



# WAMOON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, Week 6 & 7

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

6 MARCH	1 CC Awards	2 Kickstart 4 Kids 9.15am-1.40pm	3	4 Clean Up Australia Day @ Wamoon! Kickstart 4 Kids 9.15am-1.40pm P & C Meeting @ 5.00pm	5 LNPSSA Soccer Gala (No 2 Oval & PPS)
7 MARCH	8 CC Awards	9 Kickstart 4 Kids 9.15am-1.40pm Captains & Kinders Photos	10	11 Kickstart 4 Kids 9.15am-1.40pm	12 Sports Awards



**What a great  
start to the year!**



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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 438 followers who stay up to date with our school happenings via social media.

## Principals Message

Hi folks,

Welcome to Week 6 which signals that the latter half of Term 1 has begun! I would like to begin by acknowledging the parents who were able to attend our first K-6 Assembly of the year. It was lovely to have you back in the school. I'm sure you will agree that the 3-6 class did a fabulous job sharing their Character writing which was accompanied by their amazing drawings.

### Current Notes Out

- Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day
- Please remember you can use the School App to give permission!

Just to clarify, from time to time, issues may arise at school which need to be brought to the attention of your child's classroom teacher or in some cases myself (if not your child's teacher). Please be sure to arrange a time to have a conversation (preferred) or contact the school. Quite often, we are able to sort out the smaller matters with ease.

This year we will again have a strong focus on supporting positive attendance at our school. We aim for **90% of our students attending school 92% of the time**. Regular attendance makes a massive difference to student achievement. Quite simply, if students are not at school, they cannot learn. Today I have sent home absence notification requests for unexplained absences over the last two weeks. I'm a little concerned that we are tracking on a downward plane so far this term (see attendance section over the following pages). Please be sure to speak to me if you have any questions regarding attendance or need support.



### Schools Clean Up Day

Our students will spend some time this Thursday participating in this initiative provided by **Clean Up Australia Day**. We will focus on our school grounds, Wamoon Park area, Oxley Road and Bourke Road. We will provide bags and gloves for students however encourage students to bring their own from home if they prefer.



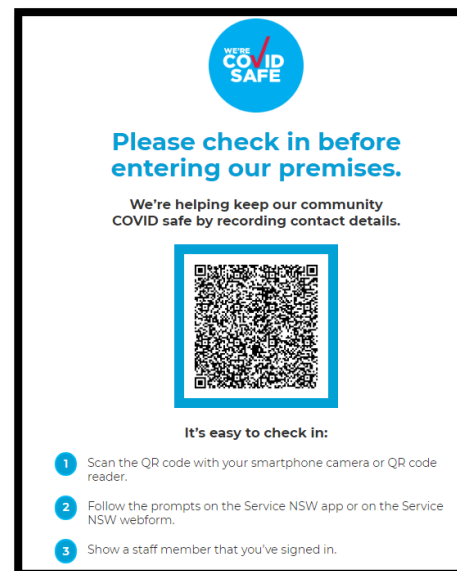
### NSW COVID Safe Check-In

A reminder that all visitors to school need to scan the QR code at the entrance to our school when visiting. The only exception to this rule is currently for parents of Kindergarten students who are allowed to enter the school ground for drop off and pick up. 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.

### School Operations Update

As of Term 1, the following updates have been applied to school operations (PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ 😊)

- From Term 1 2021, all NSW public schools use the Service NSW [COVID Safe Check-in External link](#).
- Look for the COVID Safe QR code posters when you enter our school. Be sure to sign in at the school administration building according to your school's visitor guidelines. Parents and carers who are only





dropping off and picking up students do not need to check in using the Service NSW QR code.

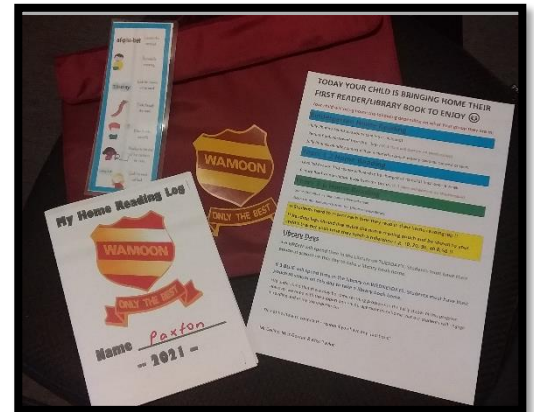
- Inline with public health orders, our students can now attend external excursions providing there is a COVID safe plan in operation.
- Bubblers and drinking fountains can now be used however water bottles are still preferred however not mandatory
- Our school will still receive a day clean (during school hours) of all high contact surfaces. We will receive additional stocks of hygiene supplies to ensure our students have access.

