



# WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Week 9 & 10

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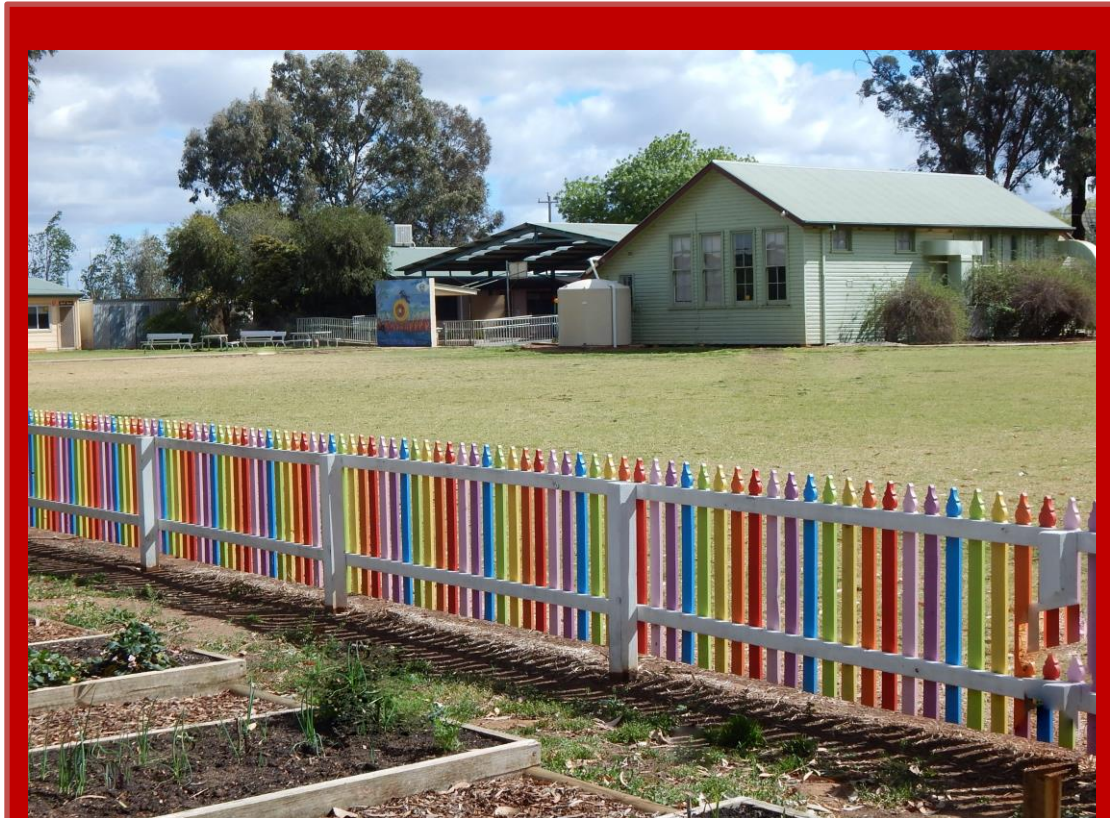
### WHAT'S ON

#### WEEK 9

06.09- 3-6 Class ZOOM @ 10.00am  
07.09- K-3 Class ZOOM @ 10.00am  
08.09- 3-6 Class ZOOM @ 10.00am  
09.09- K-3 Class ZOOM @ 10.00am  
10.09- 3-6 Class ZOOM @ 10.00am

#### WEEK 10

15.09- Term 3 Reward Day \*\*  
16.09- Term 3 Week 6-10 Attendance Reward \*\*  
17.09- Final Day of TERM 3  
\*\* Pending advice to school operations \*\*



