



WAMBERAL Public School

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Welcome to Term 3

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 concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher via phone call or email to the school office.

Early Stage 1 Class Teachers	
Mrs Jacalyn Arnold	Kinder Green
Mrs Fiona Sinclair	Kinder Orange
Mrs Kelly Stevenson	Kinder/1 Aqua
Mrs Kristy Herring, Assistant Principal	Kinder Blue

*** This information is current as of 18 July, but may be subject to change.*

	Grade Sport	Class PE Mrs Forsberg	Library – Mrs Pancia	Assembly (Odd Weeks at 12:15)	Scripture
Kinder Green	Monday	Friday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
Kinder Orange	Monday	Friday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
Kinder/1 Aqua	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Kinder Blue	Monday	Friday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday

Class Equipment Requirements

Please ensure all equipment is labelled with your child's name. We thank you for your assistance in preparing your child for their lessons.

Homework

Will resume in Week 3. Students are encouraged to complete the homework sheet and to read the provided decodable text or a book from home. Books read can be recorded on the student's reading log. Homework is to be returned on Fridays.

Sport/PE Requirements

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

General Information

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 3, 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.

Sentral Parent Portal

Our school has recently transitioned to the Sentral Parent Portal, an online communication platform to support our parents and carers feel informed and connected to their child's learning journey.

The Sentral Parent Portal is available as the Sentral for Parents App or by using the Sentral Parent Portal website. Parents were emailed an access key in Term 2. Please email our school office if requiring an access key.

The Sentral Parent Portal enables parents to:

- view their child's school attendance records, including percentage attendance;
- provide the school with explanations of absence; and
- view and download their child's reports.

Payments

Our school has implemented the **School Bytes** system to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the [School Bytes portal](#) at any time to make a payment online, view payment history and apply credit.

Parent Helpers

Parent and carer helpers play varied and valued roles within our school including working with teachers to support stage and library programs, assisting with excursions and events, resource management, and volunteering for canteen and P&C roles. Parents and carers who wish to volunteer working with our students in any capacity are to annually complete a DoE Prohibited Employment Declaration (Appendix 5) and Code of Conduct form before working with students. Please contact our school office if you are interested in volunteering and to obtain the required paperwork.

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
	wamberal-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, Fiona Sinclair and Kelly Stevenson