



# WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Weeks 7 & 8

Monday, August 31<sup>ST</sup> 2020

<b>7</b> AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER	31 Character Counts Awards Presented!	1 Kickstart for Kids 9.00am-11.00am	2 Chaplain Gardening Group  P & C Meeting @ 5.00pm	3 Kickstart for Kids 9.00am-11.00am Chaplain Cooking Group	4 Sports Star Awards Presented! Amesbury Express Lunch Orders Fathers Day Stall	5 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
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## K-2 Sushi Chefs!



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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 had another pleasant fortnight at school with a range of teaching and learning activities underway. Our student's classrooms are alive with lots of different themes/units currently being taught. Miss George has designed a **Heroes** unit for the 3-6 classroom and the K-2 students continue to learn about **Asia**. I have enjoyed working students in K-2 on the History unit **Past, Present and Future** and making lots of noise with the 3-6 crew as we continue to explore rhythm and beat in our **Music** lessons! We have also began mandatory Child Protection lessons on Tuesday afternoon's beginning with Protective Strategies.

Last week, our K-2 class received a visit from Matt Gatt who is a local chef and owner of the Hungry Fox Co. Matt's visit coincided with the current unit on Asia which the students have been undertaking this term. Matt demonstrated how to make sushi using fresh ingredients. As you can see from the few images below a lot of fun was had learning a tricky process (the rolling part!). This experience really gives the students enrichment in the topic and makes their learning more meaningful. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising 😊



Our P & C will be hosting a **Father's Day Stall** this Friday. Gifts are available to purchase for **\$10.00**. Please send money to school with your child/ren in a sealed envelope bag. If you would prefer, your child can bring their money directly to their teacher for safekeeping.



There are 11 days remaining before the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey incentive. Thank you to the 8 parents who have completed this online survey however we are still quite short of our goal this year of 90%! To go into the draw to win a Golden Apple \$100.00 voucher you will need to complete the survey prior to Friday, September 11. Please contact me if you need any support or would like to use a school device. **Please read on for more details including the link to the survey.**



Year 3 & 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3, 2020. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3 & 5 student learning following the period of learning from home. The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

· The Reading assessment will be scheduled for our Year 5 students on Tuesday, September 1

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.

# Tell Them From Me (TTFM) – Parent Survey

This Term, our school will again be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.



**Last year, we had 19/20 families complete the survey!**



**This was an amazing result!**

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is **completely confidential**. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

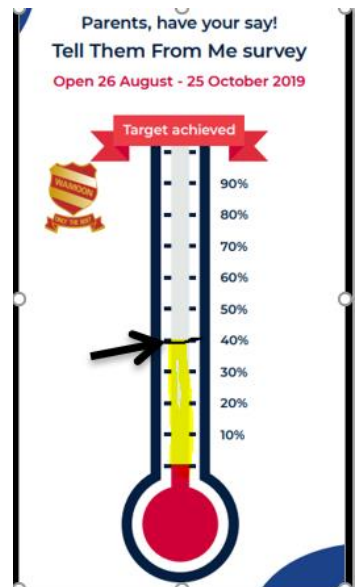


**We want to get as many parents respond to this survey as possible! We are aiming to reach 90% of families. Your responses matter a great deal to school planning and for staff to reflect on what is important to the community.**



**All families who complete the survey will go into the draw to win a \$100.00 Golden Apple Voucher. To be eligible for the draw the survey must be completed by Friday, September 11**

**To be eligible you must also let Mr Collins know that you have submitted your survey 😊**



**To complete the survey please go to;**



<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wamoon2020>

**The survey can be completed on a PC, phone or tablet 😊**

Please contact the Mr. Collins if you would like to arrange a time to complete the survey using a school device



