



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, Week 2



Weekly message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We have now established our classes and our new Kindergarten students have had their first days at "Big School". There has been a lot happening at our school already and there is much more already planned.

In news this week:

Class Formation

As you would have seen in my Skoolbag message yesterday, we have formed our 2021 classes after much deliberation. This year we have dropped a class from 21 to 20 classes. This is due to a drop in Kindergarten enrolments and also due to the Australian border closures as a response to COVID-19. This added extra challenges to establishing classes as it reduces our options in terms of class size as well as number. As I mentioned in my message yesterday, please be mindful of the enormous amount of work that has gone into placing students as we endeavour to provide the best and most appropriate option to support your child in their learning. I do understand that you rightly want to champion your child, but I have to champion around 515 children and place them appropriately while following Department of Education and Teachers' Federation guidelines particularly keeping in mind class sizes. The ultimate responsibility for every placement is mine, so please do not assume that teachers or Assistant Principals are responsible – they are working to my advice.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Points

I know that there has already been considerable discussion around our access points and times to arrive and depart from school. Our Church Street pick-up at 3.00pm is a huge challenge, as it has been for many years and a number of people have asked why we have reverted to mainly using this exit in 2021, given that we were utilising the Smith Street one in 2020. It is our intention to include Smith Street as a Drop-Off / Pick-Up point but imminent council changes to Smith Street's operation mean that I have had to delay that process.

My main focus around the afternoon pick-up has always been around student safety, ensuring that we provide a safe transition for students from school to parents' care. While the Smith Street exit is a viable adjunct to our pick-up process, in a few weeks, it will become a one way street (heading East) with a cycleway on the school side of the road. There will also be parking on the school side of the road with the cycleway between cars and the footpath. The implementation of these changes will have a dramatic impact on our student access as parents will no longer be able to drive West along Smith Street and turn South into Church Street. Any Smith Street pick-up will mean students cross the cycleway or the road to access parents' cars. It will be challenging and will mean that we have to learn a whole new way of managing student access. I am reluctant to start a process around Smith Street only to have it change in a couple of weeks' time when the cycleway is introduced.

I met with Council representatives yesterday to discuss our concerns and to share the challenges that our school community face each day in managing the transition of students to and from school each day. They are very sympathetic to our cause and will be consulting with us as the cycleway develops as they recognise the need to keep children safe. Council could not give me a specific date but did say that the road changes would occur over the end of February-beginning of March period.

In the meantime, I would urge you to try to use alternate strategies for picking up your child by car – if you could park and walk to school it limits the traffic congestion. It may be possible to arrange a pedestrian pick up at an alternate Church Street gate to facilitate social distancing and allow teachers and parents more room to assist a quick pick-up. Usually the rush is over by 3.15pm so please be patient as no time saved is as important as a child's life.

COVID Restrictions around school access.

Currently our Department guidelines are still limiting parental access to school sites. There were special dispensations around Kindergarten and Opportunity Class enrolment days but generally access is limited to specific appointments made through the school office and you must scan in for each visit. Access to the School Uniform Shop is permitted but remember to observe social distancing rules and be sure to check in using the apps provided. The Uniform Shop is open on Monday 8:00am-8:30am, Wednesday 2:45pm-3:15pm and Friday 8:00am-8:30am.

Roofing Program Completed

After almost 4 years I am thrilled to report that all building/refurbishment work has finally been completed and this morning the last of the safety fences were removed. This means that access to all our various areas will finally return to normal and once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, we will actually be able to showcase the many changes and improvements that have occurred in that time.

Moving to Cashless School Transactions

Most of you are already paying any subscriptions or other accounts online through the option on our website. As part of our COVID response we are no longer accepting cash. If you could ensure that any payments that you make are either online or via eftpos at our school office that would be appreciated. Please let our office staff know if this causes a problem for you so that we can seek a solution.

New Members of Staff

This year we welcome a number of new members of staff to the school team.

In the teaching staff, we welcome Alicia Wira who is relieving Assistant Principal in Stage 3, Tabitha Waples who is also in Stage 3, Harry Jones who is in Stage 1, Alicia Craig who is in Early Stage 1 as is Rebecca Hammond.

In the administrative team we welcome Hayley Glover and Paula Lewis who will both be working on Thursdays and Fridays. We wish them a very warm welcome to our school community.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday we had our very successful Swimming Carnival held in ideal conditions. Of course the COVID restrictions meant that we had to restrict the number of adults attending. Our thanks go to Mrs Quinn who organised a very smoothly run program!

