



Well done to our new Kindergarten Students - all settled into 'Big School'!



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Welcome

We've reached the end of our first busy term for this year and what a strange term it has been.

We've gone from increasing our places to 100 in the afternoons and clearing our wait-lists to ending off the term with 5 or 6 children at WPOOSC.

Hopefully as we head into Term 2 the whole world is on a better outlook.

Allergies & Asthma

Remember to update and inform us of changes in your child's medical



COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We began our term with the tragedies of the bush fires, then the damage from the storms, now we end our term off with the whole world struggling with a major emergency in the Covid-19 Pandemic. We can only follow the advice of our health departments and experts and keep moving forward.

At WPOOSC we have followed the rules of moving as many staff to remote working as possible and keeping a small team in place everyday to look after children whose parents are working in essential roles.

Our AGM has been delayed and will be held early next term, perhaps as an online meeting.

On a more cheerful note, our new kindys settled in beautifully to their new life at school. The older children were very helpful with them. With the help of my keen gardening team I am currently freshening up the flower beds.

Kind Regards, Sonja

**LEARNING OUTCOME 4
CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT
AND INVOLVED LEARNERS**

A WORD FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Hello to our wonderful WPOOSC family

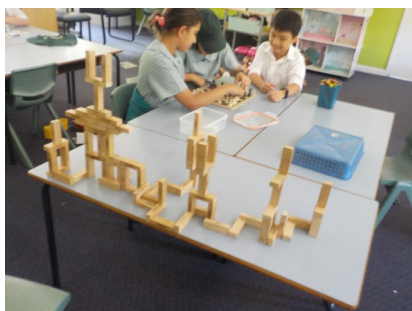
Welcome to all of our new families for 2020. It has been wonderful getting to know you. A lot has happened this term and we have shared in great projects and activities.

In the first couple of weeks with the Kindy children we saw friendships start to form. During Kindy group times we have played a range of group games as we got to know each other's names, stories, introduced the children to our Acknowledgment to country Song, the yr. 5/6 helped by creating a poster and spoke about some of the activities they would like to do. Colour experiments and space rockets were two very popular topics which we have started to explore. Together we made playdough to build rockets and created space pictures on black paper.

We hosted an experiment with milk, food colouring and dish-washing soap. We are very proud of the Kindy's this term and we look forward to returning safely to the centre to engage more experiments and see what other wonderful interests we will explore and learn about together. This term we continued our yr. 5/6 project which saw us create canvas art works, create birthday charts and learn to play backgammon. We look forward to continuing our cultural cafes once we are back to normal routine

Kind regards
Jacqui





**WISE
SPECIALIST
EMERGENCY**

WALK IN SPECIALIST EMERGENCY CLINIC

**Respiratory Clinic
Macquarie Park**

<https://www.health.gov.au/contacts/ryde-respiratory-clinic>

We've been made aware that the WISE Emergency Centre has opened a respiratory clinic. If you are experiencing a cough, runny nose, fever, sore throat or troubled breathing you will be seen in our Respiratory Clinic. This clinic is located separately to WISE with its own entrance via Khartoum Road.

The clinic is FREE as it is a partnership between the WISE Clinic team, Australian Department of Health and Northern Sydney Primary Health Network.



World Health Organization
Respiratory Infections Unit
East Asia Region

What should I do if shops are sold out of hand sanitizer?

That's okay. **Washing your hands using regular soap and water is also effective against COVID-19.** Remember to wash between your fingers, the backs of your hands and around your nails.



World Health Organization
Western Pacific Region

#COVID19

ATTENDING SCHOOL CARE

Payments for Term 2 accounts will be covered by the Child Care Relief Package at no additional cost to families

We are open, we will remain open. We will only close on the advice of the Dept of Health. All current places will be held at no cost to families. If you require additional sessions this can be arranged, please contact Shona for details.

Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package

From 6 April to 28 June 2020, you won't need to pay fees when you access child care. This will ensure care remains available to you if you need it. We are prioritising care for essential workers, vulnerable and disadvantaged children and previously enrolled children.

For this period, the Government will provide direct funding to services so we can remain open. Because of this, Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy won't be paid during this time. If you've recently submitted a claim for Additional Child Care Subsidy (Temporary Financial Hardship), and you are eligible, it will only be paid until 5 April 2020

What do you need to do?

If your enrolment is still current, there's nothing you need to do. Please keep attending as you need. If you've stopped your child's enrolment, you should contact us. Any families who are re-enrolling will need to confirm their new enrolment with Services Australia in their Centrelink online account through [myGov](https://my.gov.au).

Although you won't be getting Child Care Subsidy, you should make sure you stay eligible for Child Care Subsidy. This includes:

- continuing to care for your child at least 14% of the time
- meeting immunisation requirements
- telling Services Australia if you have a change in your circumstances.

On 29 June 2020, your Child Care Subsidy will start again as long as you stay eligible. There's nothing you'll need to do to start it again.

You should continue to update your family income estimate with Services Australia as necessary, especially if you get Family Tax Benefit. You can do that online in your Centrelink online account through [myGov](https://my.gov.au).

Where can you find more information?

To find out more, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au.



DROP-OFF & COLLECTION

Mornings

Please note that drop-off time in the morning is strictly from 7.30 am. Our insurance is NOT VALID before this time and staff only commence work at 7.30 a.m.

At times staff members may arrive a little earlier to prepare for the day – we have duties that can only be completed on arrival in the morning and it is very difficult if parents rush off before 7.30 a.m. and we are not ready to supervise.

Currently staff are doing all sign in/sign outs and we ask parents to wait on the veranda one at a time and observe the correct social distancing. We do understand it is difficult with the children but with adults we must be strict.

Afternoon

All children must come directly to OOSC when the school bell has rung. The children know the sign-in routine and are generally very good, once again we must emphasize the importance of notifying our office, either by email, phone or a phone message if your child will be absent. The fine is now 100% of the session's fee and will be applied if we have not received notification.

If you are having your child collected by someone else we must be notified in advance and they may have to show identification if they are not known to the staff members. Anyone under 18 yrs. may only sign a child out if you have supplied a letter for our files.

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 just after the end of school bell we are focused on getting the children signed in.