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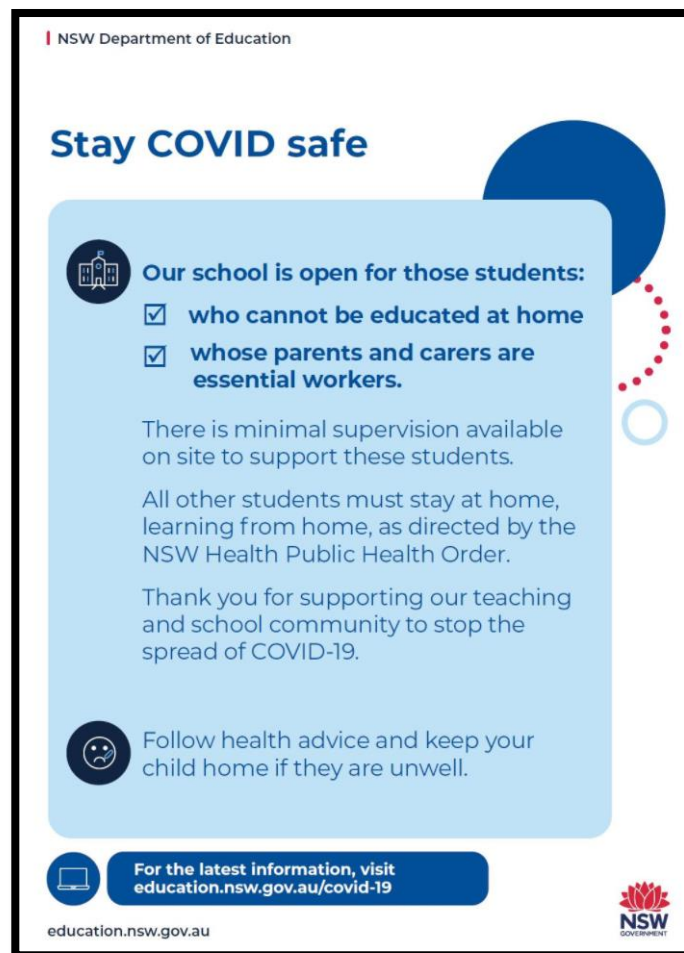


## Principals Message

Hi folks,  
My apologies for the delay in issuing a Newsletter. In recent times there have been many communications with you all concerning school closures that it has been difficult to fit in! The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide you with the latest information as well as to celebrate student success.

**At some stage this week we will receive further direction from the NSW Government as to what schooling will look like in Week 10 and moving forward. I will communicate this to you all ASAP.**

We are now entering our 4<sup>th</sup> week of stay at home orders. It has been a testing time for everyone as we have had to adapt to at home learning with very little notice. For our students, I believe it is them which have been hit the hardest. With little access to their peers it can be a hard time. So many of our students rely on the support of their friends. I appreciate that for many families you have several children at home and that relationships between them can be a bit up and down at times. You can be sure once we return that all our students will have the time and space to reconnect with each other.



NSW Department of Education

### Stay COVID safe

**Our school is open for those students:**

- who cannot be educated at home
- whose parents and carers are essential workers.

There is minimal supervision available on site to support these students.

All other students must stay at home, learning from home, as directed by the NSW Health Public Health Order.

Thank you for supporting our teaching and school community to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell.**

For the latest information, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

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NSW GOVERNMENT

**A massive thank you to all the parents/carers/family member who have shown great support for our school during this time. A lot has been asked of you. Preparing to have your child/ren at home engaging in learning is not easy. We appreciate your willingness to assist your child at home and to reach out for support where necessary.**

I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Wamoon PS for their support of students throughout this time. I have asked for them to change their mode of delivery at very short notice and not been let down. Whether it be the physical putting together of take-home packs or making contact with families during the week.



SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO STUDENTS:

THEY HAVE HAD TO ADAPT TO NEW LEARNING DELIVERY AND NEW UNCERTAINTY. THEY ARE MISSING FRIENDS, TEACHERS, ROUTINE, AND NORMALCY.

HANG IN THERE. WE MISS YOU! 

@teachergoals

## Roadmap to return to face-to-face learning

Schools will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return', depending on NSW Health conditions in their area.

