

## Lane Cove West Public School

# Fortnightly Chat

**December 2, 2021** 

Term 4, Week 9

#### **End of School Year**

The end of the school year is fast approaching. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and hope all enjoy the holiday period. Students Years 1-6 will return to school on Tuesday 1 February with Kindergarten commencing on Friday 4 February.

#### Plan for first two days of school- Tuesday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February

For the first two school days of next year, students will be placed in 2021 classes for Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 February. On the following page is a map of which classroom each class is in for those days, please keep for your reference.

Students will be placed in 2022 classes by the end of the week and a new map will be sent home via the SchoolBag App.

2021 Kindergarten students will meet on the silver seats in front of OOSH where they will be met by teachers and taken to a classroom for the two days. Years 1-5, have been allocated classrooms as well.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

#### Classes 2022

On anticipated numbers to date, we are expecting to commence 2022 with 22 classes. However, the numbers can change and we are expecting new students on the first day which has implications for the school:

- 1. Definite numbers will not be known until the start of the new school year due to a numbers of properties in the catchment area for sale or up for lease.
- 2. Staff have been working on forming classes for 2022. For this reason, no further parent requests for student placements can be considered.

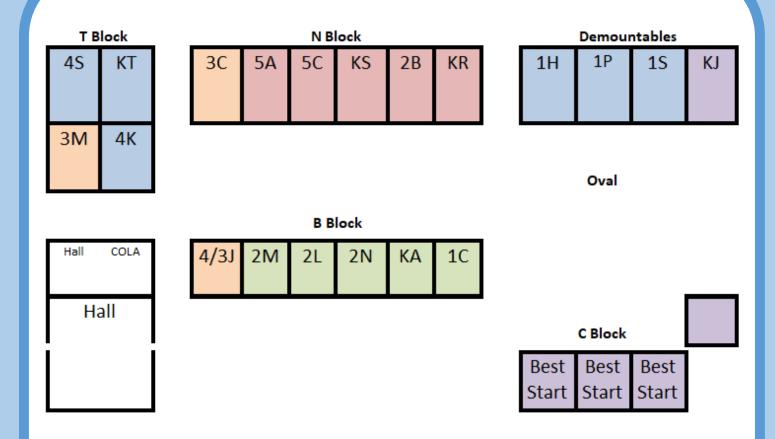
#### **Upcoming Dates**

December 3 K-2 Presentation Day

December 10 3-6 Presentation Day

December 14 Stewart House Mini Fete

December 16 Last Day of Term 4



5H to meet Ms Kennedy under the Hall COLA. Students will be split between 5A and 5C.

Kindergarten 2021 students need to meet on the silver seats with their school bag.

### They are not to go onto the verandah due to Best Start.

Students will be placed in 2022 classes once all new students have been allocated and classes are finalised.

#### Staffing Update

We have a number of staff members who will be taking leave for the 2022 school year for different reasons:

Mrs Jo Stepcich will not be a classroom teacher in 2022; however, she will continue to work at our school in a casual capacity. Mrs Adaggra and Ms Baigent will both be on leave for 2022. Coach Brown will be taking some leave at the commencement of 2022. We will welcome to our school Ailee Finlay, Lucy Eller and Kate Warner who will take on various teaching roles within the school.

#### **Student Reports**

Our Semester 2 assessment and reporting period is almost complete and will be communicated to parents in our Semester 2 reports which will be sent home on Monday 13 December. This end-of-year report is part of the ongoing communication between parents/caregivers and the school. Due to COVID and remote learning, there will not be an A-E grade.

#### **COVID Update**

Yesterday the Department of Education announced some changes to the procedures to follow in the event of a positive case in a school. A summary of the changes introduced from Monday 29 November for the remainder of this term is as follows:

Students identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will still be required to have a PCR COVID test and produce a negative result.

A rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) 'test-to-stay' program will be available to any student who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case in a school setting. This will enable them to get back to school immediately following a negative PCR test and on the condition they do daily RAHTs before attending school across 7 consecutive days. The results of each RAHT need to be uploaded as per the instructions on the test. The tests will be supplied by the Department and collected in a COVID safe way from the school. No other RAHT will be accepted. If the RAHT is positive or inconclusive the student cannot return to school. This means that our students' learning can continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID-19 case. Full support will be available to help you implement this should it be required at our school and many other schools and students are already using RAHTs successfully.

