

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Seasons Greetings to our Families

We are so lucky in the Southern Hemisphere to have our Christmas Holidays during our beautiful summer. Best wishes to all and enjoy your marvellous family time over the next few weeks. Stay safe.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Enrolments for 2021. As everyone is aware, we have previously had a large demand for sessions and earlier this year we applied an extra 25 afternoon places. This has served us well throughout the year and enables us to begin the year with all our families happy that all of their requests have been met.

We wish to say goodbye and all the very best to our Year 6 students, most of whom have attended WPOOSC since kindergarten. Goodbye and Good Luck in your endeavours to Max, Henry, Samuel, Lachlan, Madeleine and Lily. A special goodbye to all the younger children moving to new areas and new schools, - we will miss you too.

It has been a difficult year for everyone, we have all managed though and have met all new criteria and processes required, our special thanks to our supportive committee. Extra thanks to all the families that delivered gifts to our staff.

Looking forward to an exciting but more stable 2021. Safe & Happy Holidays.

*Kind Regards
Sonja de Jong*



LEARNING OUTCOME 1
Children develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities



A NOTE FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Hi Families,

What an incredibly busy term we have had. It has been wonderful looking in more detail into our interests from last term and exploring new ones. This term we have engaged in a range of interests and projects with the children, I'll send more details to our families in my Ed Leader Update.

We have had a great year and we are looking forward to seeing you all again next year for more learning and playing together. We wish you the very best of the Festive Season and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*All the Best
Jacqui Bonser*







Staff and Parent Committee Christmas Party



COMMITTEE & STAFF YEAR END PARTY

Luckily the Covid-19 restrictions allowed increased numbers just in time for us to all get together for a very enjoyable party



Cardboard boxes are the basis of many a creation and we would like families to bring in (or bring back!) empty small boxes, *please ensure that the boxes have not contained any egg, meat or nut products.*



We would also like small recycled items for craft such as lids from soft drink and milk bottles, ribbons, cardboard tubes (no toilet paper) egg boxes and recycled paper is always needed.

If your office has any non-confidential paper for recycling or you have changed logos and have surplus stationary please bring it in.

DROP-OFF, COLLECTION & NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Mornings

As parents are still restricted on school grounds we continue to have a staff member at the gate for arrivals. Please walk your child to the gate, we need to identify the person dropping off.

Afternoon

All children must come directly to the hall COLA when the school bell has rung, staff will sign the children in and begin afternoon tea. Please discuss this with your child.

For extra-curricular activities we sign each child out and check return to OOSC. Staff perform a mid session roll call. Parents must come to the gate and be identified by the educator on duty. If there is no one at the gate, give it a moment, they may be inside collecting a child, or you can phone the office on 9418 1918 if you need. Please don't go back to your car, please wait at the gate for your child.

A reminder—if a brother or sister under 18 yrs. is collecting your child we require a formal letter to hold in our files. Collection by anyone unknown to staff requires photo I.D.

Absence

We mention **unexplained absences** in every newsletter but still having ongoing unexplained absences. It is vitally important to notify our office in writing if your child will be absent in the afternoon, an email is preferred *We will accept a phone call or a phone message if absolutely necessary.*

Both WPOOSC and WPPS staff are spending too much time searching for children, calling parents, leaving messages and waiting for a call back. We charge a fine of 100% of the session fee EVERYTIME we have to call to check if a child has been taken home or was absent from school. We must also emphasize that **IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WEST PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO INFORM US OF ABSENCES.** Please ensure that your child knows that on OOSC days they MUST come directly to the Centre.

ACCOUNTS

ALLERGIES & ASTHMA

To comply with regulation you need to update Action Plans annually and inform us of changes in your child's medical needs. All medication (even Ventolin in bags) requires a Medication Authorisation

Please remember that all accounts are due in advance for the term. Invoices are sent out in WEEK 2 and payment expected in full by WEEK 4 at the latest.. Make sure we have your CRN numbers so that you receive CentreLink rebates.

We send accounts, and messages, out from our HUBWORKS processing system so please check they don't end up in your junk mail folder. Please keep your HUBWORKS details up to date through the Parent Portal

Please see Sonja de Jong if you have any concerns or need to create a payment plan, unpaid accounts may jeopardise your places.

OFFICE TIME & ENQUIRIES

We are happy to take a call except for around roll call in the afternoons between 3.10—3.40 pm. While restrictions to the school grounds are in place we can make an appointment to see you in our office if you need, just call us to arrange it.

For consultation and notification of new medical conditions please ring for an appointment.