### Full return (Level 3)

Areas across NSW that are removed from stay-at-home rules will return to school under Level 3 settings. This is a full return for **all** cohorts to schools, with reduced mingling and on-site activities.

Schools returning through the full return model should refer to the Level 3 guidance for schools.

### Staged return (Level 3 plus)

When stay-at-home rules are still in place but other community vaccination and transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staged way. This is a staggered return for **prioritised** cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- from 25 October – **Kindergarten and Year 1**
- from 1 November – **Years 2, 6 and 11**
- from 8 November – **Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.**

Due to our school size. We will be able to return all students at Level 3 Plus. We will need to follow guidelines in relation to cohorts mingling and on-site activities.

## Vaccinations for school staff

To ensure a COVID-safe return to school, all NSW public school and preschool staff on-site to support the staged return of students will be required to be fully vaccinated. Any contractors, volunteers or people on site who require a Working With Children Check will also be required to have 2 doses of vaccination before returning to our school.

Our staff have been encouraged to make use of the various routes for priority vaccination available to them and to book appointments for whatever vaccine is available as soon as possible. We will continue to work with NSW Health to prioritise vaccinations for all staff across NSW.

All NSW school and preschool staff will be required to be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

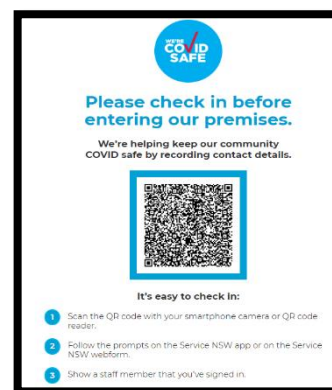
## NSW COVID Safe Check-In

A reminder that all visitors to school need to scan the QR code at the entrance to our school when visiting. All other visitors, who have an appointment need to sign in before entering as per the Department of Education requirements. Please see me if you have any questions or need support downloading the Service NSW App.

As always do not hesitate to contact the school or myself personally if you have any questions or need any matter clarified.

## Attendance

We are monitoring attendance and engagement throughout the lockdown period. It is important during this time that your child/ren engages in the school work set out for them. Class ZOOM meetings have been scheduled as a way for staff to connect with students and parents/carers to assist them with their school work. You can also contact the school for a teacher to help you. Please note that students with consistent non-activity will be marked as absent. These absences will count towards your child's attendance record and may jeopardise their participation in attendance rewards.



Unfortunately we have had to cancel or postpone many events this term. Please see a summary below;

### Events Cancelled

- Primary Melbourne Excursion (Deposit Refunds available in Week 10)
- NSWPSSA Small School Soccer Knockout
- P & C Fathers Day Stall

### Events POSTPONED

- Book Character Parade
- Stage 2 Rugby League & Netball Gala Day

At present, it is difficult to predict how Term 4 will operate without the latest advice. We will be sure to do the best we can to make the most of what we available to us.

Now more than EVER, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss any matters.

Regards,

**Mr Matt Collins**

**Principal**

**Wamoon Public School**

### 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

sessions focu

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

takes place each Tuesday & Thursday from 9.00am-1.40pm.

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### 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.



**WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
IS NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR  
**KICKSTART**  
FOR KIDS

WAMOON  
ONLY THE BEST  
ENROL FOR 2022

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**9:00am-1:40pm**

- Free of charge play based school readiness program for 4-5 year old children intending to attend our school

