



# WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, Week 1 & 2

Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

- **Monday, January 27** – Australia Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday, January 28** – Staff Development Day
- **Wednesday, January 29** – STUDENTS RETURN K-6!, Week 1/2 Newsletter Distributed
- **Monday, February 3** – Character Counts Awards, LNPSSA T20 Cricket Gala Day (selected Stage 3 students only)
- **Tuesday, February 4** – Kickstart 4 Kids 9.15am-11.15am
- **Wednesday, February 5** – PARENT TEACHER EVENING 5.30pm (Info Session) 6.30pm (BBQ Dinner)
- **Thursday, February 6** – Kickstart 4 Kids 9.15am-11.15am
- **Friday, February 7** – SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL (ALL DAY)



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## Principals Message

Hi folks,

Welcome back to the school year for 2020! The beginning of term is always exciting for students and staff as we reconnect after a significant time apart. I hope you all enjoyed the break and are ready (pumped!) for a successful year ahead. We achieved a great deal together in 2019 and I envisage together we have much to be optimistic about in the future.

### Current Notes Out

- LNPSSA T20 Cricket Gala Day
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- **Please remember you can use the School App to give permission!**

There is a lot of information contained in this Newsletter however much will be elaborated on further at our **Parent/Teacher Information Evening held next Wednesday, February 5.** This session was well attended last year and will feature segments from all staff focusing on organisation for the school year. We will also host a **Family BBQ** on this evening. It would be fantastic if you could all stay for a bite to eat and a chat.

### Class Structure

As communicated at our final P & C Meeting, in 2020, we will be going to two classes this year. A K-2 taught by Miss Taylor and 3-6 taught by Miss George. I will be working frequently in both classrooms with the majority of my focus centred on supporting student learning in the 3-6 classroom. Our K-2 classroom will continue to be supported by Miss Jodie Boardman as our Instructional Leader.

The change to two classes will also provide additional SLSO support offered by Mrs Leighton, Mrs Morris & Mrs Wallis. The two classrooms will need not to be split as in previous years for events and teacher release. Miss Barnhill will release Miss George from face to face teaching for 2 hours per week. Miss Taylor will be released from face to face teaching for 2 hours per week by Mr Collins.

The blue room will house K-2 with the green classroom being for 3-6. The vacant pink classroom is being transformed into a vibrant learning space which will feature a library and dedicated computer space. This classroom will also be used for valuable resource storage as well as a place for Kickstart 4 Kids (if the need arises).

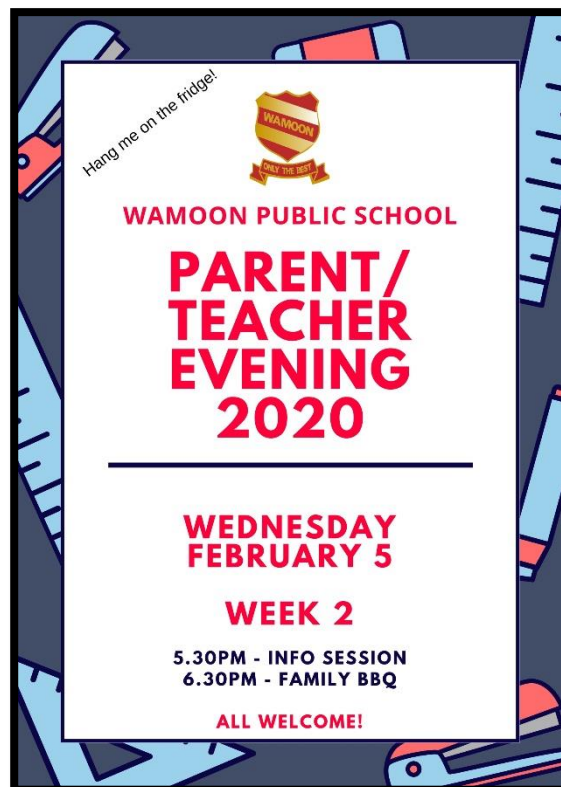
Further information around the structure of the two classes will be presented at our Parent/Teacher Information Evening next Wednesday, February 5. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact myself directly.

