






WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10

Monday, September 14th 2020

9 SEPTEMBER	14 Character Counts Awards Presented!	15 Kickstart for Kids 9.15am-11.30am	16 Chaplain Gardening Group	17 Kickstart for Kids 9.15am-11.30am Chaplain Cooking Group	18 Sports Star Awards Presented! Amesbury Express Lunch Orders Merit Awards Presented!	19
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10 MARCH/APRIL	21 Character Counts Awards Presented!	22 Kickstart for Kids 9.15am-11.30am	23 COLOUR RUN! 	24 End of Term Big Breakfast!  Kickstart for Kids 9.15am-11.30am Chaplain Cooking Group	25 FINAL DAY OF TERM 3 Casual Clothes!  Amesbury Express Lunch Orders	26
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Let's run & have fun!



COLOUR Run

SEPT 23
@Wamoon Public School

Start @ 10am followed by a sausage sizzle

Call the school for more details (02)6955 9492

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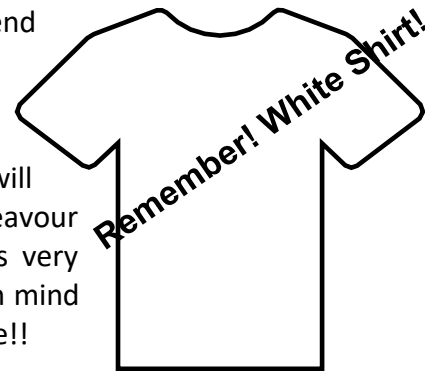
Are you on Facebook? To get all of the latest breaking news and previews of the coming school day ahead, like our Facebook page and join over 500 followers who stay up to date with our school happenings via social media.

Principal Message

Hi folks,

Welcome to the penultimate week of Term 3. Only 10 days remain! In the remaining time we have (especially in Week 10) we aim to spend quality time with our students as we reflect on our first full uninterrupted term in 2020. Quite hard to believe that I am writing such a claim however we are living through unprecedented times. Fortunately, our students have experienced a relatively normal term in relation to teaching and learning.

Last week, our students were thrilled to find out that we will be hosting our first ever **Colour Run** on site at our school! Our K-2 students have had the chance to attend the **Gralee SSP Sensory Fun Run** in the past. Our Colour Run will be coordinated by Miss Taylor (who is also very excited) and include all students and staff! We are currently in the process of organising all equipment needed and mapping out a suitable course around the interior of our school. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend inline with current DoE guidelines. We will however, endeavour to take as many photos as we can! Between now and next Wednesday it is very important that you have a **white t-shirt** for your child ready for the day. Keep in mind this white shirt will be basically destroyed with colour and should not be valuable!!



Thank you for supporting positive school attendance. **Our attendance across the last 3 weeks has been on the rise, highlighted by reaching our target of 92% last week!** As a school community we will continue to monitor attendance moving forward which also includes the justification of non-attendance.

Last week, the majority of our students dusted off their school hats and brought to school each day. A reminder that hats must be worn on the playground at all times as part of our school uniform.

Our Tell Them From Me Parent Survey was drawn today. Congratulations to **Shane & Chicquita Kruger** for completing the survey before the incentive draw cut off! The incentive draw period has now finished however it is not too late to complete the survey (read on for details).

Our Year 5 students completed the **Check In Assessment** in lieu of NAPLAN during Week 7. All students did a great job handling this process. Results are yet to be forwarded to schools for analysis.



Week 10 will be a highlight and just reward for our students who have worked productively this term as well as exhibiting excellent behaviour. A brief run down is included below;

Term 3, Week 10

WEDNESDAY



- Lunch Provided
- Remember White Shirt

THURSDAY



- Shared Hot Breakfast

FRIDAY



- Casual Clothes Day
- Amesbury Tucker Truck Lunch Orders

As we move forward into Term 4, there is much to look forward to. I will be working to ensure that our traditional Term 4 events can continue in some fashion. We are looking to hold our own **Athletics Carnival** early Term 4 and if permitted visit the Whitton Pool in the latter parts of term for recreational sessions. Although no major overnight excursions can take place, we have a few ideas which we will share with you all next term (which are of course dependent on current conditions).

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.



SAVE THE DATE!!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (Term 4, Week 4)

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.

