



Summer
is on
the way

Welcome

The little hints of summer are evident, we've had beautifully warm days now and then, but the wind is still keeping the temperatures down. Summer uniform is in and hats are needed EVERYDAY please.



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COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

As we have moved through Term 3 we have had quite a few notable moments—the possibility of our Centre going to Private Tender and the subsequent overwhelmingly pro-active intervention by our Management Committee and the extremely positive response to the OOSC Survey by parents produced a welcome outcome, with Mrs Wilson advising us in August that she will recommend that the Dept. of Education Asset Management team prepare a new long-term lease for the Centre.

In September our NQF Assessment by ACECQA, a division of the Dept. of Education & Care, was carried out on site over several days. It will be quite some weeks before we receive the report.

We sadly had to say Goodbye to Karen Foster, our dynamic secretary and her lovely children—Good Luck in Singapore to Karen and Sonny and their children Maiya & Flynn, and thank you for the fantastic input and influence you have had on our Centre.

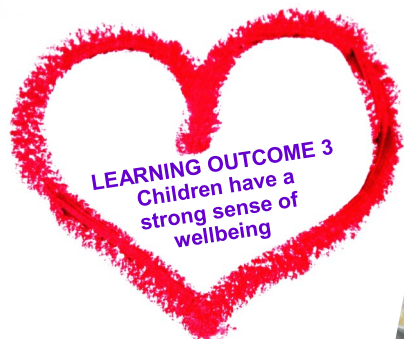
Big thanks and a warm welcome to our new secretary Carolyn Mead.

Our increase in places cleared our waiting list completely and we had casual places available whenever needed. In September we began accepting registrations for 2017, with a release for current families and siblings initially, followed a week later with enrolments from families new to the school. The system worked well, and I can report that all requests by current families and new siblings have been met. We have a small amount of sessions on wait-list for new families but as we move through Term 4 and parent's commitments settle we should free up more sessions.

LOST PROPERTY

The rainy days have brought a new range of lost property—please check the basket.

We would like you to remind your children not to bring toys from home, or if toys are brought for 'news' they must stay in schoolbags



LEARNING OUTCOME 3
Children have a
strong sense of
wellbeing



Cont: COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Unfortunately we have had several incidents of unacceptable behaviour between children.

We encourage you read our **Code of Conduct** and discuss it with your children. A copy can be found in your FAMILY HANDBOOK, or on our website.

We would like to introduce a new staff member – Zoe Taggart Kirbyshire. Once again, Zoe was a WPPS pupil, so it is lovely to welcome her back to the school.



Save the Date

Christmas Party, Disco &
Committee Election

Friday 2nd December

6-8pm



A WORD FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL LEADER

The multi-cultural day at WPPS in July brought some fabulous costumes to the Centre.

We've painted indoors and out, we've seen phenomenal play dough creations, we've baked cookies, cakes and scones. We've woven abstract designs.

We have also focused quite strongly on recycling this term and have emphasised the importance of re-using many items

- * Paper is recycled, we use both sides where possible, waste paper goes to our recycling tubs
- * Craft items are very often on their "second use", i.e. milk bottle tops make great wheels
- * Fruit and vegetable offcuts go to our compost bin.



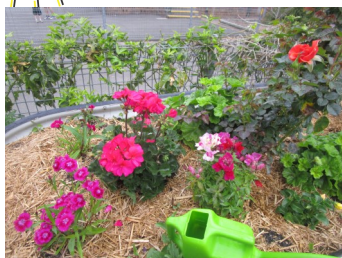
Fathers' Day inspired some innovative craft ideas and we're sure that Dad's were thrilled with their plant gifts.

We had an Indian Theme Week with a beautiful display, many of the items were loaned to us by families and the children continued the theme by creating a hand art project following the Mehndi henna style. We finished off our week with Rice & a lentil dish prepared by Advait's mum—so big thanks are due to Usha.

The kindy children have been very interested in block play outdoors and some very architectural sound designs have been seen.

The Centre staff enjoyed the glimpses of WPPS's Spring Showcase and we continued the focus by creating a Spring Garden in craft and by planting many new plants in our outdoor garden.

Last week we had a Games Day on the Oval and the excitement of taking our popcorn machine down to the barbeque added to the over-





Once again we have changed the afternoon tea routine, we still have two groups -

- Kindy has roll call, drinks and tea in the kitchen
- Stage 1,2 & 3 meet at the hall cola straight after school

This has speeded up roll call time, it is a more effective and safer system and allows us to identify absences more quickly.



KINDY ROUTINES

Throughout the term, the kindys have come to directly to OOSC in the afternoons, we supervise arrivals and supply the class teachers with daily attendance lists.

On days that your child attends After School Care please remind them to come straight to the Centre when the school bell rings.

In the morning, the kindys continue to put their bags in their classes at 8.15, meet for group time at 9.00 and then walk to class when the bell rings.



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 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.

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



We will hold our next committee meeting on
Monday 17th October
at 7 p.m.

UPDATES ON DROP-OFF, COLLECTION & NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Mornings

Children are no longer required to sign the roll call sheets. Parents must sign and add an arrival time. Staff perform a mid session roll call, and sign the children out to school.

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. For extra-curricular activities we sign each child out to and check return to OOSC. Staff perform a mid session roll call. Parents must sign out and add a departure time. Please discuss this with 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 have mentioned absences in every newsletter but are 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.

Staff are spending a huge amount of time calling parents, leaving messages and waiting for a call back. From Term 4 we will charge a fine of \$10 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.**

In addition, during Term 3 we had an unplanned and unauthorised 'playdate' when a kindergarten child went home with a friend and no notification was made to the Centre or parents. The child was safe but there was a period of concern and resulted in a REPORT OF SERIOUS INCIDENT being filed with the Dept. of Education and Care. Please ensure that your child knows that on OOSC days they MUST come to the Centre.

ACCOUNTS

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

ANNUAL FAMILY REGISTRATIONS for 2017 will be billed in TERM 1

Please see Sonja de Jong if you have any concerns or need to create a payment plan.

OFFICE TIME & ENQUIRIES

We are generally happy to see you when you bring in and are collecting your child but at times we may be busy with other duties, so for a quick chat we can usually help you but for any issues that require a longer discussion please call and make an appointment.

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

Please avoid coming in the 10 minutes before school when we are busy with kindy group time as it is very distracting for the children and just after the end of school bell we are focused on afternoon tea and getting the children signed in.