

TERM 2, 2019

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



TERM 2

hot?
cold?
windy?
wet?

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 had some changes to our fantastic parent committee. Jacqui Clark has stepped into a permanent role as president after 2 terms as acting president when Tien and her family moved to Abu Dhabi. David Malory offered to fill the vice-president role and Steph Parker will remain as treasurer. We had to say a sad goodbye to Janelle Cowan after many years of excellent service as secretary. Nicole Mason will take on the secretary role. Thank you to all our volunteers.

We are busy revising some of our policies and anticipate that within the next few weeks we will post them for review by our families.

Our routine for the year is well established and our Kindy children are now very confident and involved. We continue to operate a much smaller wait-list for Monday to Thursday afternoons, but we now we have space all mornings and Friday afternoons. As families change their requirements we offer sessions to the next family on the wait-list but unfortunately if we do not have a space available we cannot confirm a place. We are STILL in the process of expanding our place allocation but it is a very slow process.

This time last year we moved over to the New Child Care Subsidy (CCS). This process is ongoing and we have reached the first 'year end balancing' of the system. Please contact us right away if you notice discrepancies on your account or you continue to struggle with your registration on *mygov*.

We're looking forward to an enjoyable Term 3 and the return of some warmer weather

— **Sonja de Jong**

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
Tuesday 2 July

Our next meeting is
scheduled for 7pm
on Tuesday 13th
August

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

Nature Diary

We have:

- * Used our vegs for afternoon tea and treats for the chickens
- * Making sure we water the trees we planted with Greg
- * Paying attention to our composting

EDUCATIONAL LEADER'S REPORT

Hello

Just a quick message about of plans for Term 3. I've included a more detailed breakdown in the Educational Leader Update but we will be working together with the children on our Reconciliation Action Plan.

I'll be sending out a full report on activities in Term 2 and as a separate newsletter

*Thank You
Jacqui*

NEW ROUTINES

It was a stroke of luck that we moved our afternoon tea a little later as the next week WPPS advised us that they were switching lunch and recess around.

Our reason was the children want to run and play as soon as they arrive from school and not sit and wait for tea. The new timing has worked well and the independence of self service seems to be working nicely.

Kindies now travel to and from WPOOSC independently

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



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, tubes (no toilet paper) and recycled paper is always needed. Birthday, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and tags are very popular as well and if your office has any non-confidential paper for recycling please bring it in. We'd also like old jewellery to take apart for beading

We'll confirm Dates for our Christmas Party later in the term



DROP-OFF, COLLECTION & NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Mornings

Many thanks for noting our start time of 7.30 and giving staff time to prepare rooms before entering in the morning. Remember—if your child is going to any activity, such as band, make sure they are sighted by a staff member who will then countersign the register. If your child is **NOT** attending OOSC but going straight to class you **may not** sign them in on our register., they must be marked as absent.

Do keep in mind that after 42 absences in the Financial Year, Centrelink may adjust your rebate.

Afternoon

All children must come directly to OOSC when the school bell has rung, please discuss this with your child. We countersign 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.

A reminder—if a brother or sister under 18 yrs. is collecting your child we require a letter to hold in our files. Any person collecting from WPOOSC who is unknown to our staff will require photo I.D. and written or email notification from a parent. Please explain this to family and friends as we have had some unpleasant situations to deal with.

Absence

Unfortunately we repeat this point in every newsletter, but we are still having far too many unexplained absences. Please notify our office if your child will be absent. Staff are spending a huge amount of time calling parents. We will place a fine of \$10 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.**

If your child is ill PLEASE keep them at home. It's too easy to spread germs.

Please remember that a full clear 24 hours is required after any vomiting or diarrhoea before returning to school.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

We have received information from The Dept. of Human Services about the year-end balancing process for CCS rebates.

You are encouraged to visit www.humanservices.gov.au/balancing. There is more information on the Centrelink website to help families understand the balancing process.

What you need to do



Sign into your Centrelink online account through **myGov**



Please check—you may have a notification in your inbox, there may be a letter advising you of a positive or negative rebate after tax returns have been compiled.



Work through the steps to **provide required information**. Please don't ignore the letter—you only have 28 days.

ACCOUNTS

- All accounts are sent at the end of Week 2 of each term.
- Payment is due in full by Week 4.
- Term 3 accounts will be emailed by **Monday 5th August** with payment due by **Monday 16th August**.
- Emails come from our billing system **HUBWORKS**.
- If you have not received your emailed account please check your junk mail folder or come and see us, **please don't leave it until the account is overdue**.
- You can also log into your HUBWORKS account via the Parent Portal and see your balance at any point

And the big one!

Enrolment forms for 2020 are available on the front desk.

We will accept completed forms from
existing families and siblings on Friday 30 August

We will accept forms from
new families on Friday 6 September

NO SOONER PLEASE

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.

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 also just after the end of school bell we are focused on getting the children signed in and serving afternoon tea.