### School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP)

Towards the end of last year we were successful in gaining a grant of close to \$20 000 to fund an additional staff member (non-teaching) to assist to deliver school programs with a focus on student wellbeing. The School Chaplain does not proselytise and is there to support students under direction from staff. At present, this position is unfilled with hopes of finding the right applicant in the near future. This is major news for our school with only approximately 40% of the 1 000+ schools successful in their application.

### Staffing 2020

This year we have retained all staff from 2019 with the addition of extra SLSO support and the current School Chaplain role (currently unfilled). Mrs Teerman has decided to reduce her working hours and will be replaced by Mrs Leighton on Friday.





## 2020 School Hours

School hours will remain the same as 2019. Please see below;

### School times for 2020

**8.45am** – Students may arrive to school to be supervised in a classroom.

**9.00am** – First bell of the day. Students to playground or to sit and have breakfast at canteen.

**9.15am** – Morning Session begins

**11.15am** – Lunch 1 (eating and packing up)

**11.40am** – Lunch 2 (Play)

**12.05pm** – Middle Session Begins

**1.40pm** – Recess

**2.00pm** – Afternoon Session Begins

**3.00pm** – Close of School

**Supervision for students begins at 8.45am.** This is the latest time which staff may arrive to work and therefore any time before 8.45am isn't guaranteed to have a staff member on site. I'm often at school well before this time however there has been instances where I have been away and students have been unsupervised at school. **If you need to drop your child to school before 8.45am please contact Mr. Collins to negotiate an arrangement as soon as conveniently possible.**

### Kickstart for Kids – Expression of Interest

Our Kickstart for Kids program is an important avenue to ensuring we are able to support our future students to experience a successful transition to primary schooling.

Please contact the school if your child is aged between 3-5 and you are intending on enrolling them at Wamoon Public School. Our sessions focus on school readiness and most importantly a platform for children to socialise with age appropriate peers.

If you know of parents in the wider community who you feel would be interested could you please ask them to contact the school.

Kickstart for Kids takes place each Tuesday & Thursday from 9.15am-11.30am.



**Wamoon Public School**  
is now accepting enrolments for  
**Kickstart for Kids 2020**  
-- School Readiness Program --  
Held every Tuesday & Thursday  
9.15am-11.30am

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- Open for children who will transition to Kindergarten in 2021 also to 3-4 YO children who will attend our school.
- Smaller group size allowing increased one on one attention by experienced staff.
- Holistic program providing appropriate developmental skills and experiences

### TERM 4 – WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL SUN SMART POLICY

With the onset of warmer weather and higher UV exposure the following measures will take place to ensure students are safe beginning first day back of Term 4.

- **All students MUST wear a wide brimmed hat on the playground. This hat is preferably a school hat however other types will be allowed (as long as they are wide brimmed)**
- **Sunscreen will be made available to all students before leaving the classroom.**
- **Students will be instructed to have water breaks (during extreme heat) and if required engage in passive activities in classrooms/covered area.**

As always, please feel that you can contact myself at the school if you have any questions or need anything to be clarified. Alternatively, you can send a msg to our School App or Facebook Page.

Looking forward to catching up with you all in the coming days.

Mr Matt Collins  
Principal  
Wamoon Public School

Happy Birthday!  
Alex – February 30  
Andrew – February 8



## Newsletter Distribution

The Newsletter will now be distributed on a **fortnightly basis**. This will allow for more content to be included as well for classroom teachers to provide content. I have noted a great deal of parents use our Facebook site to remain updated. I will continue to provide regular updates on our page including any breaking news and urgent reminders.

The Newsletter will be distributed every odd week; Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11.

## Term 1 K-6 Assembly Roster

Assemblies will be held three times a term. Dates are included below which I hope will help parents plan their attendance!

Assemblies will be held in the afternoon session beginning at **2.00pm**.

**Thursday, February 13 (Week 3)** – Showcase Class is K-2

**Friday, March 13 (Week 7)** – Showcase Class is 3-6





**Wednesday, April 8 (Week 11)**

## P & C News

The February P & C Meeting will be held next **Wednesday, March 12 beginning at 5.00pm**. New members are welcome to come on the night and complete a membership form.

