



# WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Weeks 3 & 4

Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

- **Monday, August 3- Education Week Launch!**, Character Counts Awards, Newsletter distributed
- **Tuesday, August 4-** Kickstart 4 Kids; 9.15am-11.30am
- **Wednesday, August 5-** Chaplain Gardening Program
- **Thursday, August 6-** Kickstart 4 Kids; 9.15am-11.30am, **Education Week Long Lunch including Education Week Awards**
- **Friday, August 7-** Amesbury Express Lunch Orders, Lunch 2 @ Wamoon Park
- **Monday, August 10-** Character Counts Awards Presented
- **Tuesday, August 11-** Kickstart 4 Kids; 9.15am-11.30am,
- **Wednesday, August 12-** Chaplain Gardening Program
- **Thursday, August 13-** Kickstart 4 Kids; 9.15am-11.15am, Chaplain Cooking Program, Amesbury Express Orders Due
- **Friday, August 14-** Amesbury Express Lunch Orders, Sports All Star Awards Presented, Lunch 2 @ Wamoon Park



## Lunch 2 @ Wamoon PS!



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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 enjoyed a wonderful start to the term on the back of a welcome return to classroom routines as well as a number of exciting new initiatives on the playground. I'm sure you all enjoyed the daily updates of our Lunch 2 activities which proved very popular with the students. Our Friday canteen (facilitated by Amesbury Crossing Store) was well supported by families and very yummy for the students!

This week we acknowledge the contribution which public education makes to our society. As a passionate public educator I couldn't imagine working in any other system and have been fortunate to be afforded some amazing opportunities. A reminder of the following events we will host at school this week to acknowledge Education Week;

**Ed. week**  
3-7 August  
2020

**Monday-** View the NSW Department of Education Launch Video. This link will be made available for interested parents/carers

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3-7 August  
2020

**Thursday-** Whole school long lunch and presentation of Education Week Awards.

**Students do not need to bring lunch on this day (recess) only**

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**Friday-** Uploading of inspirational video of our students efforts this year in handling a period of great change.

### The key messages of Education Week 2020

#### **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**

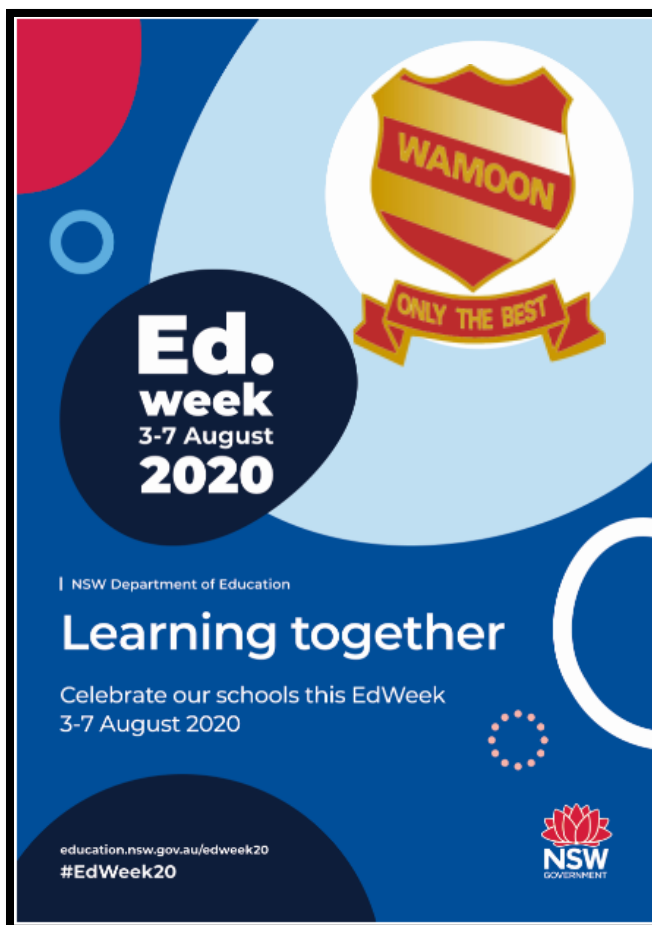
Our school staff are dedicated professionals who know, value and care for all students. Technology enables learning together anywhere, any time.