- Coordinated by qualified Early Childhood educator

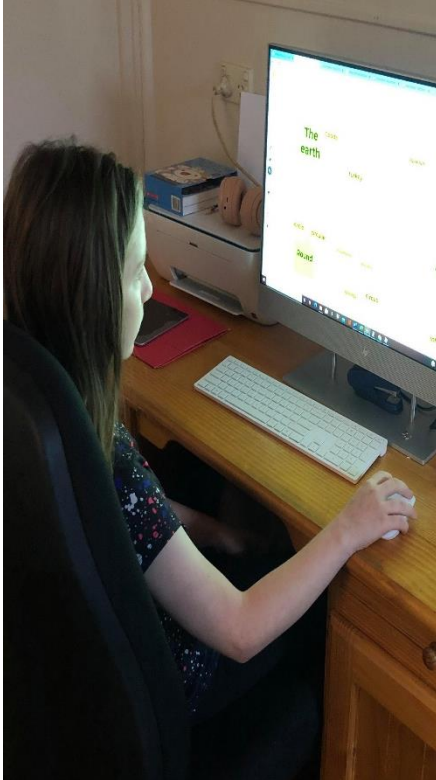
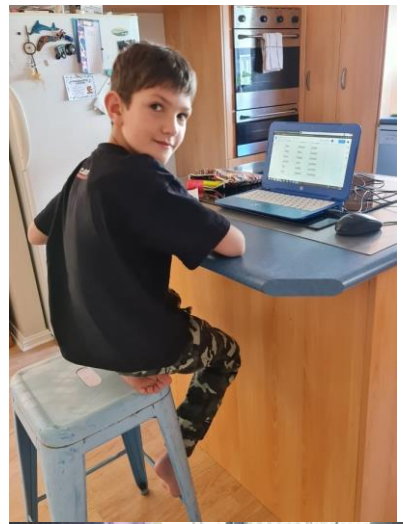
- Smaller group sizes