## Wamoon Public School Positive Welfare System

Students will aim to achieve **12** awards across the school year with the goal of reaching this target at some point during Term 4 in order to have their name included on the **Wamoon Public School Student Honor Roll 2019**. They will then receive a special memento/prize which will differ from year to year which will be unique to that year! Students will also be presented with an **Honor Roll Certificate** and qualify to attend our **Term 4 Reward Day!**

Character Counts	Merit Award	Sports All Star	School Spirit Award
			
<b>Frequency</b> Weekly on Monday mornings	<b>Frequency</b> Each K-6 Assembly held three times per term.	<b>Frequency</b> Fortnightly on a Friday before or after sport (Odd weeks)	<b>Frequency</b> When applicable to a school or community event
<b>Students aim to..</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contributions to the school environment without prompts</li> <li>- Caring friend</li> <li>- Being a positive role model</li> <li>- Standing up for others</li> <li>- Quiet achiever</li> <li>- Always listening and following directions</li> </ul>	<b>Students aim to..</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic achievement in curriculum areas including Literacy, Numeracy, Science, History, Geography, Personal Development/Health and Creative and Practical Arts.</li> <li>- Improvement in any academic area.</li> </ul>	<b>Students aim to..</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Try hard to master skills</li> <li>- Sportsmanship</li> <li>- Demonstrating skills</li> <li>- Being a leader</li> <li>- Performance at sporting carnivals and gala days.</li> </ul>	<b>Students aim to..</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student participation in community events outside of school time e.g. ANZAC Day.</li> <li>- Contribution to P &amp; C run events.</li> <li>- Community Service e.g. Alf Herrmann Lodge Visit</li> <li>- Performing at community events.</li> <li>- Adding to the reputation of our school.</li> </ul>

# Wellbeing Program (Canteen) News

## - IMPORTANT UPDATE -



The school wellbeing program has been running at our school for a number of years as a way to support families. After a review by staff and an external visit from a Department of Education Health & Wellbeing consultant we have decided to make some exciting changes to ensure we are promoting healthy lifestyles for our students and also to reach compliance according to Department of Education and Work Health & Safety Guidelines. **The changes listed below may take some time for families to adjust to and as such the revised menu will come into effect from Week 2 onwards.**

- Hot food which is listed as **sometimes** food under the Health Canteen Strategy will only be served twice a week and on **special occasions e.g. Reward Days**.

At Wamoon PS, only Monday & Friday will **sometimes** food be sold (see menu)

- Prepared food including both hot and cold options which fall under the **everyday** category will be sold each day or as a daily special. These choices are healthier options

At Wamoon PS, there will be daily specials as well as **everyday** food sold.

- In accordance with Work Health & Safety measures, food bought from home cannot be heated up at school. This includes any pre-cooked food and pre-packaged noodles (there were several close shaves last year with students handling hot water).

At Wamoon PS, no food can be heated however students may put lunch items in the fridge.

- If on the odd occasion a student arrives to school without lunch the following process will take place.











1. A staff member will contact home to see if any food can be bought in.
2. If not, the child will receive a sandwich and a piece of fruit.
3. The child will not be offered a **sometimes** item for lunch







- We will continue to offer breakfast free of charge each morning for all students.
- We will continue to provide **Crunch & Sip (fruit)** for students daily however encourage students to bring a small amount of fruit into the classroom each day.
- We will still stock **free** items for students to take if they are still hungry. This includes rice cakes and fruit. Donations for fruit or similar are always welcomed ☺


**Please note that the Wellbeing program is run by volunteers who do a fantastic job donating their time.**







# Wellbeing Program (Canteen)







## Term 1 Menu







Weekly Specials	
<p> <b>Monday specials</b> </p> <p># spaghetti bowl - \$2.50  <b>** 6 nuggets - \$3.00 **</b></p>	<p> <b>Tuesday specials</b> </p> <p># noodle stir fry (chicken honey and soy) - \$2.50            # nacho's (served with salad and corn chips) \$3.00</p>
<p> <b>Wednesday specials</b> </p> <p># fried rice - \$2.50            # zucchini slice - \$2.00.</p>	<p> <b>Thursday specials</b> </p> <p># spaghetti bowl - \$2.50            # fried rice - \$2.50</p>
<p> <b>Friday specials</b> </p> <p><b>** pizza sub - \$2.50 **</b>            # Mac and cheese - \$3.00</p>	<p><b>** Sometimes food **</b></p>