## Home Reading/Library Program has BEGUN!

Last week, all students were provided with their very own pouch and first reader/Library book to kickstart our **Home Reading/Library Program**. So far, our students have made an encouraging start with many reporting back they have engaged in reading at home!

I have had a few questions already and would like to clarify;

- Readers can be returned and swapped at school when you child has finished. We would like students to keep the reader for at least 2-3 nights to ensure they are practicing accurate reading.
- Library Books can be swapped on the library day which applies to your child's class (see below)
- Every time your child reads independently or with an adult, you must sign their reading log for this entry to count towards the incentive prizes.



Library Usage	
K-3 BLUE	3-6 GREEN
Students in Miss George's class borrow WEDNESDAY	Students in Mr Collins' class borrow on TUESDAY

To encourage our students to engage in the program, we have come up with the following incentives. Please note that these will change over time as we have higher expectations on the number of nights which students should be reading. Book Vouchers however will not change at 30/50 night intervals.

**10 NIGHTS=** Ice Block Voucher at School

**20 NIGHTS=** Fancy Bookmark Prize

**30 NIGHTS=** \$5.00 Scholastic Book Club Voucher

**40 NIGHTS=** Voice Recorder (great for recording reading aloud)

**50 NIGHTS=** \$10.00 Scholastic Book Voucher



## LNPSSA Swimming Carnival 2021



Hailey, Will, William & Rosie represented the Small Schools at the recent LNPSSA Swimming Carnival held at the Leeton Regional Aquatic Centre. From all reports, all swimmers tried their best.

In exciting news, Sebastian combined with his peers to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Boys 4 x 50m Relay! An amazing achievement!

In MORE exciting news, the Small Schools won the LNPSSA Handicap trophy for the first time in over 10 years! This trophy is based on the points per enrolment aged 8 Years and above. In the Small Schools, our number is 77 so to win this trophy is a HUGE achievement!

## 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. Kickstart for Kids takes place each Tuesday & Thursday from 9.00am-1.40pm.



### Wamoon Public School

is now accepting enrolments for  
**Kickstart for Kids 2022**

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-- School Readiness Program --  
Held every Tuesday & Thursday  
9.00am-1.40pm

- Open for children who will transition to Kindergarten in 2022 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



### TERM 1 – 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.

As always, please feel that you can contact myself at the school if you have any questions or need anything to be clarified. Alternatively, you can send a msg to our School App or Facebook Page.

**Mr Matt Collins**  
Principal  
Wamoon Public School

## 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 even week; Week ~~2,4~~, 6, 8 & 10

## Term 1 K-6 Assembly Roster

Assemblies will be held three times a term. Dates are included below which I hope will help parents plan their attendance!

Assemblies will be held in the afternoon session beginning at **2.00pm**.

**Friday, February 26 (Week 5) – Showcase Class is 3-6**

**Friday, March 26 (Week 9) – Showcase Class is K-3**



**We hold Crunch & Sip each day to provide a boost to energy levels in the morning!**

**We encourage all students to bring a small amount of fruit/veg (or both!) to school. We always have extra just in case ☺**



