



13 May 2024

Welcome to Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a lovely break. The following information will support you and your child to navigate the term ahead. 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 2024 | |
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| Mrs Jacalyn Arnold | Kinder Purple |
| Mrs Kelly Stevenson | Kinder Green |
| Mrs Kristy Herring, Assistant Principal | Kinder Blue |

*** This information is current as of 3 May 2024, but may be subject to change.*

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

Sport/PE Requirements

Students are required to bring a school hat and wear suitable shoes for their Sport/PE day.

Class Equipment Requirements

Please ensure all equipment is labelled with your child's name.

Homework

We will commence homework in Week 3 (Starting 13/5). Further information regarding this will be sent home then.

Homework will consist of –

- Homereading – Students will be given a decodable reader from school to practise reading for the week. Students will also have the option of reading extra books online. Please record books read in your child Term 2 reading log.
- Worksheet – Students will practise reading and writing words taught in class.

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. Your child is welcome to bring something in on Fridays to show the class.

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
- 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
- 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.

In Term 1, we will be recognising positive school attendance by:

- students who have greater than 90% will be entered in to a draw for prizes twice per term; and
- a whole class recognition reward for the class with the highest percentage attendance at the end of the term.

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 equipment, lower oval or COLA.
- 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 Tumby 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.

When picking up, please don't wait outside individual classes, please wait in the COLA.




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:

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|  | 02 4384 1111 |
|  | wameral-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au |
|  | 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), Jacalyn Arnold and Kelly Stevenson