

17 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Galilee School community,

We hope this letter finds you well.

What a terrific day we had yesterday at Kambah Campus with a combined 84 individuals (students, family members, and staff), able to receive their first dose of Covid19 vaccine. The day was a great success, and our thanks goes to the ACT Government, ACT Education Directorate, ACT Health Directorate, Aspen Medical, and all staff that contributed to the success of the day.

On **Thursday 7 October** (Week 1 Term 4), we have planned for the 2nd doses to be administered via the same program of at school 'in reach'. Further details of that event will be shared closer to the date.

We thank you for your support in continuing to implement our *Remote Learning and Support Model* (RLSM). Our RLSM is progressing well.

The ACT Chief Minister advised on Tuesday the following:

- Lockdown in the ACT will be extended until 15 October (signalling a mid-way review and potential minor changes in 2 weeks' time)
- Remote Learning for all schools will continue for the first 4 weeks of Term 4 (returning Monday 25 October)
- Year 12 students will return on Tuesday 5 October
- Year 11 students will return on Monday 18 October.

We will continue to update you as needed, but at least weekly (including over the school holidays).

Advice about what the return to school for Year 11s and for all year groups (in line with the timelines above), looks like at Galilee School will be provided early in Term 4.

The school is aware that remote learning occurring on either side of the school holidays will see many young people feeling potentially disconnected from the school and impacted in other ways too. In an attempt to address this, staff are offering a limited number of fun connection times in Week 1 of the school holidays. The schedule is attached and [can be found here](#). There is no pressure to connect but if students want to, or families too for that matter, they can jump online have a laugh, have some fun, and connect with others. We'd love for you to do so!

In Week 2 of the school holidays, our Student Support Team will be back on site and will be reaching out to connect with young people and see how they are going during the school holiday period.

Monday of Week 1 of Term 4 is a Public Holiday. So, the first day of Term is Tuesday 5 October. Learning packets will next be dropped off (and picked up), on Wednesday 6 October.

Please visit our school website <https://www.commsatwork.org/services/community/galilee-school/> to access communications, resources and support during this time.

Regular reviews will continue to be conducted of the operations of Galilee School considering:

- any new medical advice received
- feedback from young people and families
- staffing resources
- ACT Government advice.

The Timetable for Term 4 will be provided once finalised and well in advance of the start of Term 4. There may be some minor changes – these are largely being informed by feedback from students and in particular, those that are part of our Student Leadership Group.

Term 4 remains an exciting Term to look forward to with many milestone events to be held. We can look forward to coming out of lockdown, to returning to school, and to a return to the wonderful learning and support environments available at each campus.

With the impact of lockdown affecting our planning, a calendar of events for Term 4 will be finalised and shared with you all soon.

Regular updates will continue to be provided via text message and via *School Stream*.

Please stay connected with us via our Galilee School Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/GalileeSchool/>

Thanks for your ongoing support. We continue to seek to do whatever it takes to keep our community safe, engaged and supported.

Have a wonderful break over the school holidays. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



Tim McNevin
Principal

Lisa Hivers
Head of Teaching & Learning

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Head of Student Support

Week 1 School holiday fun and games – everyone welcome

Details:	Monday	Thursday	Friday
Time of session	10:30am-11:00am	12:30	2:00pm-2:30pm
Name of 2 staff coordinating the session	Fiona & Andrew	Robert & Kate M	Jacinta & Kate M
Name of session	Online Games (aka gang up on Andrew)	Choose your own adventure (video edition)	Disco party
Brief explanation - including any equipment needed (eg. camera, QR code scanner)	Game session for boardgame lovers or the game-curious. Choices include... Carcassone, Broken Telephone, Charades, Dominion, chess, card games etc. Equipment needed: At the minimum, your device for playing. Ideally a laptop/computer so you can play online while also watching the zoom.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrBlm3u7bjA	Dance challenges and games. Standard daggy dances like the Nutbush, YMCA and Macerena. Staff to attempt popular TikTok style dances. Equipment needed: device/laptop/computer/dancing pants/bright colours.

*Students will be able to find the links to join in their Google Classrooms.