



WAMBERAL Public School

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Welcome to Term 4

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back. 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 Staff 2022	
Mrs Jacalyn Arnold	Kinder Green
Mrs Buffy Mortlock	Kinder Purple
Mrs Fiona Sinclair	Kinder Orange
Mrs Kristy Herring, Assistant Principal	Kinder Blue

Stage Information

*** This is current as of 17 October, but may be subject to change throughout the year.*

	Grade Sport	Class PE	Science – Mrs Lawrence/ Mrs Doust	Library – Mrs Knight	Assembly	Scripture
Kinder Green	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday
Kinder Purple	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Kinder Orange	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Kinder Blue	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday

Class Equipment Requirements

Just a reminder that each child requires a library bag for library lessons and a set of headphones with a plug in round jack for computer activities. Headphones will remain in your child's tote-tray so they have access to them on a regular basis.

Sport/PE Requirements

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

Homework

Home Reading

Students will continue borrowing home readers from the classroom. These will be sent home on a Monday and collected on a Friday. Each student will bring four books home for the week. The books sent home to read will be at your child's independent level. They should be able to read it confidently with little help.

We encourage students to continue to use the PM eCollection for home reading as well.

Sight Words

Please continue to practise reading your child's sight words with them on a daily basis. Practise reading and writing the words and putting them into sentences. Sight word lists can be kept in your child's envelope folder and brought into school on Friday for the teacher to check. New lists will be given on a Friday when students have learned the words on the previous list.

News Days

Students will be given the opportunity to share news once a week. This term, students will be given a topic to talk about which relates to what they have been learning in class. Please ensure that your child is prepared on their news day as it is a very important and fun part of the day for students.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1 Starting 10/10	<u>Holiday News</u> Share your holiday experiences
2 Starting 17/10	<u>Free Choice</u> <u>This week, you can speak about a topic of your choice</u>
3 Starting 24/10	<u>Favourite Lunch/Recess Foods</u> <u>Talk about your favourite foods to eat at school and why</u>
4 Starting 31/10	<u>Free Choice</u> <u>This week, you can speak about a topic of your choice</u>
5 Starting 7/11	<u>Favourite Song</u> Share your favourite song with the class
6 Starting 14/11	<u>Free Choice</u> <u>This week, you can speak about a topic of your choice</u>
7 Starting 21/11	<u>Favourite Game</u> Bring in your favourite board or card game to share with the class
8 Starting 28/11	<u>Free Choice</u> <u>This week, you can speak about a topic of your choice</u>
9 Starting 5/12	<u>School</u> What have you enjoyed the most about Kindergarten?
10 Starting 12/12	<u>Free Choice</u> <u>This week, you can speak about a topic of your choice</u>

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. 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. 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 teachers to send messages and reminders.

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 3:30pm

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

Payments

Payments may be made electronically via the school website or in person at the front office. If you must 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 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. Parents and carers who wish to volunteer working with our students in any capacity are required to complete an online parent and volunteer induction workshop. In addition, parents and volunteers need to complete a DoE Prohibited Employment Declaration (Appendix 5), Code of Conduct form and undergo associated checks including a Working with Children check at our school office before working with students. Please contact our school office if you are interested in volunteering and to obtain the required paperwork.

Social Media

Please be mindful of 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

A copy can be downloaded from our school website.

We look forward to an exciting last term of Kindergarten and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

The Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Team:

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