Call 6955 9492 for more information

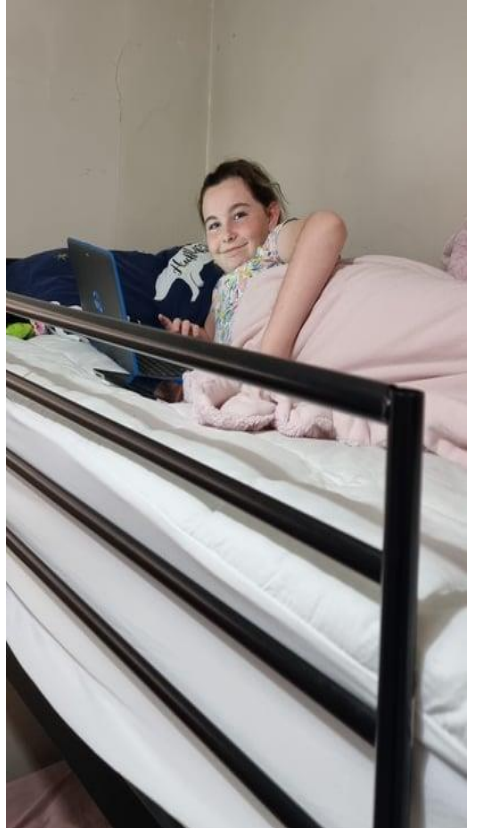
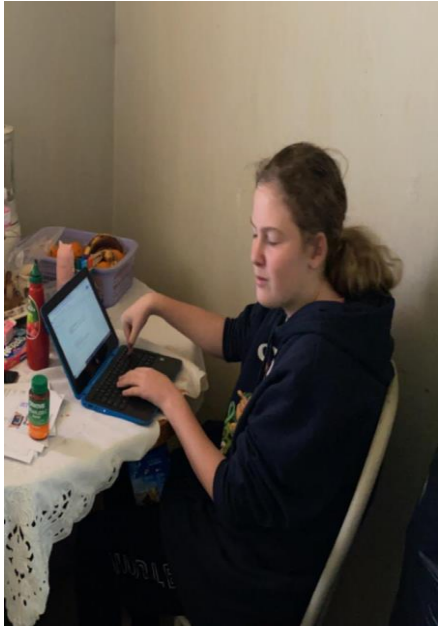
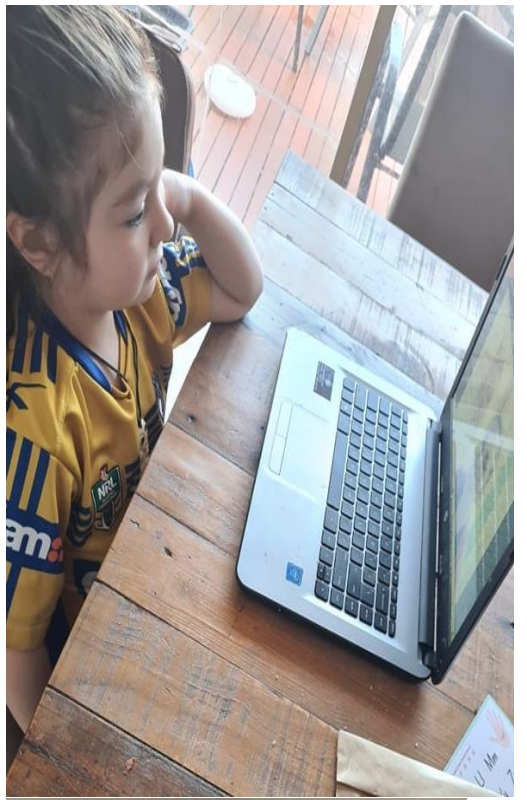
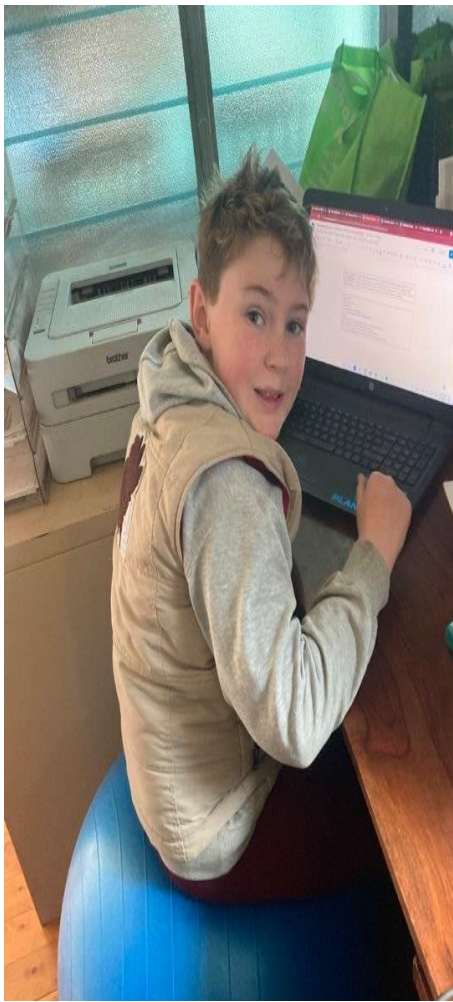
Check out our page!



**A reminder that student lunch orders**  
**turned**  
**to school by 9.15am**  
**each Thursday 😊**




**LEARNING  
AT HOME**



# HOME LEARNING



## COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES*
	Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms	May be abrupt or gradual onset of symptoms
<b>Fever</b> 	Common	Rare	Common	No
<b>Cough</b> 	Common	Common	Common	Common (asthma)
<b>Sore Throat</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes (itchy throat and palate)
<b>Shortness of Breath</b> 	Sometimes	No	No	Common (asthma)
<b>Fatigue</b> 	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Aches &amp; Pains</b> 	Sometimes	No	Common	No
<b>Headaches</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Common	Sometimes
<b>Runny or Stuffy Nose</b> 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	Common
<b>Diarrhoea</b> 	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children	No
<b>Sneezing</b> 	No	Common	No	Common

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. \*Respiratory allergies include allergic rhinitis (hay fever), and allergic asthma. Other common symptoms of hay fever include itchy nose and itchy, watery eyes.

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. People who have respiratory allergy symptoms such as allergic rhinitis (hay fever) and allergic asthma should stay home and get tested for COVID-19 at the onset of their symptoms and if they experience symptoms that are unexpected, seem different or worse than usual, or do not respond to their usual medication.

For more information about **Coronavirus(COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)