To complete the survey please go to;

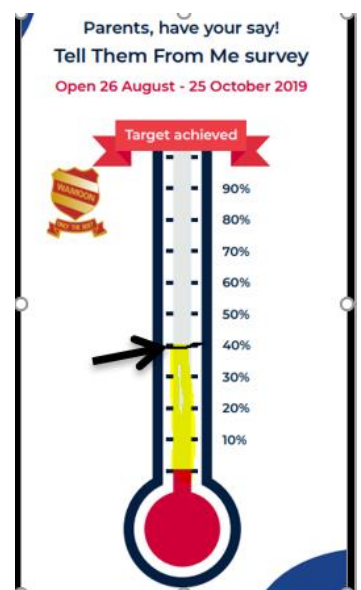


<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wamoon2020>

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.

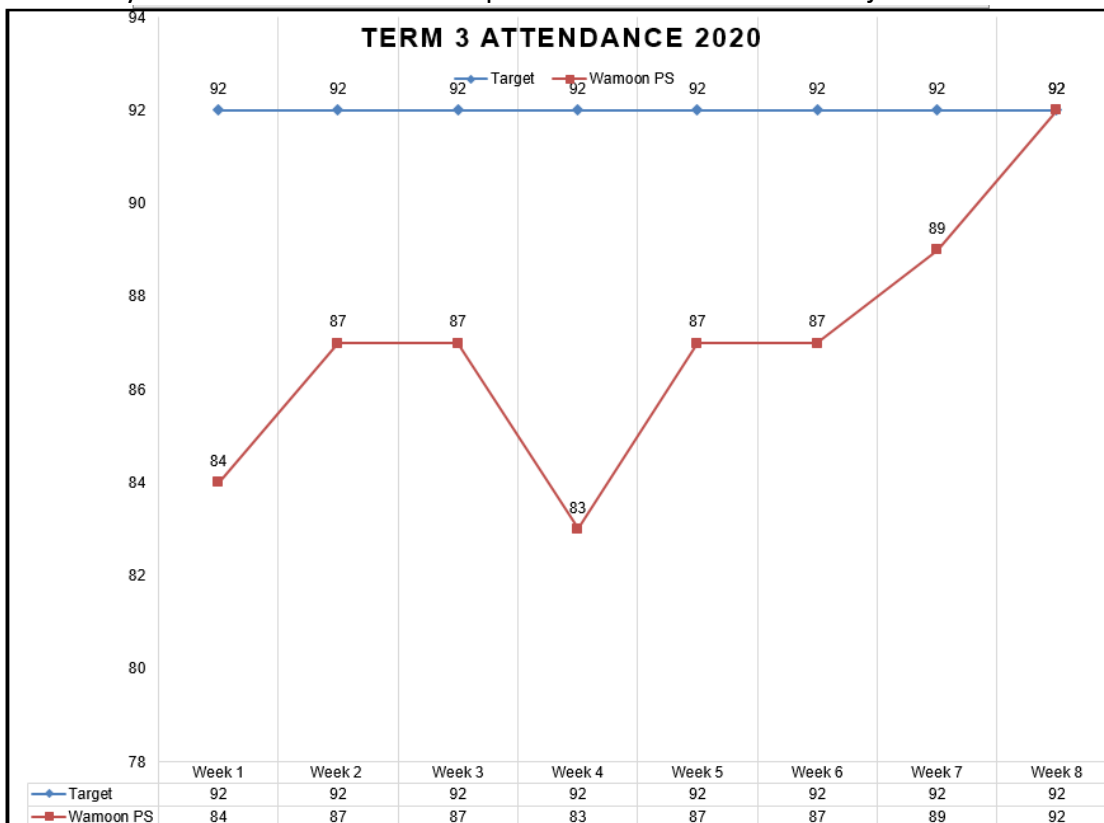
Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- 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.



**In Week 8
we hit our
target of 92%
Attendance!!**

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.

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

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.



Thank you to Jodie Granger, Tammy Heron and Bec Bradshaw who coordinated the P & C Father's Day Stall last week!

Our P & C Raffle was drawn last week by Guy Tuckett and Graham Barrett. Congratulations to the following members of our community!

1. **Stewart Granger**- Load of Wood donated by Guy Tuckett & Graham Barrett
2. **Annette Buchan**- Interior/Exterior Spider Treatment donated by Bolton Pest Control
3. **L Kidd**- Fruit and Vegetable Pack donated by Golden Apple



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



2020-2021 season Registrations Open

Please register online at

<https://lansw.com.au/get-involved/how-to-register/>

Season begins Wed. 14th October at 5pm (sorry no trials)











Cost \$85 for tiny tots, \$100 per child

For more info please visit us at

- Leeton Little Athletics Facebook page
- Call Jodie (Registrar) 0407 854 214
- Email us ltathletics@outlook.com



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](https://www.health.gov.au)