



WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Weeks 1 & 2

Tuesday, July 21st 2020

- **Monday, July 20-** Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday, July 21-** STUDENTS RETURN!, Newsletter Distributed
- **Thursday, July 23-** Kickstart 4 Kids Returns; 9.15am-11.30am- WELCOME CAROL 😊
- **Monday, July 27-** Character Counts Awards Presented, **Lunch 2 Playground Options Begin**
- **Tuesday, July 28-** Kickstart 4 Kids; 9.15am-11.30am, Miss Taylor Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday, July 29-** Miss George Parent/Teacher Interviews, Chaplain Gardening Program Resumes
- **Thursday, July 30-** Kickstart 4 Kids; 9.15am-11.15am, Chaplain Cooking Program Resumes, Amesbury Express Lunch Orders due by 9.15am
- **Friday, July 31-** Amesbury Express Lunch Orders, Sports All Star Awards Presented, Lunch 2 @ Wamoon Park



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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.

WELCOME BACK!!

Hi folks,

A warm welcome back to Term 3. Today we officially are over the half way point of the school year. A challenging school year which thankfully returned to a semblance of normal in the latter part of Term 2.

I thank you all again for your confidence in us to keep your child

health in a COVID safe school. We will continue to remain vigilant this term with all measures in place at the conclusion of Term 2 continuing including enhanced cleaning (a day clean as well as our regular afternoon), regular handwashing, promotion of hygiene and encouraging families to keep their children home if they are unwell. Whilst reading this newsletter I accept that you will all be wary of the current outbreaks and clusters in Victoria and to a lesser extent New South Wales. I receive constant updates around the NSW DoE response and will of course update you all if any conditions change.

This term we will resume all teaching and learning programs including learning and support, chaplaincy programs as well a number of exciting initiatives (mentioned further in this newsletter).

Activities to resume in Term 3

- School Sporting Activities including all contact sports and interschool competitions
- Services delivered by the NSW Department of Education e.g. School Counsellor
- Allied health providers e.g. speech pathologist
- External education providers e.g. Life Education Van
- Outdoor excursions where physical distancing can occur
- School Photos
- Community use of school facilities



Activities on hold until further notice

- School camps
- Excursions (including interstate)
- Parent and carers attendance at school events
- Parent and carer volunteers
- School based activities involving large gathering of adults
- Large arts and sports events are either cancelled or postponed



Staffing Changes

I would like to welcome Mrs Carol Emery who will join our staff this term to coordinate the Kickstart 4 Kids Program. Carol has had extensive experience working in Early Childhood Education including most recently at Good Start Early Learning Centre. Carol will fill the role made vacant by the retirement of Mrs Morris. Join me in welcoming Carol to our staff!



Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

As communicated in Semester 1 Reports, classroom teachers will be given time to contact parents in Week 2 to discuss your child/ren's progress. This will be a great opportunity for a quality conversation to occur based on the information featured in the report. Miss Taylor and Miss George will be making phone calls to parents on the following days;

- Miss Taylor- Tuesday, July 28
- Miss George- Wednesday, July 29

If you are unavailable on this day and would like to arrange an alternate time please contact the school.

Term 3 Calendar

In the next week or so I will distribute a calendar to families with all known events for Term 3. Obviously this is subject to change depending on the current circumstances. Events may be added as restrictions ease or cancelled if restrictions increase.

Mr Matt Collins
Principal

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

Education Week 2020

Education Week is an annual state-wide event held during the first week of August to celebrate NSW public education and the achievements of local schools and students.

This year, Education Week will run from Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August 2020 and the theme is 'Learning together'. In this year of bushfires, floods and COVID-19, the key messages of Education Week 2020 are:

Schools are the cornerstone of communities

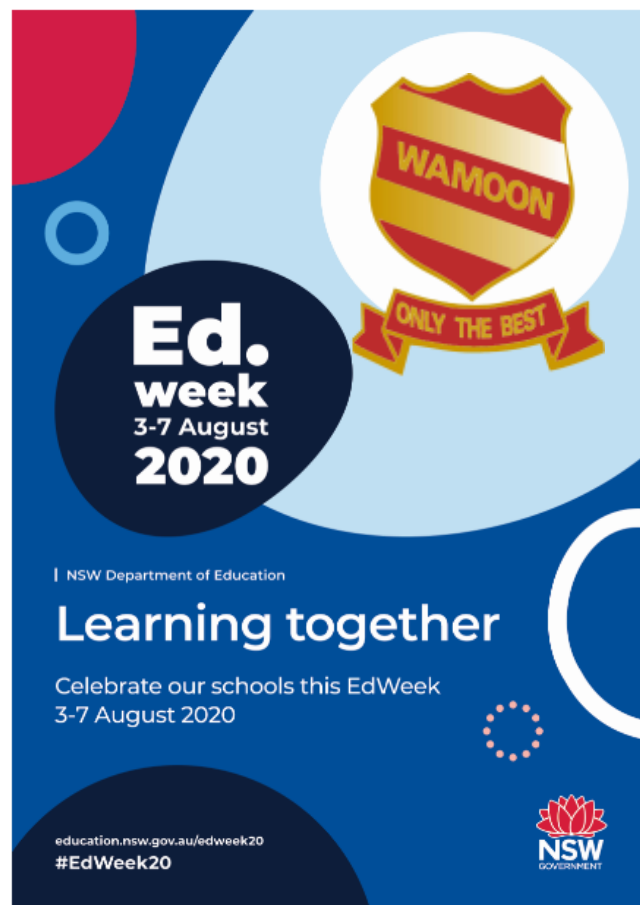
Parents and carers are our partners in learning. Schools and families benefit from strong, respectful relationships where responsibility for student learning is shared.

