

TERM 2, 2020

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Term 2
Is it hot?
Is it cold?

Welcome

Time for a quick update
on how our second
term went.

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COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Good day to All our Families

We have managed to re-establish our routine with the children. It had been very well established when the Covid-19 isolation restrictions disrupted it completely. Our kindy are back to being confident and involved so hopefully things remain on an even keel.

We have had quite a few changes to places over the term, currently we can offer sessions any day so send us a message if you need more days. Also, we can always help out with casual places.

Once again we would like to thank the parents volunteering their time on our Parent Committee. We fully appreciate that the pressures of work and home life are enormous in addition to volunteer roles.

We're looking forward to an enjoyable and more structured Term 3

Sonja

LEARNING OUTCOME 2 CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED TO THEIR WORLD



As children participate in their communities they develop their capacity for independence and self direction. Having a positive self identity and experiencing respectful, responsive relationships strengthens children's interest and skills in being and becoming active contributors to their world.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our Term 2
Committee Meeting
was held on Monday
18 May

Our next meeting is
scheduled for 7pm
on Monday 10
August

If you would like any further
information please send us an
email.



Some Items from our Diary



Creation began on
our volcano. It took
several weeks until
we were at eruption
point—check our Ed
Leader Update for the
full story



NEW ROUTINES

We changed to a split timing for the school bell at the end of the day, it was a bit of a difficult system for supervision but we managed. We believe in T3 we'll go back to a single bell at 3.10pm and will manage all roll call in the 4 corners of the HALL COLA. There will still be no community access to the school grounds.

Normally from Term 3 we allow the kindies to come directly to OOSC in the afternoon. We will do this but with additional supervision as the children still have moments of confusion about if they are going home or coming to WPOOSC

Please talk with your child in the morning to come directly to the Centre, put their bag away and go to roll call.

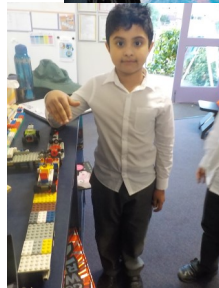
The responsibility of going safely to and from class yourself is a huge step forward and a boost to confidence

Allergies & Asthma

Remember to update and inform us of changes in your child's medical needs, and make sure your Action Plan and medications have not expired



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 nut products. We would like small recycled items for craft such as xmas & birthday cards, lids from soft drink and milk bottles, ribbons, tubes (no toilet paper rolls) and recycled paper is always needed. If your office has any non-confidential paper for recycling please bring it in.



- * RESTRICTED DROP-OFF, & COLLECTION
- * NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE &
- * EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mornings

Many thanks for noting our start time of 7.30 and not arriving at the gate too early in the morning. Remember—A STAFF MEMBER MUST ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR CHILDS ARRIVAL. PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM AND DRIVE AWAY.

- * You can see an educator at the gate,
- * you can wave to someone at the office window,
- * you can phone if you don't see anyone available.

Afternoon

All children must come directly to WPOOSC when the school bell has rung, please discuss this with your child, we sign each child out to extra-curricular activities and check and sign their return to OOSC. Once again, if your child is going straight home and will not attend OOSC they may not be signed out on the register, but will be marked as absent..

For collection please follow the same gate protocol as the morning. Only once it is dark may parents come in the school, up to the WPOOSC door and ask for their child to be signed out.

A reminder—if a brother or sister under 18 yrs. is collecting your child we require a letter to hold in our files. Anyone unknown to our staff will require photo I.D. and written notification from a parent.

Absence

UNFORTUNATELY WE REPEAT THIS POINT IN EVERY NEWSLETTER, but we are still having far too many unexplained absences. We do understand that all the remote learning and schedule changes have affected this but we need you to please notify our office if your child will be absent.

Staff are spending a huge amount of time searching the school and calling parents. We will place a fine equal to 100% of the session fee on your account every time 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.**

Extra Curricular Activities—NEW FORMS REQUIRED

This means any activity on WPPS grounds that the children leave the centre for —art classes / chess / tennis / soccer on WPPS oval etc. We asked for a new form in T2 and so far have received 1 Art Class form, 10 tennis permissions and 2 piano. If we don't have a signed form we will not allow your child to leave WPOOSC. Please download a form from the website, complete it and send it in with your child.



What are the key elements of the Transition Road Map?

1. **ECEC Relief Package will cease on 12 July 2020** meaning that “free childcare” is over. No more business continuity payments will be received from the Government and no more applications for exceptional circumstances funding will be allowed. In addition, absence days will return to 42 from 62.
2. **CCS will resume on 13 July 2020** with services having the ability to charge fees and will be obliged to recover gap fees as usual. In addition, services will be able to submit session reports and also if required submit or amend session reports for periods prior to 6 April 2020.
3. **Relaxed activity test requirements will be extended to families** who experience a reduction of hours worked relative to pre COVID-19 will commence on 13 July 2020 and end on 4 October 2020.

ACCOUNTS

Term 3 accounts will be emailed by Friday 31st July with payment due by Friday 14th August.

Emails come from our billing system HUBWORKS. If you have not received your emailed account please come and see us, please don't leave it until the account is overdue.

If you need to prepare a payment plan please see Sonja de Jong.

