



Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and are ready for a busy start back to the school year.

It was nice to see everyone back at school on Friday ready for an exciting year of learning.

This year our teaching staff includes:

Principal – Lisa Chambers (full time)

Classroom Teacher – Kylie Chalmers (full time)

Classroom Teacher to cover Principal relief TBC

This year our non-teaching staff includes:

Tamara Flight will be in the office working a five day fortnight, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday on even weeks and Monday, Thursday on odd weeks. On days when the office will be unattended please call during recess and lunch times if you need to contact the school. A portable school phone is located in the classroom if the office is unattended.

Geoff Till – GA (grounds person)

TBC (Student Learning Support Officer (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

School Chaplain – Neville Werner (Thursday and Friday)

This year we say a big welcome to Mason Elphick and Thomas Hamilton who have joined us in Kindergarten. We are very excited about having these new students join us at school this year. Welcome Mason and Thomas!

This year the combined Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at the Koondrook Pool this Friday 12th February. The carnival will be a great opportunity for our students to compete against other students and experience a swimming carnival. This year the carnival will be for students who are turning 8 years old or older in 2021 and can swim 50m. Please see attached permission notes. Please note transport to the Swimming Carnival will be by private vehicle.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school to discuss.

Have a great week!

Lisa Chambers

Principal

Upcoming Events

This week:

Monday 8th

- > *No Mrs Chalmers*
- > *Ted Morton SLSO – 9-1pm*

Tuesday 9th

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Wednesday 10th

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Thursday 11th

- > *Homework Due K/1/2*

Friday 12th

- > *Swimming Carnival*

Next Week:

Monday 15th

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Tuesday 16th

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Wednesday 17th

- > *Mobile Library*

Thursday 18th

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Friday 19th

- > *Homework Due K/1/2*
- > *Assembly 9am*

General consent forms need to be returned to school this week

School hats must be worn at school

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform each day for school. School uniforms are available to purchase from the school office.

All students are also required to have a school hat to wear during recess, lunch and outside lessons. We are currently waiting on an order of school hats.

Please contact the school if you require assistance with school uniforms.

Warm Weather

During the warm weather it is important that students wear sunscreen. Please encourage students to apply sunscreen prior to coming to school each morning during the warm weather. Sunscreen is also available for use at school.

Students are welcome to place their lunch box in the staff room fridge during warm weather to ensure their lunch is kept cool. Placing a water bottle in the freezer overnight is a good idea to ensure students have a cool drink at school. This also may help with making sure everyone is drinking enough water.

Home Reading

This year home reading will be a focus for all students. All students in K/1/2 have been given: (3/4/5/6 will get these later this week)

- A home reading bag
- A home reading record book

Students will be expected to read their home reader each night to an adult or older sibling. Their reading record book is then to be initialed or signed by the person that heard them read. Each day students are expected to bring their reader and record book back to school in their reader bag to read to the teacher and change books if needed.

If you would like to communicate with the teacher regarding reading this book may also be a useful tool.

Sight words have been introduced for some students.

Homework – K/1/2

This week all K/1/2 students will be given homework. This will involve a list of LSCWC words. These will be based on our Phonic Program and the Sound Waves Program for students in K-6. Students will have a list of words based on the phonics focus for the week. Spelling lists may be adjusted each week depending on words learnt and difficulty level for individual students.

On a Friday Mrs Chambers will have a spelling test with each student to assess which words the students have learnt throughout the week.

Students will also have a worksheet to complete as part of homework. It is expected that homework will be independently completed by students. Students are asked to bring their homework in during the week to ask the teacher for assistance if required.

Homework folders have been given to all students. It is expected that homework is returned in the folder each week on a Friday morning (Thursday this week due to the Swimming Carnival). Homework will be handed out on Mondays.

If there are concerns or issues with this, please contact the school to arrange a time to discuss with Mrs Chambers.

Emergency Contact Details

If your contact details or listed emergency contact details for your child have changed please make sure that you notify the school to have these updated as soon as possible. This includes student allergies, address and any other information the school may need to know.

School Routines

Over the next few week students will be settling back into school and routines. During class we will thoroughly review our school expectations and rules with all students. This is an important process to ensure these are very clear to all. I have attached a copy of our Behaviour Policy to this newsletter for your review.

DET Planned Works

During the school holidays works have continued on the installation of split system air conditioners and heaters in the brick classroom and the art room. Painters will be in the school at the end of the week to continue with this work.

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Permission notes are attached.

Library

Every second Wednesday the Mobile Library stops at the front of the school to allow students to visit the library. Students are able to borrow books from the Mobile Library if they choose to, provided they have completed the form and have a parent signature. Borrowing from the Mobile Library is the responsibility of students and families and is not part of the school library.

This year students will use the school library on Monday afternoons. These sessions will start today. Students will be given the opportunity to borrow books from the school library during these sessions if they choose to. It is expected that school library books will be returned each Monday afternoon. Students are asked to bring a library bag to school for borrowing books to ensure safe transport of books to and from school. Students may also use their reader bag if needed.

Attendance

Please see attached a reminder letter about student attendance at school. Please make sure that a note is provided to the school if your child is away from school.

