



# WAMBERAL Public School

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## Welcome to Term 1

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.

We will be having a parent information night in Week 4. Information regarding this will be sent out shortly.

Early Stage 1 Staff 2025	
Mrs Ali Tadman	Kinder Purple
Mrs Meg Vretchkoff	Kinder Green
Mrs Kristy Herring, Assistant Principal Mrs Natalie Lawrence	Kinder Blue

*\*\* This information is current as of 12 February 2025, but may be subject to change.*

	Grade Sport	Class PE	Library Mrs Claridge	Science RFF Mrs Millhouse	Assembly (Even Weeks at 12:15)	Scripture
<b>Kinder Purple</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday
<b>Kinder Green</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday

### Sport/PE Requirements

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 these items in, could you please do so. **Please ensure all equipment is labelled with your child's name.** We thank you for your assistance in preparing your child for their lessons.

- 1 x library bag
- 1 x A4 button document wallet/envelope folder
- 1 x A4 scrapbook for homework
- 1 x set of headphones with a plug in round jack

### Homework

We will commence home reading in Week 5 (Starting 24/2). For Term 1, families are asked to read books from home or their child's library book. We encourage families to read together as it is a great way to spend time together and slow down after a busy day in Kindergarten.

Students will receive a reading log to record books read. Please record only one book per night by signing and adding the date. The reading log can be stored in your child's plastic envelope folder. Please purchase an envelope folder if your child does not already have one in their school bag.

## News

All students will be given the opportunity to share news once a week on a Friday. They can speak about a topic that interests them or share something that is special to them.

## History

Students are asked to bring in two photographs of themselves as soon as possible – one when they were a baby as well as a current photograph to discuss as part of our history unit: Personal and Family Histories.

## **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

## School Communication Apps

### **Sentral**

- Create an account at [www.sentral.com.au/parents](http://www.sentral.com.au/parents)
- You will need a parent key to access. Contact office to request.
- Used for accessing attendance, academic reports.

### **School Bytes**

- Create an account at [www.schoolbytes.education](http://www.schoolbytes.education)
- Parents who share care will need to request a linking code from the school.
- Used for excursion consent forms and payments, change of student details, to apply for extended leave, request healthcare support, view the newsletter and receive emails from the school.

## Attendance: Every Day Matters

Every day matters, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

NSW public schools have a target of a 95% attendance rate. This is the equivalent of 10 days away from school a year.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role.

How you can help:

- provide the school with an explanation for every absence;
- limit late arrivals or early departures to genuine emergencies;
- book holidays during the school breaks only;
- seek support from the school if having difficulty getting your child to school.

### Arrival at School

- 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'.
- Before school care is available each morning by the 'The Y' who operates from the school site for parents who require care for children prior to 9:00am.
- On arrival, Kinder students are to place their bags in the Kinder assembly area, located next to the Kinder Purple classroom before making their way to the lower field. A teacher will be there to meet them.
- Students who arrive via bus at Aldinga Drive, can leave their bag at their classroom on the way to the equipment.
- Parents/Carers are encouraged to say goodbye at the Lea Avenue entrance. Staff are on duty to assist students.

### Dismissal Procedures 3:30pm

#### 1. Parent Collection

- may enter via Lea Ave or Tumbi Road entrances at 3:20pm and wait in COLA area for student dismissal to the COLA at 3:30pm
- may meet students as agreed outside of the Lea Ave or Aldinga Drive exits.
- via Lea Avenue remain in car option 'Collect and Kiss' service. Parents to display supplied family name cards in windscreen.

2. School Buses - students are escorted by staff via Aldinga Drive exit.

3. Walkers - students exit and are escorted by staff via Aldinga Drive exit

4. After School Care through 'The Y' - students transition to the Y care within the school grounds.

***There is no access to the school via Aldinga at drop-offs or pick ups.***




### 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:wamberal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">wamberal-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 9:00am when teacher supervision commences.

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), Natalie Lawrence, Ali Tadman and Meg Vretchkoff