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

# 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.

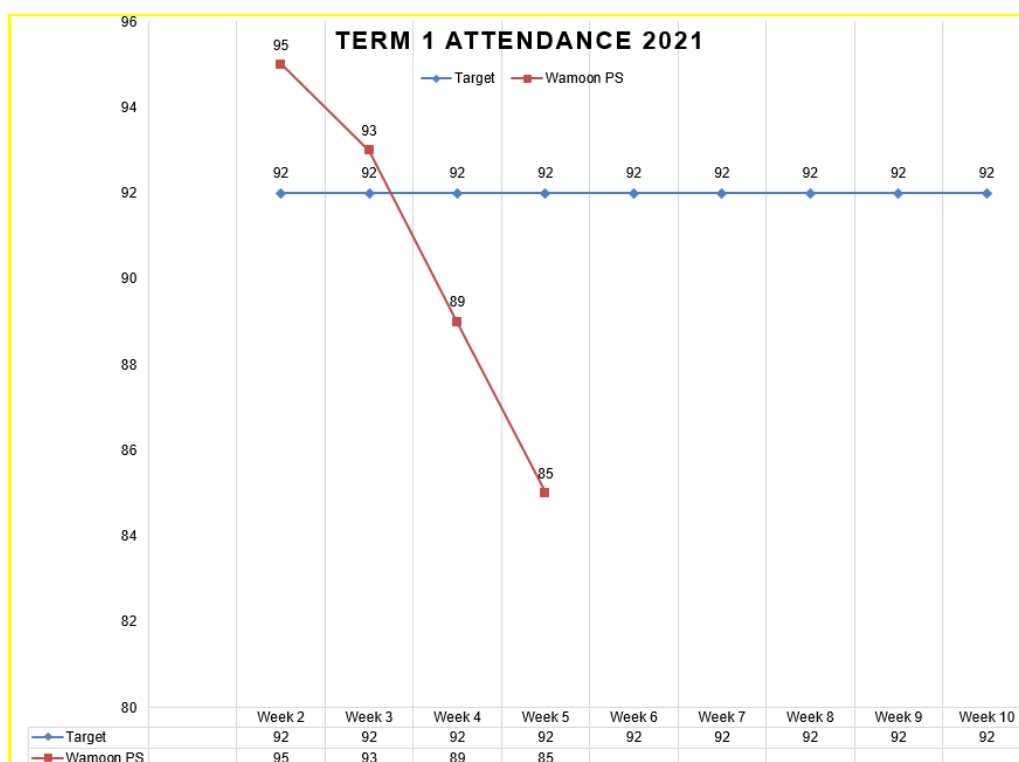
Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- 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 rate is on a downward plane which is a little concerning.**

## 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



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**4** weeks



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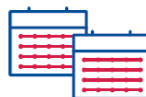
Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week



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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed





**LEETON UNITED FC LOCAL JUNIOR COMPETITION 2021**

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

10 WEEK COMPETITION COMMENCING APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

LEETON NO. 2 OVAL

AGE GROUPS: A GRADE (10-12YRS) - THURSDAYS (5.00PM)

6/7YRS - SATURDAYS (10.00AM)

8/9YRS - SATURDAYS (11.00AM)

REGISTRATION LINK: [WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU](http://WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU)

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ONLY

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

FOOTBALL SOCKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (\$10.00/PAIR)

GENERAL ENQUIRES: SCOTT MUNRO 0408 976 259

REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES: TONI LAMONT 0407 925 239



**AUTUMN  
COMPETITION  
REGISTRATION**

**NOW OPEN!**

**AUTUMN COMPETITION**  
(REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS AGED FROM YEAR 3 - YEAR 12)

**&  
AUSSIE HOOPS**  
(REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS AGED FROM KINDER - YEAR 2)

RUNS MARCH TO JUNE - MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

HOP ONTO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
'LEETON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION'  
AND FOLLOW THE LINK

email: [leetoneagles@gmail.com](mailto:leetoneagles@gmail.com)  
for more details

**Did you know you can apply for  
an Active Kids Voucher which will  
contribute funds towards your  
child's registration (up to \$100) 👍  
See Mr Collins if your need  
support to access a voucher 😊**



**How to access >>>**



**How to apply for and redeem vouchers**

There are four simple steps:

- 1 Visit [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids).  
Read the **Guidelines** and **Fact Sheets**  
to learn about the program.
- 2 Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) and create or  
login to your **MyServiceNSW Account**.
- 3 Complete an **Active Kids application** through your **MyServiceNSW Account**.  
You will receive a voucher with a unique ID number for each  
child you register (available to download, print and email).
- 4 **Redeem your voucher**  
Take your child's voucher to a registered activity provider; or log onto your  
**provider's website** to enrol and enter the voucher **ID number**.

When your child commences their chosen sport or activity, your online account  
will show the status of the voucher change from 'Active' to 'Redeemed'.