



WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Weeks 1 & 2

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MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
1 OCT	12 STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN!	13	14	15 Chaplain Cooking 10.00-11.15pm	16	17
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2 OCT BOOK WEEK	19 Character Counts Awards	20 Kickstart 4 Kids 9.00am-11.00am Leeton Town Library Visit (TBC)	21 Book Character Parade Chaplain Group 2.00-3.00pm	22 Kickstart 4 Kids 9.00am-11.00am Chaplain Cooking 10.00-11.15pm	23 Sports All Star Awards	24
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Our Amazing Colour Runners!



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Principal Message

Hi folks,

A warm welcome back to school and the beginning of Term 4. Our final and no doubt biggest term yet of 2020! I trust you all had an enjoyable break with your children who were no doubt chomping at the bit to return to school (as many of you were also I imagine!). It was wonderful to welcome back all the smiling faces and hear of holiday antics. I can't believe how much some of students have shot up! Is there something in the water 😊

We finished off Term 3 on such a high note. Our Colour Run was a wonderful experience to top off a solid term for our students who experienced their first uninterrupted term of learning in 2020. I'd like to acknowledge Miss Taylor for her efforts in coordinating the event and to the staff who all contributed. We have learnt that a change of clothes and towels on car seats is a must next time!

At the conclusion of Term 3, I distributed updated guidelines provided by the DoE in relations to school operations in Term 4. The updates were good news however we are still unable to host adults (parents/carers) on site unless absolutely necessary. From time to time, it is appropriate to enter the school grounds especially if invited to meet with myself or another teacher. We do sincerely hope we are able to have our community back into our school soon. We miss you all and the joy you get from seeing your children engaged in school events!

With an easing of some restrictions, Term 4 can really start to take shape and resemble a somewhat 'normal' form expected at this time of the year. I am sharing with you a *Draft* Calendar today which features the majority of known events. The students will be pleased to see that many of the occasions which they enjoy are able to run! **Please note that a change in guidelines may prevent some events from occurring.** We are also waiting back to hear from some venues on availability hence why some dates are either to be confirmed (TBC) or proposed.

Of particular note is the confirmation of our **K-2 Major Excursion to Altina Wildlife Park!** Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our **10-day Swimming Readiness Program** however I'm hoping to secure sport sessions at Whitton Pool. **Presentation Afternoon and Year 6 Graduation** can go ahead as planned! We are also hoping to host a combined **Small School Athletics Carnival** early in the term but again are awaiting confirmation. Our school leaders will get an opportunity to run our **K-6 Assembly** twice this term.

Our first major event of the coincides the **CBCA Book Week** with our **Book Week Character Parade** held on **Wednesday, October 21!** Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book or film. We will host a parade at school and award prizes to students.

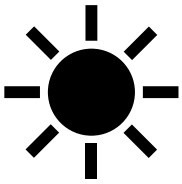


Student Attendance

Our goal for students to attend school above 92% will remain a focus this term. We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day it is open unless unwell or requiring leave. We achieved quite a lot in Term 3 with our overall attendance rate improving and individual students benefitting from increased school attendance. I have included a few highlights later on in the newsletter.

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.



TERM 4 – WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL SUN SMART POLICY
 With the onset of warmer weather and higher UV exposure the following measures will take place to ensure students are safe beginning first day back of Term 4.

- All students **MUST** wear a wide brimmed hat on the playground. This hat is preferably a school hat however other types will be allowed (as long as they are wide brimmed)
- Sunscreen will be made available to all students before leaving the classroom.
- Students will be instructed to have water breaks (during extreme heat) and if required engage in passive activities in classrooms/covered area.



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 Term 3
 our attendance
 average was
 87%**



**In Term 3
 our most well
 attended week
 was Week 8
 with 92%!**



**17 of our
 students
 attended
 school in Term
 3 at or above
 92%**

Key Points

-We are aiming to have students attend school 92% of the time. This aligns with NSW DoE targets



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

Term 4 Meetings

Week 4 – November 4 @ 5.00pm











Week 8 – December 2 @ 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
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)