



09 October 2023

Welcome to Term 4

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.

*** This information is current as of 9 October, but may be subject to change.*

Teacher	Class	Grade Sport	Class PE	Science & Technology	Library Mrs Pancia
Kelly Stevenson	1 Aqua	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday Mrs Forsberg	Thursday
Suzanne Doust	1 Orange	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday Mrs Foley	Tuesday
Madelaine Heckenberg	1 Purple	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday Miss Tadman	Wednesday
Meg Vretchkoff	1 Green	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday Mrs Foley	Tuesday
Kylie Johnson and Genevieve Millhouse	2 Blue	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday Mrs Foley	Tuesday
Suzie Crawley	2 Purple	Wednesday	Friday	Monday Mrs Corliss	Tuesday
Joanna Heys	2 Green	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday Mrs Forsberg	Thursday

Assembly

The Years K-2 assembly is held at 12:15pm on Mondays in odd weeks.

Class Equipment Requirements

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

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 and Carer 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. Our school website provides information about parent and volunteer helpers including our parent and volunteer induction and annual associated paperwork that must be submitted to our school office before volunteering.

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 4, we will be recognising positive school attendance by:

- students who have greater than 90% will be entered into 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 earlier in 2023. Please email our school office if you require 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.



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 **time sensitive** information, please telephone or email the school or send a written note to the teacher. Parents are encouraged to provide all such information to the teacher before 9:00am when teacher supervision commences.

We look forward to working with you and your child during the last term of the year!

Kind regards,

Stage 1 Team

Year 1: Madelaine Heckenberg, Kelly Stevenson, Suzanne Doust, Meg Vretchkoff,

Year 2: Genevieve Millhouse, Joanna Heys, Suzie Crawley (Rel. Assistant Principal), Kylie Johnson (Assistant Principal).