



Wallerawang Public School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We would like to welcome you to Wallerawang Public School. We hope your child finds their first year at school both exciting and rewarding. Outlined below is general information and requirements for the 2019 school year.

General Information

School Hours

- School begins at 9:10am and finishes at 3:00pm. Teachers begin duty at 8:40am. If your child comes to school before this time, they are required to sit on a seat in the playground until 8:40am.
- ❖ **Note**- *Kindergarten students 2019 will commence on Thursday 31st January. Pick up time will be 2:30pm until Friday 15th February. Kindergarten teachers will bring students into the quadrangle at 2:30pm for collection.*

Drop off and Pick up arrangements

- The staff car park is not to be used as a drop off pick up zone.
- The bus bay cannot be entered during the times stated.
- Drop off is designated to the area across from the school in the grounds of Lake Wallace. The crossing supervisor will meet the students and walk them across the road. Currently a staff member is meeting the students at the footpath to walk them across the bus bay in the morning.
- Please ensure for the safety of our students that you are school zone rules at all times.

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- Of an afternoon staff will bring students into the quadrangle where the options are: picked up by parents or family members (ensure they are on the contact list), designated bus lines, or walkers line (inside the COLA).

Newsletter

- The school newsletter is sent home every second Wednesday with the youngest child in each family. It is also available to view on our school website: <https://wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Facebook

- The school has a Facebook site. This has regular updates including school news, events and achievements. *Like us on Facebook.*

Assembly

- School assemblies are held every second Friday and parents are welcome to attend. A note will go home if your child is receiving an award.

Absences and communication

- It is important that your child attends school every day however there will be times when your child may be unable to attend e.g. illness, medical/dental appointments and family/personal circumstances. If your child is absent from school, could you please follow up with a note upon their return.
- If your child arrives late for school or you need to collect them during school hours please go through the front office.
- If you wish to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher please contact the school office. The staff will then speak to the staff member or send an email advising of your request. The teacher or office will then return a call confirming an appointment date and time. It is in

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our policy that the call be returned on the same day but this is not always possible depending on the teacher's professional commitments during the day.

Notes

- Money for excursions, meal deals, book club etc., should be clearly labelled and given to your child's class teacher. There is also an option to pay via POP so no money is exchanged – please ensure this payment method is indicated on the permission note.

Labelling

- Could you please ensure your child's clothing and equipment is clearly labelled. Our lost property box can be found in the COLA.

Scripture

- All classes participate in weekly Scripture lessons. Special Religious Education – *in every government school time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion.* At Wallerawang PS scripture is held of a Tuesday afternoon. You will need to identify your child's religion to participate in SRE.

Library

- Children will be required to bring along a library bag. Library bags are available from the school office and cost \$8.00 each. Kindergarten's library day will be advised when the new school year commences.



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News

- Each child will have a news day when they can either talk about or bring something in to show the class. This will begin in week 4. Children will be advised of this day.

Parent Helpers

- Throughout the year there will be times when the school will need helpers to assist with school events, for example, athletics carnival, cross country, fundraisers. Any help would be greatly appreciated and further information will be provided when needed.

Best Start

- Beginning week 2 of term 1 children will be completing the 'Best Start 2' assessment. Children will complete a variety of activities, which allows us to gather information about their literacy and numeracy skills. Further information will be provided at the beginning of 2019.

Crunch & Sip

- Crunch & Sip is a short, daily break during class time when children can eat a piece of fruit or vegetables and have a drink of water. Could you please ensure any food that is sent in is 'ready to eat' e.g. oranges cut into slices and suitably sized to ensure it can be eaten in a reasonable amount of time. This will commence from the first day of Kindergarten.

Nuts & Nut Products & eggs

- Just a reminder that we encourage nuts, nut products and eggs not be included as part of food brought to school in your child's recess or lunch. We have students with allergies to nuts, nut products and eggs and

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thank you in advance for adhering to this important school policy to keep all children safe.

Homework

- During Term 1, students will bring home a 'Sound & Sight Word' folder. This is a way of allowing children to practise the sounds and sight words taught. Folders will need to be returned each **Friday** so the following week's sounds and sight words can be added. Folders will then be returned to your child each **Monday**.

Home Reading

- The Kindergarten Home reading program will commence in term 1 in week 2. Books will be changed daily. More information will be provided about the reading program incorporating reading at home at the beginning of the school year.

Things your child will need

- In Kindergarten, children are supplied with equipment such as coloured pencils, lead pencils, scissors, erasers, sharpeners etc. It would be appreciated if you could supply your child with the following – **all clearly labelled:**
 - ***A paint shirt***
 - ***An A4 clear plastic folder with sleeves for sounds and sight words (term 1)***
 - ***A plastic envelope folder for home reading***



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- ***A library bag, as children will only be allowed to borrow from the library if they have a bag.***
- ***Two glue sticks, at the start of each term.***
- ***A large sheet of cardboard for an art folder is optional, but a preferred way of keeping work together.***
- ***A box of tissues and wet wipes for use in the classroom would be appreciated.***

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year please don't hesitate to call and make an appointment.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Brown (Rel. Assistant Principal), Kristin Reid and Donna Dogger
(Classroom Teachers)