NSW public schools are cleaned by professional cleaners each day, guided by expert advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), the National Health and Medical Research Council and NSW Health. The current COVID safe practices such as cohorting and other COVID-safe layers of protection have been effective at minimising disruption. NSW Heath has provided clear advice, based on evidence that the Department's regular clean, day clean and enhanced clean provides a more than sufficient layer of protection in schools for students and staff. NSW Health have advised there is no health and safety benefit to undertaking an environmental clean which result in schools being non-operational which is highly disruptive to a school's ongoing operations and can close a school for up to 2 days.

Other restrictions such as cohorting, mask wearing and no non-essential visitors on site still remain. Term 1 2022 operations are yet to be announced, once they are confirmed parents will be notified.

#### **Presentation Days**

Presentation Days will go ahead this year, modified like last year. If your child is receiving an award, a zoom link will be sent to you for the assembly.

K-2 Presentation Day is Friday 3 December:

- Kindy 9.40-10.10am
- Year 1 10.25-10.55am
- Year 2 12.15-12.45pm

#### 3-6 Presentation Day is Friday 10 December:

- Year 3 9.40-10.10am
- Year 4 10.25-10.55am
- Year 5 12.15-12.45pm
- Year 6 2.15-3.00pm

#### P&C Election Day BBQ - this Saturday 4 December

Lane Cove West Public School is a polling centre for the local council elections this coming Saturday. The P&C is hosting a fundraising BBQ that will run from 8am to 2pm or until sold out. The BBQ will have bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches and drinks. Contactless payment available.

The P& C is looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the following sheet -

https://docs.google.com/file/d/1YTFFdiTG3hOTVnUbT3SWmu6KE\_jBEpdL/edit?usp=docslist\_api&filetype=msexcel

#### Disruptions to Bus Services – Monday 6 January

Due to union industrial action, there will be disruptions to bus services for 24 hours from 12.01am Monday, 6 December to 12.01am Tuesday, 7 December.

While some services may still be operating, it is advised that students find an alternative way to travel to and from school.

#### Stewart House and Guide Dogs Australia Mini Fete

Last week you received a note about our upcoming Stewart House and Guide Dogs Australia Mini Fete which is being held on Tuesday 14 December. On the next page is a list of donations you are being asked to contribute in the lead up to the fete.



Grade	Stall	How You Can Help	
Kindergarten	Mini packs of Tiny	Students from Kindergarten, please donate a multi pack bag of Tiny	
	Teddies/cookies (50c)	Teddies or cookies etc. to school and hand in to your class teacher.	
Year 1	Berri Quelch Fruit ice	Students from Year 1, please donate a multi pack of Berri Quelch	
	blocks (\$1)	Fruit ice blocks and hand in to your class teacher.	
Year 2	Books (50c-\$2)	All students, please donate books that are in good condition and	
		send them to 2B.	
Year 3	Packet of Iollies	Students from Year 3, please donate a packet of lollies for a lolly	
		guessing competition and hand in to your class teacher.	
Year 4	Popcorn or chips (50c	Students from Year 4, please donate a multi pack bag of popcorn or	
	each)	chips to school and hand in to your class teacher.	
Year 5	Natural Confectionery	Students from Year 5, please donate a packet of Natural	
	Co. mini share bags	Confectionery Company lolly share bags to school and hand in to	
	(50c)	your class teacher.	
Year 6	Games (50c/\$1)	To be advised by the Year 6 classroom teachers.	

Furthermore, we ask that all families assist the Year 2 book stall by donating children's books and dropping them off at 2B. Please bring them in by Wednesday of Week 10 so they can be sanitised before selling.









Some of the fun from last year!

#### **Merit Awards**

When your child has received five merit awards, they can hand them in at the office to be issued with a Gold award. Once your child has five Gold awards, they then hand them in to receive a Banner. All awards are presented fortnightly. Please do not laminate the awards as they can not be stamped and will instead need to have the corner cut. They should also not be stuck into a scrapbook otherwise the front of the award will need to be stamped.

#### Please take good care of your awards as lost ones will not be reissued!

#### No Nuts

Please ensure that you do not send any nuts or food containing nuts to school with your child. We have children at the school who could have a potential life threatening allergic reaction. Choose alternative sandwich spreads to peanut butter and Nutella. Inform your child that these foods can trigger an anaphylactic reaction. Please also remind your child not to share food with their friends.





