families will have a wonderful time at Sandy Hollow Public School.



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## COVID-19 update

The latest advice from the Department of Education in regards to COVID-19 restrictions state that:

Parents and carers can enter the school to:

- purchase or pick up uniforms from the uniform shop
- meet with school staff with an appointment (including meetings for prospective students)
- drop off students to their classes for **Preschool, Kindergarten and Years 1, 2 and 7** for the first few days of school provided they following physical distancing and hygiene measures implemented by the school and the Department. Parents and carers may also enter the school to pick up students for the first few days based on each school's arrangements for these year groups.
- attend parent orientation meetings for Department Preschools, Kindergarten or Year 7 and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups. Meetings should be limited to 1 hour where possible. [A COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) must be in place.

All visitors to the school, regardless of the reason, must sign in using the displayed QR code and show a staff member the tick to verify the check-in (on the Service NSW app), they must also sign an *external visitor to school site form* (these forms are at the office). If parents are onsite as volunteers for a particular service to the school, they must also sign the visitor's book located in the office.

Hopefully these restrictions will ease in the near future, but at this stage, we are still unable to hold assemblies or other events with parents on site. I will keep you updated via the fortnightly newsletters of any updates as they arise.

## Term 1 Calendar

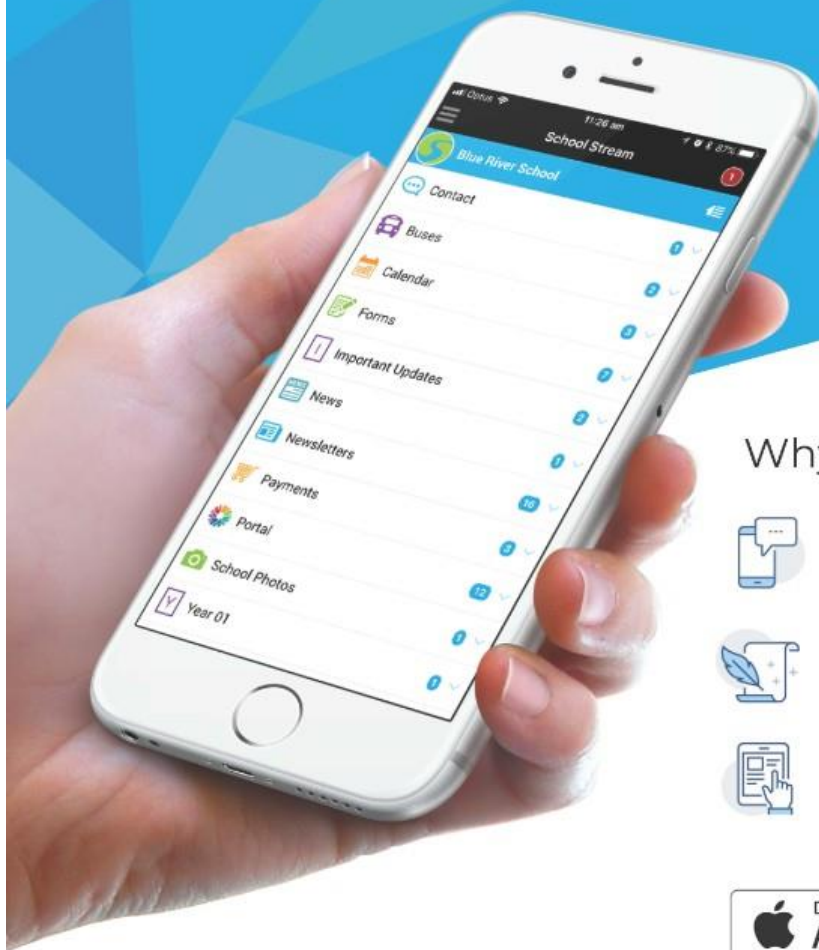
27 & 28 January	Staff Development Days
29 January	Students Return
1 February	Kindergarten Students Start
1 February	Small School Swimming Carnival - Scone (Years 3-6)
5 March	Clean Up Australia Day
16 March	Healthy Harold (Life Education Van)
1 April	Last day of term

**MUSWELLBROOK  
PHYSIE FUN DAY..**  
Denman: Sunday 31st Jan 2021  
Anglican Church Hall  
Muswellbrook: Saturday 6th Feb 2021  
St James Primary School Hall  
Registration opens at 9:30am activities  
from 10am-12pm

**FREE ACTIVITIES..**  
Displays, Dancing, Fitness,  
Craft, Cookie Decorating and  
more



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SHPS uses the School Stream App to relay important messages to parents. There are also options to submit Absent Notes or Change of Detail Forms in the "Forms" section and to read the latest Newsletter. To download the App on the "App Store" or "Google Play", search "**School Stream**". Open the App and type Sandy Hollow Public School into the search bar to load the school's profile. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted in order to receive instant notifications of important news.