Kind regards
Harold Cosier

~ February 2021~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 District Swimming Carnival	19	20
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اولياء الامور الأعزاء،

مرحبًا بكم في رسالتنا الإخبارية الأولى لهذا العام. لقد أنشأنا الآن فصولنا لهذا العام ، وكان طلاب روضة الأطفال الجدد لدينا أيامهم الأولى في "المدرسة الكبيرة". لقد حدث الكثير في مدرستنا بالفعل ، وهناك الكثير مخطط له بالفعل.

في أخبار هذا الأسبوع:

تكوين الطبقة

كما كنت ستري في رسالتي إلى Skoolbag أمس ، قمنا بتشكيل فصول 2021 بعد الكثير من المداولات. هذا العام قمنا بإلغاء الفصل من 21 إلى 20 فصلاً. ويرجع ذلك إلى انخفاض معدلات الالتحاق برياض الأطفال وأيضًا بسبب إغلاق الحدود الأسترالية استجابةً لـ COVID-19. أضف هذا تحديات إضافية لإنشاء الفصول الدراسية لأنه يقلل من خياراتنا من حيث حجم الفصل وكذلك العدد. كما ذكرت في رسالتي أمس ، يرجى الانتباه إلى الكم الهائل من العمل الذي بذل في وضع الطلاب بينما نسعى لتوفير الخيار الأفضل والأنسب لدعم طفلك في تعلمه. أفهم أنك تريد حقًا الدفاع عن طفلك ، ولكن يجب أن أدافع عن حوالي 515 طفلًا وأن أضعهم بشكل مناسب أثناء اتباع إرشادات وزارة التعليم واتحاد المعلمين مع مراعاة أحجام الفصول بشكل خاص. تقع المسؤولية النهائية عن كل موضع على عاتقي ، لذا يُرجى عدم افتراض أن المعلمين أو المديرين المساعدين مسؤولون - فهم يعملون وفقًا لنصيحتي.

نقاط الإنزال والالتقاط

أعلم أنه كان هناك بالفعل نقاش كبير حول نقاط الوصول الخاصة بنا وأوقات الوصول والمغادرة من المدرسة. يمثل النقل في شارع Church Street في الساعة 3:00 مساءً تحديًا كبيرًا ، كما كان لسنوات عديدة ، وقد تساءل عدد من الأشخاص عن سبب عودتنا إلى استخدام هذا المخرج بشكل أساسي في عام 2021 ، نظرًا لأننا كنا نستخدم Smith Street في عام 2020. نعتمد تضمين شارع سميث كنقطة إنزال / التقاط ، لكن التغييرات الوشيكية في المجلس على تشغيل سميث ستريت تعني أنه كان عليّ تأخير هذه العملية.

كان تركيزي الأساسي في فترة ما بعد الظهر دائمًا ينصب على سلامة الطلاب ، مما يضمن توفير انتقال آمن للطلاب من المدرسة إلى رعاية أولياء الأمور. على الرغم من أن مخرج Smith Street يعد ملحقًا قابلاً للتطبيق لعملية الاستلام الخاصة بنا ، إلا أنه في غضون أسابيع قليلة ، سيصبح شارعًا باتجاه واحد (يتجه شرقًا) مع وجود مسار للدراجات على جانب المدرسة من الطريق. سيكون هناك أيضًا موقف للسيارات على جانب المدرسة من الطريق مع وجود طريق للدراجات بين السيارات وممر المشاة. سيكون لتنفيذ هذه التغييرات تأثير كبير على وصول طلابنا ، حيث لن يتمكن الآباء بعد الآن من القيادة غربًا على طول شارع سميث وتحويل الجنوب إلى شارع تشيرش. ستعني أي سيارة للالتقاط من Smith Street أن الطلاب يعبرون المسار أو الطريق للوصول إلى سيارات الوالدين. سيكون الأمر صعبًا ، وسيعني أنه يتعين علينا تعلم طريقة جديدة تمامًا لإدارة وصول الطلاب. أنا متردد في بدء عملية حول Smith Street ، فقط لتغييرها في غضون أسبوعين عندما يتم إدخال المسار.

التقيت بتمثلي المجلس أمس لمناقشة مخاوفنا ومشاركة التحديات التي يواجهها مجتمع مدرستنا كل يوم في إدارة انتقال الطلاب من المدرسة وإليها كل يوم. إنهم متعاطفون جدًا مع قضيتنا وسيشاورون معنا أثناء تطور مسار الدراجات ، حيث إنهم يدركون الحاجة إلى الحفاظ على سلامة الأطفال. لم يستطع المجلس إعطائي تاريخًا محددًا لكنه قال إن تغييرات الطريق ستحدث في نهاية فبراير - بداية مارس.