Weekly value: Endeavour

**Expectation:** Embrace opportunities

#### For information regarding the following activities, contact coordinators directly:

Helping Hands (OOSH) <u>lanecovewest@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au</u>

Chess <u>chess@lcwps.com.au</u>

Band <u>band@lcwps.com.au</u>

P&C <u>president@lcwps.com.au</u>

Uniform Shop <u>uniforms@lcwps.com.au</u>

ChiFUNese <u>admin@chifunese.com</u>

Bookclub <u>clarelhurst@gmail.com</u>and<u>Fiona.m.elsey@gmail.com</u>

VIP Music <u>www.learnmusicatschool.com.au</u> or 02 9411 3122



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Fax: 9911 3600

Date: 25/11/2021 Doc Ref: 75428/21

TO THE RESIDENT
On Streets around Lane Cove West Public School
LANE COVE WEST NSW 2066

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Lane Cove West Public School Proposed Changes to Parking Restriction on Surrounding Streets.

It has come to our attention that parking on streets surrounding Lane Cove West Public School is one cause of traffic delays and driver frustration for parents dropping-off and picking-up their children from the school.

Council, together with input from the School Principal, Teachers, the P&C Association and Council Rangers have developed a draft parking plan to help relieve some of the traffic issues around the school at drop-off and pick-up times.

Council has identified the following issues. These include;

- Congestion at the intersection of Banksia CI, Cullen St and Hallam Ave at school pick up times.
- Congestion at the two school gates on Avalon Ave and Cullen St. Both gates are congested at pick up times from about 2:30pm-3:45pm.
- Parking in Hallam Ave, Cullen St, Banksia Cl, Wood St, Henley St and Alder St during school drop-off/pick-up times is blocking through traffic movements in these streets.
- Drivers are parking for much longer than 2 minutes in the 'No Parking' areas
  particularly on Cullen St. The 'No Parking' rule is that vehicles can stop for 2 minutes
  in the 'No Parking' area but the driver must remain within 3 metres of their vehicle.
  This is blocking traffic movements along these streets.
- Drivers are waiting in the queue that enters Avalon Ave. The queue often stretches out of Avalon Ave, into Banksia Cl back to Hallam Ave and sometimes Cullen St. The queue is slow moving and can block access into and out of Wood St.
- When the queue extends past Cullen St and into Hallam St this contributes to the congestion/gridlock at the intersection of Banksia CI, Cullen St and Hallam Ave.
- These queues can affect other motorists travelling through the area going to Blackman Park, Epping Rd and Burns Bay Rd.
- The School Crossing Supervisor has experienced many near misses and witnessed dangerous driving behaviour.
- Drivers are disobeying road rules and endangering pedestrians using the pedestrian crossing.

#### The Parking Proposal

Council is now seeking comments from residents on the following proposal.

Four plans are attached;

- A plan of the current parking restrictions.
- Two plans of the proposed parking restrictions.
- A plan showing a proposal to re-configure the Banksia/Cullen/Hallam intersection to slow traffic through the intersection.

The comparison of existing and proposed parking restrictions and road improvements are summarised in the following table.

Street	Current Parking Restrictions	Proposed Parking Restrictions
Alder Ave; North Side #7 to Cullen St	No Parking Restrictions	"No Parking 2.30pm-4pm School Days"
Avalon Ave; East Side to Banksia St	"No Parking 8am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4pm" School Days "2P, 8.30am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4pm Mon-Fri" <i>at south end</i> .	"No Parking 7.30am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm School Days"
Avalon Ave; West Side to Banksia St	"No Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri"	(No Change)
Banksia CI; South Side Wood St to Cullen St	"2P, 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri"	"No Parking, 8am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4pm School Days"
Cullen St; West Side	South of School Crossing Unrestricted parking  North of School Crossing Bus Stop and "No Parking 9am-9.30am, 3pm-4pm School Days"	South of School Crossing No Stopping 7.30am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4pm School Days (No Change North of School Crossing)
Cullen St; East side, North of School Crossing	North of School Crossing "No Stopping 8am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4pm School Days"	(No Change)
Hallam Street; South Side Cullen St to Henley St	Unrestricted Parking	"No Stopping 3pm-4pm School Days"
Henley Street; East Side	Cullen St to #24 Henley St "No Stopping 3pm-4pm School Days"	"No Stopping 3pm-4pm School Days" Cullen St to Hallam St
Lloyd Rees Drive; West of Wood St	Un-marked Pedestrian Crossing	Raised Marked Pedestrian Crossing

