



Welcome to Stage 2 2023

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in 2023. We trust that they will have a happy, safe and productive year in Stage 2. Throughout this year our students will be engaged in some exciting programs where they will have the opportunity to access all areas of the curriculum.

The Term Ahead

In Stage 2, we aim to support students in developing study and organisation skills which they can apply in upper primary. Throughout the term, students will be identifying and recording goals they are striving towards achieving in a range of areas, including academic, social and physical education. In an effort to meet the individual needs of students within our class, we conduct lessons in an environment that is conducive to differentiation. We work with students in groups which allows us to tailor the learning experience to meet the needs of all students.

Our literacy sessions focus on **reading, viewing and responding** to a range of texts; **composing** written and digital texts; **speaking and listening**; **spelling, grammar, punctuation** and **vocabulary** activities. Each term we will be examining a range of novels and quality texts to develop the students' ability to compose their own imaginative, persuasive and informative writing.

Our whole school Mathematics scope and sequence has been tailored for both stage and year levels to support student learning in all mathematical concepts in line with the NSW K-10 Mathematics syllabus. Extensions and revision activities are also provided to ensure all students are accessing the Mathematics curriculum at their individualised level. Students will be participating in many hands-on learning experiences during maths lessons.

Students will attend Library and Geography lessons with Miss Ahmu. Mrs Bedford will be teaching 3/4P on Tuesday's while Mrs Parker is off class supporting students and staff in her role as assistant principal.

Stage 2 sport will be held on Fridays. Students are to wear their sports uniform with *appropriate shoes and a hat*. Students will also participate in an additional hour of Physical Education with their class throughout the week where they will engage in a warm-up, fun fitness activity and a short cool down and stretch session.

Homework- Starting Week 3

Homework reinforces and consolidates learning and aims to support students in developing effective study skills they can use in high school and beyond. Students will be provided with rewards for completing their reading, and maths homework activities, but will not have a negative consequence for incompleteness. A homework overview will be handed out Monday Week 3 with any completed work due each Friday. Parents are encouraged to monitor and check homework with their child and provide immediate feedback.

Rewards and Awards

Chittaway Bay Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. PBL is a comprehensive, integrated approach to student wellbeing and behaviour. Our expectations are: Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Engaged. Students who display positive behaviour will be acknowledged with Kooka coins, which they can 'spend' on specific rewards. Merit certificates will be awarded fortnightly at assembly for students who demonstrate high achievement or effort towards their learning. Assemblies will be held via Zoom.

Fruito

Each day students are encouraged to bring in a small quantity of fruits or vegetables that are easily eaten. They are able to eat this during the morning session and provides an opportunity for students to top up their energy levels before the recess break.

Attendance and Absence Notes

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child is away from school, please send in a note explaining their absence on the next day they return to school.

Alternatively, you may email or call the front office, send a notification via the Sentral for Parents app or reply via the schools automated text system. Should you intend to take your child out of school for an extended period, you will need to apply for approval for this from the Principal. Contact the school office for details.

Birthdays

You are welcome to send in store-bought individually packaged treats for your child to share with their peers for their birthday. We ensure to check all students' dietary restrictions prior to allowing them to have one of these shared treats. Please let your child's teacher know if you wish for them to NOT have any treats provided by parents and / or the teacher and ensure a list of ingredients is provided.

Communication

Chittaway Bay Public School has various platforms in which it communicates with parents and students. Sometimes there is overlap within the platforms although not always. We strongly encourage all families to join Sentral for Parents as this will be teachers' main form of communication with families.

Platform	Whole School	Stage Based	Class Based	Student Based
Newsletter	X			
Facebook/Instagram Page	X			
Sentral for Parents	X	X	X	X
Google Classroom			X	X
Telephone				X

We believe that communication is key to making this year a success. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher as soon as they arise. We encourage you to use Sentral for Parents as the primary means of communication, but you can also phone or email your child's teacher through the school; Phone 4388 2188 or email- chittaway-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to discuss anything in detail. Face to face meetings can be arranged if required.

Important Dates for Stage 2 Students

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Feb 15: Swimming Carnival Feb 28 - Mar 8: Life Ed Van Mar 15-Mar 27: NAPLAN Year 3 Testing window Apr 7: Last day Term 1	Apr 26: Students return Apr 26-May 12: Dental Van May 9: Athletics Carnival Jun 13: Public Holiday Jun 30: Last day Term 2	Jul 18: Students return Sept 22: Last day Term 3	Oct 9: Students return Nov 1-3: Camp (Year 4) Dec 19: Last day Term 4

Please note that more dates will be added throughout the year and some dates may change due to unforeseeable events. We will update you about these as they arise.

We are looking forward to sharing this exciting year with you and your child.

Mrs Sarah Parker
Stage 2 Assistant Principal
3/4P

Miss Abigail Davies
2/3D

Mr Jonathan Cabarrus
3/4C

Miss Georgia Jenkins
3/4J

Mrs Lauren Bedford
3/4M - Friday