



# WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2, Weeks 9 & 10

Monday, June 22nd 2020

- **Monday, June 22-** Character Counts Awards Presented, Newsletter Distributed
- **Tuesday, June 23-** Kickstart for Kids 9.15am-11.30am
- **Wednesday, June 24-** School Chaplain Gardening Program, Students Years 4-6 to complete TTFM
- **Thursday, June 25-** School Chaplain Cooking Program
- **Friday, June 26-** Sports All Star Awards Presented
- **Monday, June 29-** Character Counts Awards Presented
- **Tuesday, June 30-** Kickstart 4 Kids
- **Wednesday, July 1-** School Chaplain Gardening Program
- **Thursday, July 2-** School Chaplain Cooking Program, Semester 1 Reports Sent Home
- **Friday, July 3-** Final day of Term 2 – **STUDENT REWARD ACTIVITY!**

## Congratulations Mrs Morris 20 YEARS SERVICE!!



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Are you on Facebook? To get all of the latest breaking news and previews of the coming school day ahead, like our Facebook page and join over 500 followers who stay up to date with our school happenings via social media.

## Principal Message

Hi folks,

We have reached the penultimate week of an unprecedented school term. In a conversation with students last week we discussed that we are all living through a major historical event similar to a depression or war. The students seemed quite shocked when I alerted them to the fact that one day future generations will refer to the COVID-19 pandemic as a unique time in history.



Last week we celebrated significant milestone for one of our staff. Mrs Morris has clocked up 20 Years of service to the NSW Department of Education! What makes this achievement even more special is that the 20 years have been spent at Wamoon Public School! We would have liked to have made a bigger deal of this milestone however due to restrictions we held a small morning tea at school with a small number of Mrs Morris' former colleagues. Mrs Morris was presented with a special service certificate from the NSW Department of Education Secretary Mark Scott. Congratulations Mrs Morris! You continue to make a big difference to the lives of our students 😊

NSW Department of Education

### A managed return to school

5 days a week

- Students at school 5 days a week.
- Students must bring their own water bottle.
- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school ground. Parents and carers must physically distance at drop off and pick up.
- Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell.

For full details, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)

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As we near the end of term and the height of colder weather it is natural that students will develop cold/flu symptoms. Our attendance rate at present is being affected by students being kept at home with cold/flu symptoms. I'd like to thank all parents for following the advice to reduce the spread. Moving forward, if you keep your child/ren home with cold/flu symptoms, please contact the school or complete an absence note (School App is the preferred method). I've included a fact sheet to help identify symptoms however please feel that you can contact the school for reassurance.

Today students received a note with some exciting news! We have been invited by the **Leeton Museum & Art Gallery** to take part in their schools exhibition as the first showcased school! I spoke to the students this morning about bringing a special object to school (more details on today's note). I also shared an object of my own which I have held dear to me since a child to give the students an example of what they might like to choose. It has now found pride of place in my office! **All objects (or a photo if unable to bring to school) must be brought to school by the end of this week.**



A quick note on school uniform. I understand from time to time during winter that it can be tricky to have uniforms prepared for school. I would much rather see a child arrive at school out of uniform and warm. However, it is important that students wear their school uniform. Wearing a uniform creates a sense of pride in the school and bonds us all together. If you are experiencing any issues sourcing items of clothing you can contact the school for support. This week we awarded Character Counts Awards to students who **consistently** wear school uniform.





## Tell Them From Me Survey

Students in Years 3-6 will complete the **TTFM** survey this Wednesday. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.



## Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be distributed to families on **Thursday, July 2**. Staff have been busily preparing reports. Please be aware that in line with the advice from the NSW Department of Education, our reports will not feature **A-E** grades and will be a summary of student progress as well as outlining future directions. An effort grade will remain.

## Enrolments 2021

This time of the year signals planning for the following year in regards to securing enrolments for our school. Last week, the Irrigator ran an enrolment special for all schools in the Leeton area (I've included our advertisement). I have also been advertising our Kickstart 4 Kids school readiness program on social media, Leeton Pre School and have organised a letter drop to all home in our intake area. To support our efforts, I would appreciate if community members are able to keep their eyes and ears open for any prospective families who may be interested in attending our school. If you know of a family with child nearing school age who lives in our intake area can you please pass on their details.

Regards,

Mr Matt Collins  
Principal  
Wamoon Public School

As always, do not hesitate to contact Mr Collins or the appropriate staff member if you have any questions or concerns or need support.



