



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

A warm welcome to our new treasurer, Steph Parker, thank for stepping up to take on this very important role.

At the end of August we began accepting registrations for 2019, with a release for current families and siblings initially, we followed this a week later on 7 September with enrolments from families new to the school. We are now busy allocating all requests and will send out confirmations on 15 November. We still have sessions on wait-list but we have applied for an increase in places and as we move through Term 4 we will hopefully receive our go ahead from the Department of Education. It is quite a process and we'll let all our families know as soon as the authorisation is received.

On the gardening front, our roses are looking beautiful with the help of much needed rain, the chickens are receiving lots of attention and tasty veg treats from our garden and we plan to start a worm farm in early 2019.

We are looking forward to a delivery of new sports equipment arriving, and are waiting for cricket to replace soccer in popularity.

During Term 4 we will mail out a Parent Survey and we ask that EVERYONE complete the survey.

All the best

Sonja

### LOST PROPERTY

The rainy days have brought a new range of lost property—please check the school lost property baskets if you are missing anything.

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



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date

Friday 30 November

6-8pm

## A WORD FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Our space theme has continued to be very popular, we've even had a Mars Rover created from cardboard boxes!

We've painted indoors and out, we've baked cookies, cakes and scones. We've woven abstract designs and added to a fabric collage

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", ie. milk bottle tops make great wheels
- \* Fruit and vegetable offcuts go to our compost bin, with small treats to the chickens



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

Several of the older girls have been very occupied in designing fashion outfits for our dolls.

We have made small, important and progressive steps into learning more about the early culture of our land with craft and a fantastic incursion from Greg Taylor of Earth Story.

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.

In Term 4 we will support the children as they develop more games, no doubt we'll be seeing more of the very popular scavenger hunt games. We'll create some art projects with plaster of Paris and we'll launch a new collection drive for Tingah, the rural community in rural NSW.

*Best Wishes  
Jacqui*



### UPDATING DETAILS

As you are all too well aware the change over to CCS has been a difficult journey, and we're not there yet! Many of the details entered to our software did not transfer to the new system during the transition.

We're sure that you will appreciate that the data entry to correct all our families at the same time will be an enormous undertaking.

During term 4 we will send all families login details to Hubworks and ask you to check and update where needed.

*Details will follow by email.*





#### AFTERNOON TEA ROUTINE,

- Kindy has roll call, drinks and tea in the craft room
- Yrs 2 –6 meet at the hall cola straight after school
- Yr 1 still has tea in the kitchen but over Term 4 we will have the children join the large group in the hall cola



## KINDY ROUTINES

Throughout the term ,the kindys have come directly to OOSC in the afternoons, we supervise arrivals .

In the mornings kindys now go directly to school with staff keeping a discreet watch from the verandah

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

Please also send in old birthday and Christmas cards

We use small recycled items for craft such as lids from soft drink and milk bottles , ribbons, cardboard tubes (no toilet paper) 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 **Wednesday 7th November at 7 p.m.**

## UPDATES ON DROP-OFF, COLLECTION & NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

### Mornings

Parents must sign the roll call sheets and add an arrival time. Staff perform a mid session roll call, and sign the children out to school or in and out to activities. WE CANNOT SIGN CHILDREN INTO OOSC IF THEY ARE GOING TO GO DIRECTLY TO CLASS OR STAY WITH A PARENT, THEY MUST REMAIN AT THE CENTRE OR BE MARKED ABSENT.

### 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 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.—no exceptions can be made.

### 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 spend too much time searching the school, calling parents, leaving messages and waiting for a call back, at times we have even had the entire WPOOSC and WPPS staff out searching. We 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.**

Please ensure that your child knows that on OOSC days they MUST come directly 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 and that you have properly registered for CCS 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**

THE ANNUAL FAMILY REGISTRATION FEE OF \$40 for 2019 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.