



Wongarbon Public School

Newsletter

1 February 2019 ~ Term 1 Week 1

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What an amazing start to the school year with students and staff showing energy and zest despite the unwelcoming weather. Yes indeed, it is so good to be back.

All of our students look so refreshed and sparkly clean in their school uniforms, and neat hairstyles one would think they've all gone through some reality show makeover and come out looking resplendent.

Not only that but they've maintained their usual excellent manners, behaviour and work ethic.

We all look forward to a very positive term and a sensational year.

Regards

Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED.

Mark Twain

School Leadership

As mentioned during Presentation Night last year we had very good student leadership in our school through the effort of our school captains and vice captains as well as other senior school students in 2018.

Voting for captains and vice captains was conducted towards the end of 2018 and announced on Presentation Night. We are delighted again to have fine leadership within our school as the elected captains and vice captains for 2019 will develop the skills to positively reflect the values of compassion, respect, personal effort, duty, manners and sense of community to which the school aspires.

We congratulate the captains, **Joshua Lincoln-Bruce** and **Courtney Powyer** and vice captains, **Leah Diamond** and **Nathaniel Broadley** on their selection and are very confident that they will be very good role models for our school. They will be leading Small School's SRC video conferences and charity fundraising events throughout 2019.

Welcome

A huge welcome to two new students to our school. We trust that Chase and Chelsea find our school to be warm and inviting as well as a safe and happy environment where they will reach their potential in all of their learning. It is always exciting to be able to welcome new students to our school and I'm confident that in no time at all they'll be living the dream of our school motto, 'TRY ALWAYS.'

Try Always'

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

Friday.....February 8
Dubbo Wellington Small School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday February 12
School Council meeting

Wednesday..... February 27
P&C AGM and Meeting

NOTES & PAYMENT DUE

* Swimming Carnival permission note

* Permission to publish note

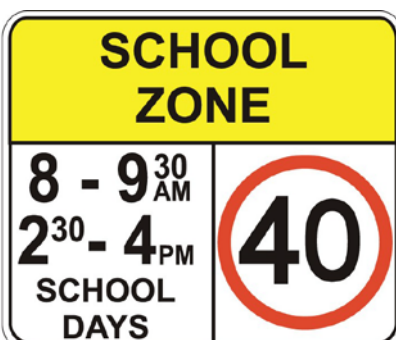
SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 1.....Jan 29 - Apr 12

Term 2.....April 29 - Jul 5

Term 3.....Jul 22 - Sep 27

Term 3.....Oct 14- Dec 20



AN EXCITING TIME! WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

**Kahysie, Kayden, Edward, Alexis, Charlie,
Zayln, Charlotte, Nate, Dylan and Ruby**

We were overjoyed to welcome our Kindergarten class of 2019 on Friday. These wonderful people will be beginning their school life with a range of emotions from excitement to fear, from joy to dread, from anxiety to enthusiasm.

We wish all the children starting school at Wongarbone Public School all the best and we guarantee that all staff, to the very best of their abilities, will nurture, guide, instruct and teach using the same values that we seek from our students.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting for 2018 will be held at 7pm, Tuesday, February 12 in the staff common room. All school council members are asked to attend. Agenda items include Finance, Wongarbone Public School Plan, student numbers and future directions. This is not the AGM. The Annual General Meeting is held in March.

Let Em Shine

As a part Department of Education policy we need to have parental permission to publish student photographs in our newsletter and on our website.

We thoroughly enjoy showcasing our students in their activities and achievements and ask that you promptly sign and return the attached permission note so that we can update our school website pictures and include photographs in our school newsletter.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 27 February at 7pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend. We will be taking nominations for committee positions at the AGM so if you feel you have something you wish to add to our team and wish to support the students and school, please feel free to join us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Health and Safety

As per our school policy all students should be reminded that food is not to be shared and always after eating students should wash their hands. This is particularly significant as some children may have a reaction to different food substances. So please be aware of food related issues and hygiene, as it can have serious consequences for other students.