# Supporting Positive School Attendance at Wamoon Public School

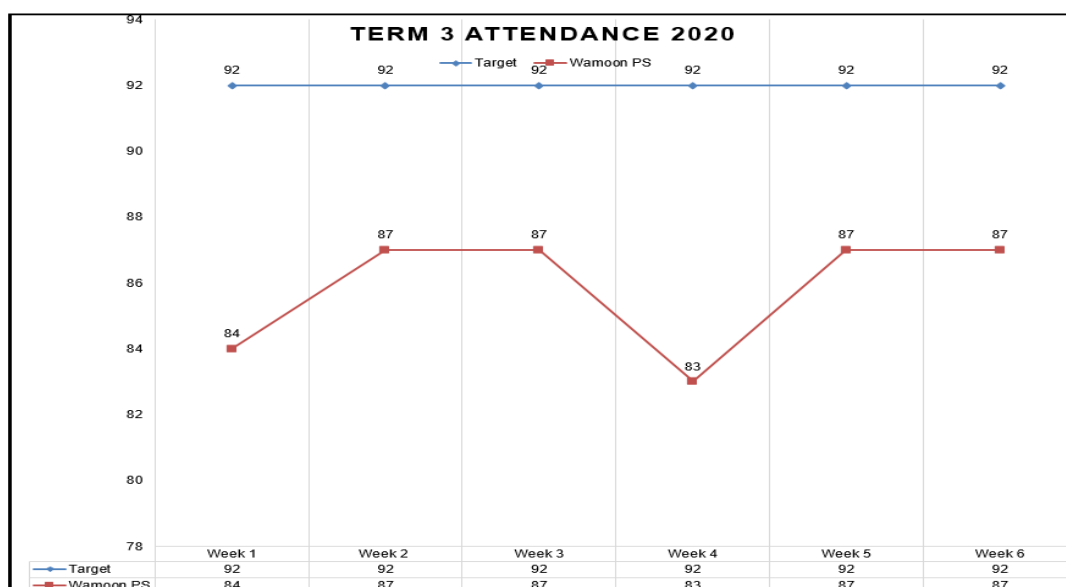
Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

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



Build skills

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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

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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## Winter/Summer School Uniform


With warmer weather fast approaching, we expect to see students beginning to remove their jumpers/jackets at school especially during on the playground. Can you please check that your child has their name clearly printed on their clothing to allow for quick returns!

Hats **must** be worn on the playground from the beginning of **Week 8**. We have relaxed the **No Hat No Play** during the colder months as the UV risk is low. **Please arrange for your child to have their school hat ready this week so they can wear to school daily from Week 8 onwards.**

## REMINDER! WEEK 8 – NO HAT NO PLAY!

### 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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### 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

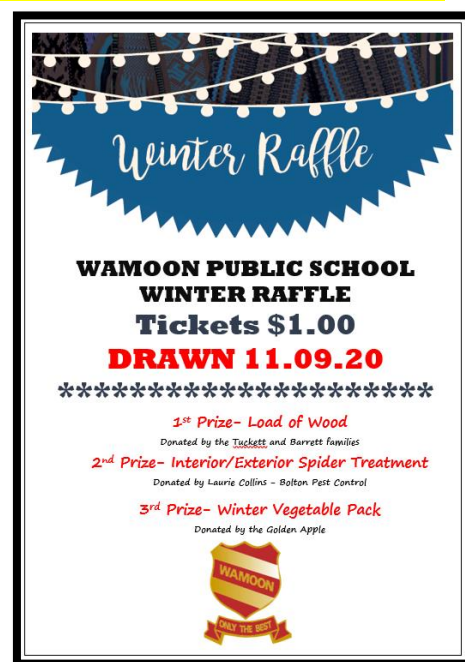
**Parents who have provided their email address will receive their copy electronically (as well as hard copy sent home with your child) for Term 3.**

## 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.

Our P & C Winter Raffle has begun! Raffle booklets were sent home last week. We encourage all families to sell at least one raffle booklet to support this fundraiser. There are some great prizes on offer!











A reminder that our September P & C Meeting will be held this **Wednesday, September 2** beginning at 5.00pm.



A reminder that student lunch orders **MUST** be returned to school by 9.15am each Thursday 😊



## 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)