في غضون ذلك ، أود أن أحثك على محاولة استخدام استراتيجيات بديلة لاصطحاب طفلك بالسيارة - إذا كان بإمكانك الوقوف والمشي إلى المدرسة ، فهذا يحد من الازدحام المروري. قد يكون من الممكن ترتيب اصطحاب المشاة عند بوابة شارع تشيرش بديلة لتسهيل التباعد الاجتماعي ، وإتاحة مساحة أكبر للمعلمين وأولياء الأمور للمساعدة في النقل السريع. عادة ، ينتهي الاندفاع بمقدار 3.15 ، لذا يرجى التحلي بالصبر لأنه لا يوجد وقت يتم توفيره بنفس أهمية حياة الطفل.

قيود COVID حول الوصول إلى المدرسة.

في الوقت الحالي ، لا تزال إرشادات القسم لدينا تحد من وصول الوالدين إلى مواقع المدارس. كانت هناك إعفاءات خاصة حول أيام التسجيل في رياض الأطفال والفصول الدراسية ، ولكن بشكل عام يقتصر الوصول على المواعيد المحددة التي يتم إجراؤها من خلال مكتب المدرسة ويجب عليك إجراء مسح ضوئي لكل زيارة. يُسمح بالدخول إلى متجر الزي المدرسي ، ولكن تذكر مراعاة قواعد التباعد الاجتماعي ، وتأكد من تسجيل الوصول باستخدام التطبيقات المتوفرة. متجر الزي الرسمي مفتوح يوم الاثنين 8-8.30 صباحًا ، والأربعاء 2.45-3.15 والجمعة 8-8.30.

اكتمل برنامج التسقيف

بعد ما يقرب من 4 سنوات يسعدني أن أبلغكم أن جميع أعمال البناء / التجديد قد اكتملت أخيرًا ، وهذا الصباح تمت إزالة آخر أسوار الأمان. هذا يعني أن الوصول إلى جميع مناطقنا المختلفة سيعود أخيرًا إلى طبيعته ، وبمجرد رفع قيود COVID-19 ، سنكون قادرين بالفعل على عرض العديد من التغييرات والتحسينات التي حدثت في ذلك الوقت.

الانتقال إلى المعاملات المدرسية غير النقدية

يدفع معظمكم بالفعل أي اشتراكات أو حسابات أخرى عبر الإنترنت من خلال الخيار الموجود على موقعنا. كجزء من استجابتنا لـ COVID ، لم نعد نقبل النقد ، لذلك إذا كان بإمكانك التأكد من أن أي مدفوعات تقوم بها إما عبر الإنترنت أو عبر eftpos في مكتب مدرستنا فسيكون ذلك موضع تقدير. يرجى إعلام موظفي مكتبتنا إذا كان هذا يسبب لك مشكلة حتى نتمكن من البحث عن حل.

أعضاء هيئة التدريس الجدد

نرحب هذا العام بعدد من أعضاء هيئة التدريس الجدد في فريق المدرسة. في هيئة التدريس ، نرحب بأليسيا وبرا التي هي مساعد المدير في المرحلة 3 ، تاييئا وابلز وهي أيضًا في المرحلة 3 ، هاري جونز في المرحلة الأولى، أليسيا كريج وهي في المرحلة الأولى المبكرة كما هي ريببكا هاموند ؛ نرحب في الفريق الإداري بـ هاييلي جلوفر و بولا لويس اللذين سيعملان أيام الخميس والجمعة. نتمنى لهم ترحيباً حاراً في مجتمع مدرستنا.

كرنفال السباحة

يوم الثلاثاء ، أقيم كرنفال السباحة الناجح للغاية في ظروف مثالية ، على الرغم من قيود COVID تعني بالطبع أنه كان علينا تقييد عدد البالغين الذين يحضرون. نتوجه بالشكر إلى السيدة كوين التي نظمت برنامجاً ساراً بسلاسة!

أخيراً ، استمتع بعطلة آمنة ، واستمتع بوقتك مع أحبائك

أطيب التحيات،

هارولد كوزير

Harold Cosier

Library

Library lessons have started for 2021. In order to protect library books, children must have a library bag to borrow. Library bags are available from the office for \$3.30, but any clean bag with your child's name on it is fine.

If your child has established a habit of borrowing but occasionally forgets their library bag I will loan them a bag to continue borrowing. Please return these loaned bags as soon as possible.