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**We are strongly committed to providing your child with a high quality personalised education in a supportive environment**

Small class sizes set against large, well equipped learning areas

Skilled and caring staff who integrate student individuality into programs.

Academic, sporting, cultural and performing arts opportunities for **all** students

Strong community links.  
A supportive P & C and school chaplaincy program

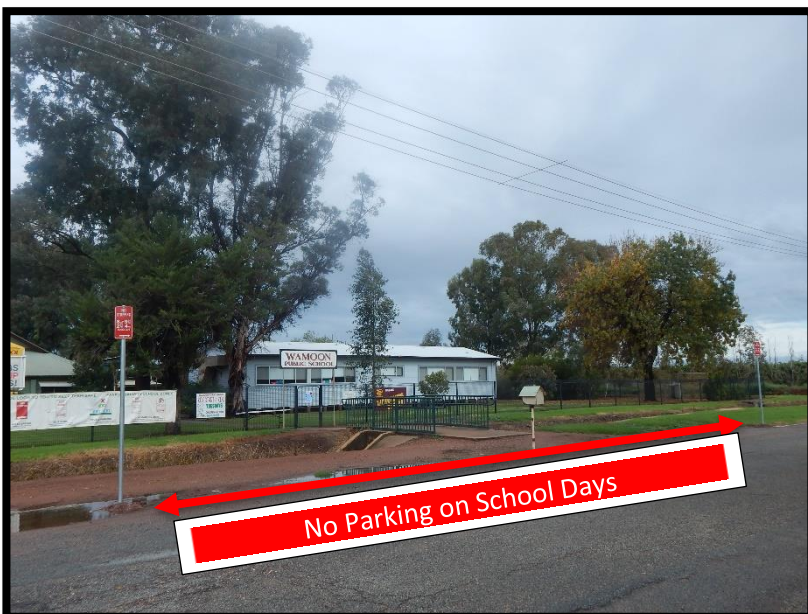
Kickstart 4 Kids - 2 days per week school readiness program

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Leeton Community of Public Schools



## IMPORTANT NOTICE!



No stopping signs have been erected either side of our school entrance.

The signs were installed on request of the school to make the entry and exit of students safer.

We do not qualify for a zebra crossing after Leeton Shire Council investigated.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK BETWEEN THE SIGNS BETWEEN THE HOURS LISTED ON SCHOOL DAYS**

Thank you for following this simple direction to keep our students safe!

## 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 9.15am-11.30am (revised for the remainder of Term 2)**



**Wamoon Public School**  
is now accepting enrolments for  
**Kickstart for Kids 2021**

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-- School Readiness Program --  
Held every Tuesday & Thursday  
9.15am-11.30am

- Open for children who will transition to Kindergarten in 2021 also to 4-5 year old 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

## 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 & 10.

**Parents who have provided their email address will receive their copy electronically for Term 2.**

## Term 2 K-6 Assembly Roster

Assemblies will  
their attendance

parents plan

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

## P & C News

**Meetings POSTPONED until further advice**



**COVID-19 FOOD BOXES**

**Cookies catch of the day**  
IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR PEOPLE IN CRISIS

The RRT Food Box provides immediate relief for people in self-isolation for COVID-19, or those vulnerable during this time, by donating an emergency food bank for people in crisis.

**IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS!**







If you're in need of support, please contact Service NSW on 13 77 88 to request an RRT Food Box.

**rrt RAPID RELIEF TEAM**

**Please contact Mr Collins  
directly if you require this  
support.  
Boxes are still available**



## COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COLD	FLU
	Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
<b>Fever</b> 	Common	Rare	Common
<b>Cough</b> 	Common	Common	Common
<b>Sore Throat</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Shortness of Breath</b> 	Sometimes	No	No
<b>Fatigue</b> 	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
<b>Aches &amp; Pains</b> 	Sometimes	No	Common
<b>Headaches</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Runny or Stuffy Nose</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Diarrhea</b> 	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
<b>Sneezing</b> 	No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is very difficult to distinguish between the symptoms of COVID-19, influenza and a cold. If you have any infectious or respiratory symptoms (such as a sore throat, headache, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, cough or runny nose) don't go to work. You need to self-isolate and to be assessed by a medical professional. You may need testing for COVID-19. You must not return to work until cleared by a medical professional. You need to ensure that the people you care for are protected and safe.

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY**

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au)



# Character Counts Awards



## Chaplain Gardening & Cooking Program