#### **Term 3 Calendar**

I have attached the most up to date copy of events planned for this term keeping mind that as restrictions ease/change this can affect events and planning.

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.**



# Compulsory School Attendance

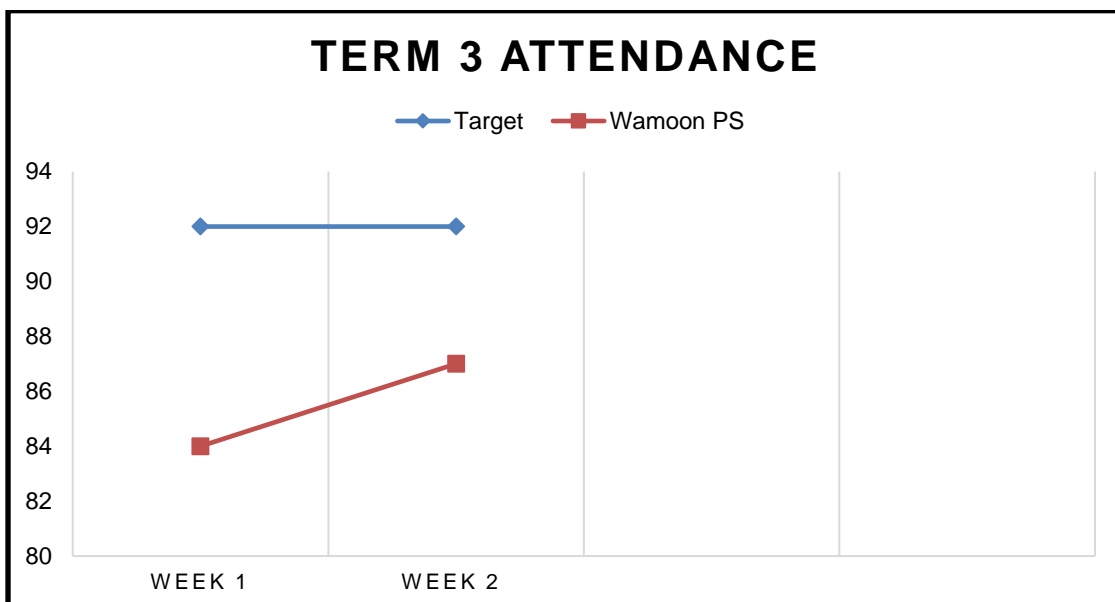
Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

A reminder to utilise our School App to record absence notifications. This is our preferred method however you can still write a note or phone the school to record a justification.



### Key Points

- We are aiming to have students attend school 92% of the time. This aligns with NSW DoE targets
- Our data will be affected at times by the Winter season and COVID-19 advice in keeping your child home if they are unwell.

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

Learn

Make friends

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
<b>1</b> day per fortnight 	<b>4</b> weeks	Over <b>1</b> year missed
<b>1</b> day per week 	<b>8</b> weeks	Over <b>2.5</b> years missed

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## 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
- ✓ Every student is known, valued and cared for.
- ✓ Specialised staff including an Instructional Leader and Interventionalist in each classroom.
- ✓ Sports and Performing Arts Opportunities for **ALL** students



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of Public Schools



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## 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.



**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.**

## Term 2 K-6 Assembly Roster

Assemblies will  
their attendance  
Assemblies will

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

parents plan

## 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.



A reminder that our August P & C Meeting will be held this **Wednesday, August 5 beginning at 5.00pm.**



## Amesbury Express Student Lunch Orders

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

**COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS**

<b>SYMPTOMS</b>	<b>COVID-19</b>	<b>COLD</b>	<b>FLU</b>
	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://www.health.gov.au)