Our aim is to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure. You can help us achieve this aim by ensuring your child has a library bag on their library day and by taking an interest in the books they are borrowing and reading.

Class library days for 2021 are:

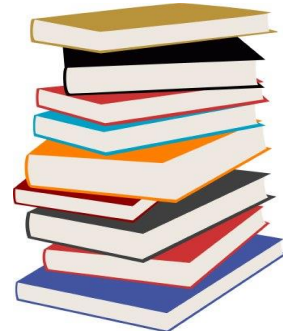
Monday: 6M, 3L, 1P, KH

Tuesday: 5G, 5L, 3/4PH, 2S, 5/6W

Wednesday: 5/6L, 3/4C, 1C, K/1C, 5/6T

Thursday: 2J, 3/4B, 1/2M, 1W

Friday: 4/5S, KW



Second-hand Uniform

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open in our Community Hub on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9:00am and Friday afternoons from 2:15pm – 2:45pm.

Instructional Leaders 2021

In 2021, Mrs Sargeson, Mrs Critoph and Mrs Neaves will be working as Instructional Leaders across the school. We will be working directly with teachers to build student and teacher capacity in literacy. We are responsible for collecting, analysing, tracking and monitoring student data in order to support quality teaching practices. We will be working with all students in classrooms each week. At Wollongong Public School, we acknowledge parents as valuable partners in a child's education and encourage all families to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.



Mrs Sargeson



Mrs Critoph



Mrs Neaves

On Staff Development Day we worked with teachers to build our collective understanding of what English will look like across Wollongong Public School in 2021. Throughout the year, we will be engaging with teachers on a weekly basis and provide professional learning each week to support literacy K-6.

What is underpinning our literacy pedagogy and practice in 2021?

- English Syllabus
- Literacy Progressions
- What Works Best: 2020 update
- Science of Reading (40 years of interdisciplinary research into reading)
- Cognitive Load Theory
- The Writing Revolution
- Explicit, direct instruction
- Visible Learning
- Spiral of Inquiry
- 4Cs Transformational Learning
- Planning & Assessing with the EAL/D Learner in Mind
- Seven Steps to Writing Success
- English Textual Concepts and Learning Processes

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For assistance email registrar@conosoccer.org.au

\$200 per player (\$100 with Active Kids Voucher)
\$40 late fee payable after 7TH FEBRUARY

LIBRARY AFTER HOURS



WHERE

Corrimal Library
15 Short Street

WHEN

5:30pm-7:30pm

Thursday 18 February

Thursday 15 April

Thursday 17 June

Thursday 19 August

Thursday 21 October

Thursday 16 December

WHERE

Wollongong Library
41 Burelli Street

WHEN

6:15pm – 8:15pm

Friday 19 March

Friday 21 May

Friday 16 July

Friday 17 September

Friday 19 November

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Book online via our website or
Eventbrite

For more information please call:

Corrimal Library - (02) 4227 8179
Wollongong Library - (02) 4227 7414

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You can participate in as many or as few activities as you like, or just visit the library.



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Your library your place

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform shop opening hours are changing as of next week (Feb 8th).

Mondays 8:00am – 8:30am

Wednesdays 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Fridays 8:00am – 8:30am

Uniform orders can be placed online and collected during these times or you are welcome to come into the shop and purchase in person.

The best contact for the uniform shop is pc.wps.uniforms@outlook.com

The online shop site is
<https://wollongongps.square.site>

WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE UNIFORM SHOP

[HTTPS://WOLLONGONGPS.SQUARE.SITE](https://wollongongps.square.site)

UNIFORM DESCRIPTIONS

POLO SHIRTS

Can be worn by all students year-round when matched with a navy bottom.
White polo shirts feature the embroidered crest on the left chest and navy-blue detailing to the collar and flank.

SPORT SHIRTS

Worn by students on their allocated sports day and to competitive inter-school sport.
Made from sweat-wicking athletic material.
Not compulsory for Kindergarten students.

NAVY BOTTOMS

Shorts, skorts (a skirt-short hybrid), trackpants.
You can purchase these from the uniform shop, but also feel free to shop around for a style and price-point that suits. **Trend alert:** the Stage 2 and Stage 3 girls are loving the soft, stretchy skorts available at stores such as Big W and Best & Less.

SCHOOL DRESS

Blue checked dress with peter pan collar and ribbon.
Worn year-round. In winter, can be worn with undershirt and leggings/stockings underneath.