   Every day lunch items   
<p># Ham salad sandwich/ wrap - \$2.50.            # chicken salad sandwich/ wrap - \$2.50            # salad sandwich/ wrap - \$2.50            # soups- vegetable or chicken and corn (served with a small bun) - \$2.00.            # toasties- (cheese (\$2.00), ham and cheese, ham, cheese and tomato) - \$2.50</p>

<div> Recess packs </div>		
<b>Pack one</b> \$1.50. # boiled egg (1 egg) # vegetable sticks (6 sticks) # cheese sticks & Jatz (3 sticks)	<b>Pack Two</b> \$2.00 # homemade fruit muffin # vegetable sticks (6 sticks) # yoghurt	<b>Pack Three</b> \$2.50 # cheese sticks & Jatz (3 sticks) # yoghurt # boiled egg (1 egg) # vegetable sticks (6 sticks)

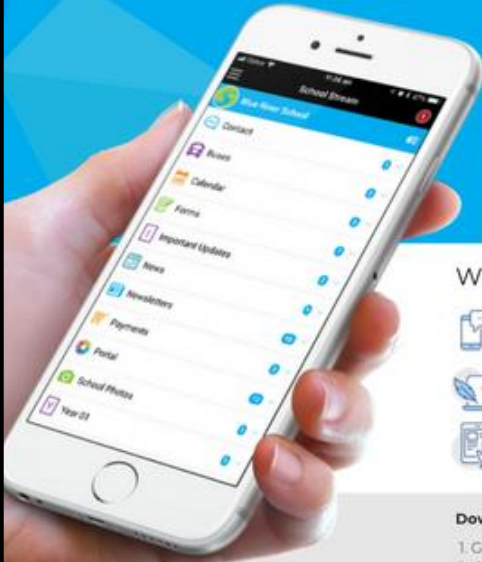
   Everyday snacks   
<p># corn on cob - \$0.50            # vegetable stick's with dipping sauce (choice of carrot, celery, snow peas or cucumber) - \$1.50            # boiled eggs (2x eggs) - \$1.00            # Yoghurt (strawberry, banana or vanilla) - \$1.00            # fruit salad (strawberries, grapes, watermelon, kiwi fruit, pineapple, apple, pear &amp; orange)- \$2.00            # homemade fruit muffins - \$1.00</p>

   Drinks items   
<p># water - \$1.50            # moo moo milks (strawberry or chocolate) - \$1.00            # fruit poppers - \$1.00</p>

   Ice block items    (can only be purchased at recess time)
<p># zooper doopers - \$0.50</p>








**Download our school app for free!**



**Why download the app?**

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

**Download instructions:**

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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**Our NEW School App has arrived!**

**Follow the instructions above to download directly to your phone 😊**

**Our App allows parents to do the following;**

- ☐ Receive push notifications directly to their phone or device.
- ☐ View events on the calendar (with the option to export to your own calendar)
- ☐ Complete an absence notification when their child is away from school (no more paper or phone calls required!)
- ☐ Complete a permission note for events. No return required as you can sign using the screen of your device.
- ☐ Send a private message to the school.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday the 22<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Open air movie night**

*With more details to follow*

For further information please contact;  
Belinda on 0423 128 926

# **HYPNOTIST**

**Greg Hudson Hilarious Hypnotic Entertainment**

Raising Funds for RSL Leeton Sub Branch

**Leeton Soldiers Club**

**8th February 2020**

**Doors Open : 7.00pm**

**Limited Seats \$40 per head**

**inc finger food & music following the show**

*Come and See the Show or BE THE SHOW!*

**Call Belinda NOW For  
Tickets:**

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