



MUDGEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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20 August 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope this email finds you well. Can I start by saying how amazed and appreciative I am of our whole school community. Your children have all done a wonderful job this week. Parents, I thank you for your support, and teachers, Wow! They have all worked so incredibly hard to support your children, as well as each other. This whole school collaborative approach is so important at the moment as we work together to make sure our wellbeing is looked after during this lockdown.

Update and Essential Workers: The Premier announced yesterday that the stay-at-home orders for Regional NSW have been extended until 28 August 2021. NSW Health and the Department of Education message to families and schools is; Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home in order to limit movement and avoid the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

I am pleased to be able to report that our Mudgee Public School community throughout this week has followed these stay-at-home orders and is cooperating with the school, despite the obvious challenges. Thank you! This week we have had skeletal supervision on site but the school remains open only for children of essential workers who have no other option. Staff must work from home as well so the school needs information about anticipated student numbers on site to arrange minimal supervision. If your child must attend school again next week, please register their attendance below for the day/s required next week.

<https://forms.gle/69HcUkbymYSTwnSg6>

School Website: A reminder, all home learning packages can be obtained by visiting our school website. They will be uploaded early next week. Students will still receive this on their Google Classroom or Class Dojo, as well as an email most likely from the class Parent Liaison. We will also provided paper packs for those who need it, but this website space give us that opportunity to be able to come back whenever it is needed. <https://mudgee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/2021-learning-from-home.html>

Picking up Paper Learning Packs: All work is also available in a printed version on Monday 23 August. Please refer to the timetable and locations for pick up. Here are the details which we ask you to follow:

- Refer to the timetable to find your surname. This will be matched to a time and a location
- Locations are on Perry Street, excluding support unit families which is on Denison Street.
- All work will be on a table outside the fence and pick up will be completely contactless.
- You will need to park your car and go to the table to pick up your children/s work
- Only one person at the table at a time. Please line up and social distance whilst doing so
- When it is your turn at the table, please sanitise your hands, and then collect the learning pack appropriate for your children.



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- Each location will have work for all stages
- A staff member will be on the other side of the fence for questions, but they are not allowed to have any contact with you or the learning packs.
- Once you have your child's work, please return to your car and do not congregate and chat with other parents.
- Note: All Support Unit Student Work is to be collected from a table near the bus shed/support unit on Denison Street between 10am and 11am.
- If you are unable to attend this pick up please try and use the work off the website as organising staff to supervise pickups is difficult when we have minimal people onsite. Please do your best to make your pick up time – or send us an email to Mudgee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if we can be of any further assistance.



Learning Pack Resource Collections Monday 23rd August



	Perry Street Front Office gate	Perry Street Infants gate	Denison Street Support Unit
10.00- 10.30am	SURNAMES A B C D E	SURNAMES F G H I J	SUPPORT UNIT STUDENTS
10.30- 11.00am	SURNAMES K L M N O	SURNAMES P Q R S T	
11.00- 11.30am	SURNAMES U V W X Y Z		

Parent Zoom Question and Answer: I will be holding another opportunity to update our parent community on Monday next week at 4pm. The meeting will be recorded so it can be accessed at an alternate time. The same as last week, please keep your microphone on mute and raise your hand if you would like to speak so we can ensure everyone gets their opportunity to speak.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87857051511?pwd=bWVqdjhlZmJLamlzN21yVzJ3Wml6dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 5705 1511

Passcode: 922272

Contacting the Office: Just a reminder, due to the small amount of staff onsite each day, we ask that unless completely urgent, rather than ringing the office, you send us an email to Mudgee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Our email is monitored closely in this working from home phase and we are able to reply promptly.



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Save the Date – Maggie Dent Webinar “Practical Parenting in a Pandemic” : I have registered for a Maggie Dent Webinar which has been paid for by the school and will be free to all our families. I will provide the link once it arrives but please set aside Wednesday 1 September from 4pm – 5:15pm if you are interested.

To finish, I acknowledge learning from Home is not easy for any of us and we are deeply appreciative of our community's support despite the daily struggle and sacrifice. We are extremely fortunate and thankful that our school community has taken the advice from NSW Health to stay at home very seriously. We know this is not an easy time for families which makes your efforts all the more appreciated. Thank you for the significant role you play in stopping the spread of COVID throughout our Mudgee community.

I want to re-iterate a message sent earlier in the week which is not to put yourselves under unnecessary pressure to complete all the work. Make sure you only do what you and your children can manage and be proud of whatever that may be. We are all in similar circumstances trying to balance remote learning, working from home and looking after young children. Remind yourself you are doing a wonderful job, remind your children they are fantastic and focus on looking after your family's wellbeing. Let us know if we can be of any further support!

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend spent with family - Switch the screens off!

John Carters

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I acknowledge the homelands of all Aboriginal people and pay my respect to Country.