



10 February 2022

## Welcome to Early Stage 1, Term 1 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Wamberal Public School. We are excited for the term ahead.

The following information will support you and your child to navigate the term. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher via phone call or email to the school office.

Early Stage 1 Staff 2022	
Mrs Jacalyn Arnold	Kinder Green
Mrs Buffy Mortlock	Kinder Purple
Mrs Fiona Sinclair	Kinder Orange
Mrs Kristy Herring	Kinder Blue (Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal)

## Stage Information

*\*\* This timetable is current as of 10 February 2022, and is subject to change throughout the year.*

	Grade Sport	Class PE	Science – Mrs Doust and Mrs O'Harae	Library – Mrs Knight	Assembly (Online)
<b>Kinder Green</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
<b>Kinder Purple</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Friday	Friday
<b>Kinder Orange</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Friday	Friday	Friday
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Friday

Please ensure your child has a school hat and wears suitable shoes for their Sport/PE day.

## Class Equipment Requirements

Below is a list of equipment your child will require in their classroom this year, if you have not already sent items in, could you please do so. *Please ensure all equipment is marked with your child's name.* We thank you for your assistance in preparing your child for their lessons.

- library bag
- 1 A4 plastic envelope folder
- 2 packets of whiteboard markers (thin tip if possible)
- A4 scrapbook for homework
- 2 rolls of paper towel
- packet of textas
- 2 boxes of tissues
- set of headphones with a plug in round jack

## General Information

The quality of the relationship between families and schools has a direct impact on student wellbeing and educational outcomes. Wamberal Public School aims to provide effective communication to support all students, families and staff. Families are encouraged to contact the school early and in a positive way to help resolve any issues by working together.

### Working Together

Your child's teacher is available to discuss matters regarding the progress or development of your child. Please phone, email or send a written note to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

### Accessing Information

**The school's website** is <http://www.wamberal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. Parents and carers are encouraged to become familiar with the school website as it provides a wealth of information including:

- General information about our school
- Latest news
- Newsletters
- Calendar
- Curriculum information
- Student wellbeing information
- School payments

**The Skoolbag app.** is used by the school to send push notifications about upcoming events as well as the weekly newsletter. Parents and carers can use the Skoolbag app. to notify the school about student absences or a change of address.

Parents are encouraged to download the Skoolbag app. from their app. store. Further information about downloading the app. from is available on our school website.

**Seesaw** is an online tool designed to document student learning and is being trialled in our classes. Seesaw will provide an opportunity for students to share their classroom learning with family members. Seesaw will also enable class teachers to send messages and reminder. A permission note with more details will be sent home shortly.

### Attendance and Absences

Parents / carers are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day, including sports days. If your child is absent, please provide an explanation by phone, email, written note or the Skoolbag app. within 7 days of the first absence. After this time, the absence is recorded as 'unjustified' and cannot be altered.

### Curriculum

Detailed information about what your child is learning about can be obtained through the 'Learning at Our School' link on our school's website.

### Arrival at School

- Before School Care is available each morning by 'The Y' who operate from the WPS site for parents who require care for children prior to 9:00am.
- School supervision commences at 9:00am each day. No child should be onsite prior to this time unless in the direct care of 'The Y'.

### Dismissal Procedures 3:20pm

- Parent Collection – in the sign posted areas on the bottom oval.
- Parent Collection via Lea Avenue cars 'Collect and Kiss' service.

### Dismissal Procedures 3:30pm

- School Buses - students are escorted by staff via Aldinga Drive exit.
- Walkers - students exit and are escorted by staff via Aldinga Drive exit.
- After School Care through 'The Y' - conducted onsite.
- Parent Collection - Outside the Lea Ave or Aldinga Drive exits.


## Communication

Our school is committed to developing strong, positive relationships with our school community and encourages open, two-way communication between parents and the school.

*To provide:*

- general information to the school e.g. *change of address or absence explanations*
- specific information to a teacher e.g. *a playground or classroom issue*
- a request for an interview with a teacher

*please contact the school in one of the following ways:*

	02 4384 1111
	<a href="mailto:wameral-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">wameral-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
	write a note

If you need to provide urgent information, please telephone or email the school or send a written note to the teacher. Parents are encouraged to provide all such information before teaching and learning times commence.

## Payments

Payments may be made electronically via the school website or in person at the front office. If you need to send money with your child, please ensure it is sealed in an envelope labelled clearly with your child's name and the purpose of the money.

## Parent and Carer Helpers

Parent and carer helpers play varied and valued roles within our school including helping in classrooms, class enrichment programs, excursion and event support, resource management, library support, and canteen and P&C roles. Currently, our school is subject to strict COVID Safe practices in regards to visitors on site. Our school newsletter will provide information about parent and volunteer helpers. All parent and volunteer helpers are to attend a *Parent and Volunteer Information Session* or complete an induction course online.

## Social Media

Please be mindful of student, staff and community privacy when using social media such as Facebook. Photos or video shared must be of your child/children only.

## Parental Permissions

*One Parental Permission Note is sent home each year to enable parents to indicate their permission for the following:*

1. PG Movies or clips
2. PBL Rewards Days
3. Birthday Cakes
4. Publishing Permission

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

The Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Team

Kristy Herring (Assistant Principal), Jacalyn Arnold, Buffy Mortlock and Fiona Sinclair