Hot tip: the dress is more popular with younger students. Older students tend to choose polo shirts and navy bottoms.

Note: All students can opt to wear the polo shirt and navy bottom of their choice.

TRACKSUIT (JACKET AND PANTS)

Made from a parachute-type material to keep the Wollongong winds out. Jackets and pants are sold separately and can be mixed and matched with other navy bottoms and the dress.

JUMPER

Fleecy fabric for ultimate warmth without the hassle of zippers (might be better for the youngsters).

HOW MUCH DO I NEED? A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

It really depends on how often you do laundry. The shirts are white and soil easily. Dresses are blue, so if you have a dress-wearer, you can most likely get away with fewer sets of clothes.
Jumpers and jackets are not included in these estimates.

WASHING ONCE A WEEK

Polo x 4
Sport shirt x 1
Navy bottoms of choice
White socks x 5
Hat

WASHING DURING THE WEEK

Polo x 2-3
Sport shirt x1
Navy bottoms of choice
White socks x 5
Hat

DRESS WEARERS

Dresses x 1-2
Sport shirt x 1
Navy bottom for sport
White socks x 5
Hat



UNIFORM PRICE LIST

	Sizes Available*	Price
Polo shirt	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25
Sport shirt	6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25
School dress	5 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$47
Shorts	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$15
Trackpants	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25
Jacket	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$40
Jumper	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25
Hat	S/M M/L L/XL	\$15 also available at the office

*Comprehensive size guides are available on the website

Prices current as at Jan 2021

ORDERING

The Uniform Shop operates on parent power! Opening hours are limited and subject to change according to volunteer availability. If you would like to see the shop open more often, please consider volunteering.

ORDER ONLINE

Order online and pick-up during shop opening hours or leave us a note with your child's name to have it delivered to their class.

<https://wollongongps.square.site>



OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop is open DURING TERM ONLY

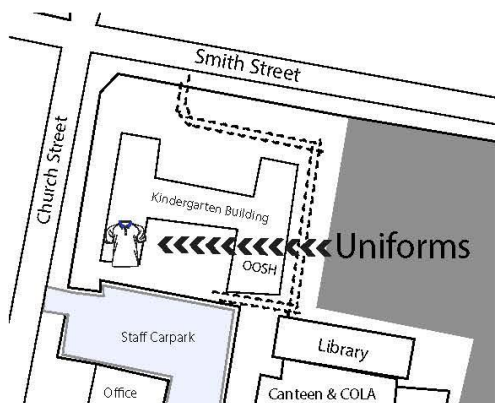
Please check facebook for current opening hours.

www.facebook.com/groups/wpsfamily

LOCATION

The Uniform Shop is located in the Kindergarten building on the north-west corner of the school campus.

Easiest access is via the Smith Street gate.



CONTACT US

EMAIL

pc.wps.uniforms@outlook.com

FACEBOOK

Join the conversation and meet the school community.

Wollongong Public School Family and Friends

www.facebook.com/groups/wpsfamily

WEBSITE

Shop online and find out more about the P&C

<https://wollongongps.square.site>



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Friday 5th February 2021

Selective High School Test Information Session

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Selective High School test day for entry in 2022 is on Thursday 11th March 2021 (Week 7).

We are holding our usual information session, but due to social distancing regulations restricting us to 30 parents on site at a time has meant that we will be offering two sessions. Both sessions will offer the same information.

Information sessions are being offered at 3:30pm on Wednesday 10th February 2021 (Week 3) and Thursday 11th February 2021 (Week 3) school hall. Information specific to your application will need to be sought directly with the High Performance Unit, although we can provide many general answers.

6M parents are welcome to attend Wednesday 10th February 2021 (Week 3) in the hall at 3:30pm

5/6T, 5/6W, 5/6L parents are welcome to attend Thursday 11th February 2021 (Week 3) in the hall at 3:30pm

A Google Document, which may further support parents and students in relation to their preparation, is also available. Please provide your email address if you are interested in gaining access to this information. Alternatively you may email sarah.morley9@det.nsw.edu.au to request access.

Kind Regards,

Ms Sarah Morley
Year 6 Opportunity Classroom Teacher
Teacher
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Mrs Jenny Lewis
Year 5 Opportunity Classroom
JENNIFER.L.LEWIS@det.nsw.edu.au

Selective High School Test Information Session 2021

Child's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Class: _____

I will be attending the information session on Wednesday 10th February at 3:30pm YES/NO

I will be attending the information session on Thursday 11th February at 3:30pm YES/NO

Email Address: _____