Change and resilience

Our teachers and students are lifelong learners, collaborating in a positive learning environment to achieve their best. Learning together makes us strong and creates resilient communities.

Connect better and learn together

Our school staff are dedicated professionals who know, value and care for all students. Technology enables learning together anywhere, any time.



Stay tuned for an update on how we will acknowledge Education Week at our school this year. Unfortunately our popular Open Classroom and Shared Lunch will not be able to take place due to restrictions.

Exciting Playground News

Our students always can find an activity which interests them on the playground whether it be passive or active play. This term, we will be introducing a special theme each Lunch 2 to add an extra interest activity for students. We will utilise all spaces at our school including the adjacent Wamoon Park (parents will need to complete the permission note to provide blanket permission). Students will have the choice to join the highlighted daily activity or seek their own interests on the playground.



Students will also be rostered on one day of the week to use the IT facilities in the Pink Classroom. During this time, students can pursue any class based interests or select from a list of 'teacher approved' websites to access games and activities. Students can use the Pink Classroom to quietly read any day of the weekend (except days Dance is on!).

The timetable below will begin in Week 2 and run for a period of 3 weeks when we will evaluate before making any changes. I'm sure the students will the enjoy the opportunity to participate in range of activities 😊



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dance	Creative Arts (Painting/ Drawing)	COLA Games	COLA Games	Wamoon Park

Leeton Museum & Art Gallery School Exhibition

Our students' special objects are now on display in the Leeton Museum and Art Gallery. I had the chance to visit during the holidays and view our amazing display. I strongly suggest families take their child/ren to the Gallery so they can see their work on display. Unfortunately, at this point, we will not be able to visit the Gallery as a school due to restrictions.



Winter School Uniform

As we approach the brunt of Winter, it is important that students are wearing full Winter school uniform. Wearing a uniform creates a sense of pride in the school and bonds us all together. I understand from time to time during winter that it can be tricky to have uniforms prepared for school however it is expected that students wear school uniform each day. From time to time, we can expect to see students out of uniform. We are able to provide jackets at a heavily subsidised price. Please see myself or Mrs Teerman if you require any clothing or wish to arrange a layby.



Wamoon Public School Winter Uniform

- Wamoon PS Polo*
- Wamoon PS Jacket or Jumper*
- Black Pants (tracksuit or parachute style)

*** Available to purchase from office**

A special thank you to our 'models' Isabella and Matthew for showing off correct school uniform 😊

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.



WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

Could we be the right fit for your child?



- ✓ Small classes focused on developing each individual
- ✓ Specialised staff including an Instructional Leader and Interventionalist in each classroom.
- ✓ Every student is known, valued and cared for.
- ✓ Sports and Performing Arts Opportunities for ALL students

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Leeton Community of Public Schools



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 resumes this Thursday 9.15am-11.30am and continue each Tuesday/Thursday

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

Parents who have provided their email address will receive their copy electronically (as well as hard copy sent home with your child) for Term 3.



Amesbury Express Student Lunch Orders

We have struck a partnership with the Amesbury Crossing Family Store to provide student lunch orders once a week by way of the Amesbury Express 'Tucker Truck!' which will visit our school each Friday. Former Wamoon PS student Monique Higgins (business operator) is excited to serve our students with yummy food each week!

Students must pre-order their lunch from the menu below by Thursday, 9.15am (no late orders accepted). Orders and payment will be collected at school before being passed on.

Please record your students order clearly and place correct payment in a sealed envelope/bag.

Alternatively, lunch order forms will be stored in the office for your convenience. Please encourage your child to bring a form home if you prefer to order this way.

Please note that the majority of the food below is classified as 'sometimes' food and can only be served at school once a week. We will continue to promote health eating at our school through Crunch and Sip and our Chaplain Cooking Program.

Amesbury Express – Term 3 Menu

Ham/Chicken Salad Wraps	\$3.00 \$6.00	Half Full
Lasagna	\$3.50	Each
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$3.00	Each
Mini Pies/Sausage Rolls	\$1.00	Each
Mini Spring Rolls	\$1.00	Each
Popper	\$2.00	Each
Chocolate/Strawberry Flavoured Milk	\$2.50	Each

**Orders can be received anytime from this point.
Our first visit will be next Friday, July 31 (Week 2)**

Term 2 K-6 Assembly Roster

Assemblies will
their attendance

parents plan

Assemblies will

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

P & C News

Due a lifting of restrictions on community use of our facilities, we will resume P & C Meetings this term adhering to physical distancing. Our pause in meetings signals a great time for new members to join our hardworking P & C! Members can be involved a 'little or a lot' and will have the chance to stay up to date with happenings at the school and have their voice heard.



P & C Meetings for Term 3 will be begin at 5.00pm on the following days;
Wednesday, August 5 & Wednesday, September 2



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

LEETON UNITED FC LOCAL JUNIOR COMPETITION 2020

**6 WEEK COMPETITION FROM 8th AUGUST TO 12th SEPTEMBER
LEETON NO. 2 OVAL**

AGE GROUPS: 6/7YRS 8/9YRS A GRADE (10-13YRS)

REGISTRATION DAY AUGUST 1st 9AM-12PM @ LEETON NO. 2 OVAL

COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD

FOOTBALL SOCKS AVAILABLE FOR \$10.00/PAIR

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NO ONLINE REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED











**GENERAL ENQUIRIES: SCOTT MUNRO 0408 976 259
REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES: TONI LAMONT 0407 925 239**





COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

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