Street	Current Parking Restrictions	Proposed Parking Restrictions
<b>Wood Street</b> ; Banksia Cl to Lloyd Rees Dr	East Side  "2P  8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri"  West Side  "No Stopping  3am-12mid-day Sat"  2P  8am-6pm Mon-Fri"	East Side  "2P  8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri"  West Side  "No Parking  8am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4pm School Days  "No Stopping 3am-12mid-day Sat"
<b>Wood Street,</b> South of Lloyd Rees Dr.	East Side No Parking Restrictions  West Side  "No Stopping 3am-12 mid-day Sat"	East Side  "2P 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri"  West Side  "No Stopping 3am-12 mid-day Sat"  "No Parking 8am-9.30am, 2.30pm-6pm School Days
Banksia/Cullen/Hallam Intersection	Existing Intersection	Proposed kerb re-alignments and two pedestrian refuges

If you wish to comment on this proposal, please complete the online survey located at <a href="https://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/traffic">www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/traffic</a> by Monday, 20 December 2021.

Households who provide their email address will be notified of progress of the proposals.

Residents requiring a printed copy of the survey please call me on 02 9911 3555.

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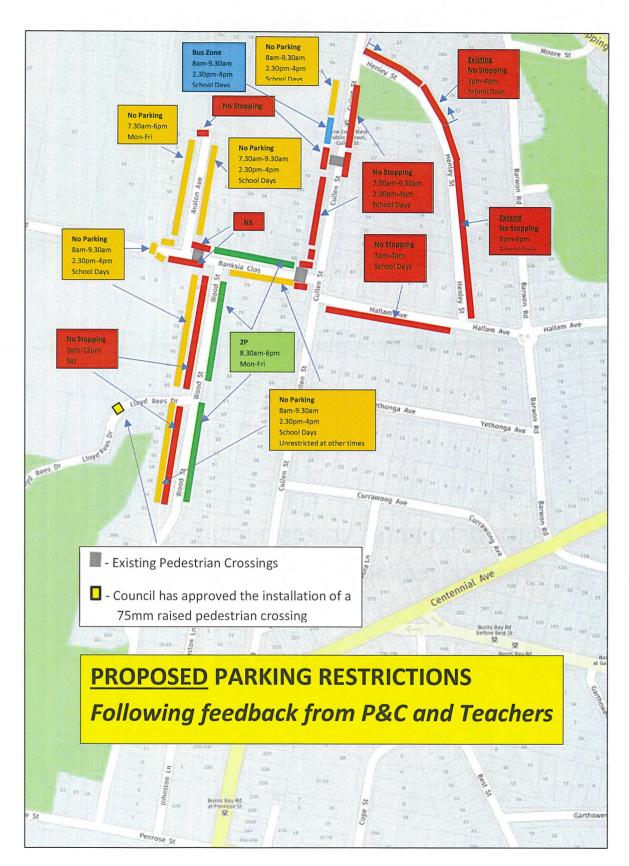
Yours faithfully,

John Gill Traffic Engineer Lane Cove Council

#### LANE COVE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL - OPTIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS



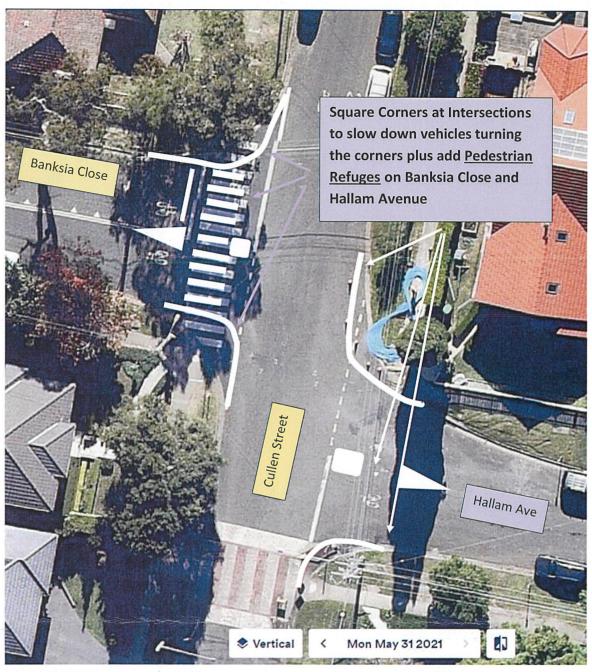
Lane Cove West Public School – **EXISTING** parking restrictions



Lane Cove West Public School – PROPOSED Parking Restrictions



Lane Cove West Public School - PROPOSED Parking Restrictions



PROPOSED Intersection Changes near Lane Cove West Public School