Congratulations

Well done to all parents for having their children so well prepared for school, with uniforms and associated equipment from day one.

Your child's teacher will shortly send home information sheets to explain classroom procedures and routines. This information will also include requests for any other resources or equipment that your child may need.

Update your details



It is vitally important that we have up to date contact information for your child. If you have recently changed your address, phone numbers or emergency contact person, please forward this information on to the school office to enable us to update our records.



STUDENT BANKING

**Don't forget that Thursday is
School Banking day and students
should bring in their weekly Dollarmites
deposit to the school office.**



Our School Leaders 2019

Nathaniel, Joshua, Courtney and Leah



DUBBO WELLINGTON SMALL SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Friday, 8 February 2019 we will be joining other Small Schools for the Small School Swimming Carnival to be held at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre.

There will be activities for all students from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. Activities for K-2 will be held in the wading pool with other activities in the Olympic Pool. Swimmers from Year 3 to Year 6 can nominate 50m or 25m events for each swimming stroke as well as the medley.

Of importance to parents is that transport to and from the pool is the responsibility of parents, so, if you cannot take them to Dubbo, please arrange transport with someone else. All staff will be assisting on the day so there will be nobody at school. The carnival usually finishes about 2:30pm. So please be there to pick up your child/children.

Please return your permission notes promptly.

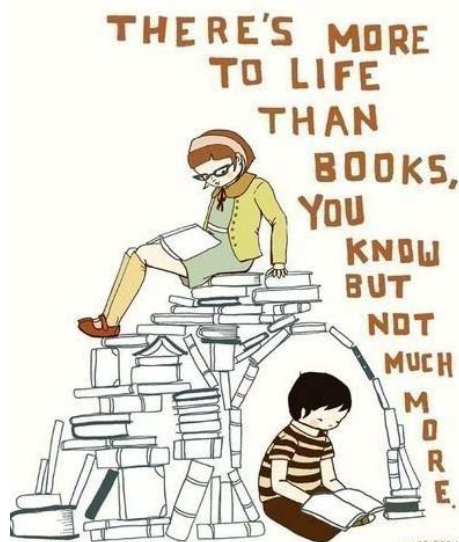
Please note that pool entry is \$3.80 as indicated on the permission note.

Thursday is Library Day

All classes have a library book exchange day on Thursday throughout the year.

The children will need to bring a bag to safely transport library books.

Please **ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO BORROW** a book or two, to support their reading development. The best thing is that it's a free service. That's right **IT'S FREE!!**



We have a recognition system for children who regularly borrow from the school library.

Each week Mrs Farley will record the names of those children who borrow and after ten borrowing weeks the students get to select a free book which will be presented at Friday assemblies in Wongarboron Hall at 2:30pm. (Most Fridays)

We do encourage all students to read at home or for parents to read to younger students.

ZERO TOLERANCE



STUDENT WELFARE/DISCIPLINE POLICY

In order to more quickly deal with any student not abiding by the school rules we, in consultation with a parent group some years ago, devised a form of swift notification for parents. A note is sent home to parents informing them of any misconduct and that note needs to be signed by the parent and returned to school.

Parents want to know if their child is behaving inappropriately at school so, if necessary, they can act further on the issue. Remember, however, that these notes are courtesy notes used as a communication tool.

The school would already have established and put in place consequences for misbehaviour. Parents are asked to sign and return notes to school to acknowledge that they have seen them. If teachers feel that a parent interview is necessary it will be noted on the form. The student does not get free play time until the signed note is returned.

Any students repeatedly placed on detention will also follow the normal course of the school discipline code which can lead to suspension and even expulsion following the Department of Education and Training guidelines.

The list of no tolerance resulting in detention includes the following:

- No swearing
- No back chatting
- No name calling
- No teasing
- No kicking
- No pushing
- No hitting
- No weapons
- No vandalism
- No throwing objects
- No bullying
- No stealing
- No refusal of staff instruction
- No spitting

We ask that all parents strongly support this system to make our school secure and safe for all members of the school community. The school does have the limited services of a school counsellor who assists with specific testing to help us establish individual work programs and access funding for school learning support officers who work with individuals and groups. The counsellor also works with individual students in helping resolve personal issues so that they can better cope with their lives or schooling. The school has access to other agencies to assist children with behavioural problems, counselling support or physical or health related issues. Staff are always willing to discuss student progress but we do ask parents to contact the school to arrange an interview time.

WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL

General Permission to Publish and disclose information

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip on the back and return to the school **as soon as possible**.

Yours sincerely



Peter George
Principal



WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and:

Tick the appropriate box

☐ I give permission

☐ I do not give permission

to the school/Department of Education to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child's name: _____

Parent/carer/caregiver's name (please print): _____

Parent/carer/caregiver signature: _____

Date: _____



WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL

DUBBO SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL - DUBBO AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE Friday, 8th February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It's that time of the year again. Please read the following and complete the attached permission note and return it to school before Tuesday, 5 February 2019.

- Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the pool.
- Children are required to report to their teachers at the pool at 8:50am. Warm up is from 8:45am.
- Children must have their name marked off on arrival and before they leave. **Parents who take children home early must let teachers know.**
- Sports uniform is to be worn **(with all items marked with name).**
- Don't forget sunscreen, hat, swimmers and towel. Please have all property clearly marked with your child's name.
- Entry fee is \$3.80 for students. Admission fees for non-swimming adults are \$3.80.
- Teachers will mark age (*turning this year*) and school on child's left forearm.

NO K-2 CHILD WITH RED AGE AND SCHOOL ON THEIR ARM WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BIG POOL AT ANY TIME.

NO 3-6 CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SMALL POOL AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY

- There will be no finals. All winners will be decided on heat times.
- ***The kiosk will be operating. Bring a packed recess and lunch if not buying.***
- There will be K-2 age races, activities and games in the small pool throughout the day.
- **PARENTS – We will be looking for helpers to assist in infants tabloids, 25m races and time keeping.**
So, if you are able to assist please see Miss Muir at the pool on the day.
- **PLEASE LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS SO ALL CHILDREN ARE IN THEIR CORRECT AREA AND DO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.**
- The following will not be permitted at the pool: * Coloured zinc * Face paint * Crepe paper * Coloured hairspray * Water bombs * Blow up pools
- There will be 25m races for those who do not compete in the 50m races, which start half way down the pool and finish at the shallow end. These will be run between other events with an adult assisting in each lane.
- Students who attend school carnivals may remain at the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre following the conclusion of the carnival without paying any further admission fee.

The process is as follows:

- ***All students will leave the Centre under school supervision.***
- ***Teachers will determine which students remain at the Centre.***
- ***Teachers will advise Centre staff of students allowed to remain and they will be readmitted without charge.***
- ***Children under the age of 10 years cannot be at the Centre unless accompanied by an adult.***
- The carnival **finishes** at approximately **2:30pm.**

WONGARBON PUBLIC SCHOOL

PERMISSION NOTE: **DUBBO WELLINGTON SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL – FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2019**

I give permission for my child _____ to attend and participate in the Dubbo Small School Swimming Carnival to be held at the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre on Friday, 8 February 2019.

- I understand that parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the pool.

To the best of my knowledge, my child has no medical condition, physical disability or injury, which puts him/her at risk in participating in this activity.

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

In relation to the proposed water or swimming activities, I advise that my child is a: *(please tick one)*

☐ strong swimmer ☐ average swimmer ☐ poor swimmer ☐ non-swimmer

In case of emergency I can be contacted on:

_____ OR: _____

Signed: _____ Parent / Caregiver Date: _____

Please complete the permission note and return it to the school office by Tuesday, 8 February 2019.

Privacy Notice

The personal information provided on this permission note, will be used by the Department of Education for general administration and communication and other matters of welfare relating to your child at this event. While the provision of this information is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that all details are completed. Failure to do so, may impede the resolution of welfare issues should you not be able to be contacted. This information will be stored securely.

Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child's name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a Newspaper, on Television or on the School Website.