



24th October, 2022

Welcome to Term 4

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a lovely break. It has been great to see how happy our students have been and how they have settled in. We are excited about the term ahead.

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.

Stage 1 Staff 2022	
Thomas Cooper	1 Green
Karen Gibb	1 Purple
Dennis Raft	1 Orange
Kylie Johnson and Bianca Tyrrell	2 Blue
Annaliese Rayner and Meagan Vretchoff	2 Purple
Jack Grimmond-Lee	2 Green
Genevieve Millhouse and Joni Taylor	2 Orange

Stage Information

*** This is current as of 14th October, but may be subject to change throughout the year.*

	Grade Sport	Class PE	Science & Technology	Library	Assembly	Scripture
1 Green	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
1 Purple	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
1 Orange	Friday	Wednesday	Monday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
2 Blue	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday	Wednesday
2 Purple	Tuesday	Friday	Monday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
2 Green	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday
2 Orange	Tuesday	Friday	Monday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday

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 term ahead and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,
Stage 1 Team

Dennis Raft (Assistant Principal), Kylie Johnson (Assistant Principal) Thomas Cooper, Karen Gibb, Annaliese Rayner, Meagan Vretchoff, Bianca Tyrrell, Genevieve Millhouse and Joni Taylor.