

# Wyong Creek Public School

Wisdom in Learning - Freedom in Spirit

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## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021



### What's on:

- Home learning packs will be available from the front gate next Monday from 8.30am

### Return to school dates

**K-2:** 18/10

**5/6:** 25/10

**3/4:** 1/11

### Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4!

The countdown is on! Just a few more weeks of home learning and then we can finally have our staff and students back on site. While this is super exciting it is important that continue to follow COVID-safe practices and Public Health orders carefully to ensure everything goes according to plan.

Public Health Orders still require us to stay home unless it's absolutely necessary. Current level 4 restrictions means that parents/carers are still expected to keep their children at home unless they have no other choice, and we will continue to support learning from home.

From the 18th of October our school will enter Level 3+ restrictions. The return to school will be:

**18 October:** Kindergarten and 1/2 class return

**25 October:** 5/6 class return

**1 November:** 3/4 class return

During this time, it is really important that families keep the siblings of returned students at home. This is for everyone's safety as COVID numbers are still quite high and we have not yet reached the full vaccination rates amongst the staff to facilitate all students returning.

On the 1st of November we will be implementing guidelines to minimise the mixing of students across class cohorts. The guidelines that will impact on your family the most will be:

1. **Drop off to school time:** I have asked that teachers not mark absences on rolls until 9am. This will allow families to drop off their children anytime between 8:30am and 9am therefore reducing congestion and possible mixing of class cohorts.
2. **Pick up from school time:** Children in our Kindergarten class and our Stage 1 class along with their siblings will be picked up at 2:30pm. Children in our Stage 2 and 3 classes without younger siblings will be picked up at 2:45pm.

### **Works at the school**

As you can see there is major works going on at our school at the moment. These include an expansion of our carpark, a disabled access ramp to our classrooms and a modular disabled toilet and change facility.

There is going to be an inconvenience to you at drop off and pick up time until the end of this year so all I can do is ask for your patience and cooperation.

If you are coming to our school from the East (Wyong side) and returning East I recommend you use our bottom carpark for drop off and pick up. If you are coming from the west (valley side), please continue to use the front of our school.

If you are coming from the East and continuing to head west, then please carefully use the roadside opposite the school and walk your children across the road holding their hand as you do so.

### **Masks at school**

While masks are not mandatory at school the Department of Health has recommended that Primary students wear masks while indoors at school. The NSW DoE has provided us with child sized masks as spares which will be available for children if they choose. No pressure will be put on any child to wear a mask and we will ensure no one is made to feel judged by their choices. Please discuss this with your children.

### **WCPS 2021**

I am well underway with the planning of class structures for 2022. Please inform the school as soon as possible if you know you will not be returning to us next year or if you know of any possible new enrolments.

We are sad to say that Mrs Fleming-Lynch will be amongst those not returning to our school next year. Mrs Fleming-Lynch has been an important part of our school for five years now. I would like to personally thank Mrs Fleming-Lynch for all of the joy she has brought to our school wish her every success in her next adventure.

Also in sad news, Domenica Jackson has been our wonderful scripture teacher for the past 3 years and will also not be returning to our school. I would like to thank Domenica for her service and care and wish her the best for her future endeavours.

### **Upcoming events for Term 4**

Usually at the start of each term I put out a calendar of events. Unfortunately, as we don't know what restrictions will be in place throughout the term the best we can do is tell you what events need to happen and ask that you be flexible in how and when they are delivered.

- Year 5 Leadership speeches
- Year Six farewell
- Kindergarten transition- Friday 5th November 9am-11am  
Friday 12th November 9am-11am  
Friday 19th November 9am-11am  
Friday 26th November 9am-11am
- Presentation Day- 7th December
- Last Day for students 15th December

Kind regards,  
David Ireland  
Principal

### **P&C News**

Welcome to term 4, only another few weeks left of home-based schoolwork and the kids will be able to return to some form of normal school life. Once again, a big thank you to everybody that has helped their children participate in home-based learning.

During the school holidays we had some overdue works completed that the P&C has funded. This was to install some lights down on the MPC, which should be great. We also had a much-needed fan and blinds installed for the Canteen, which hopefully will be back up and running next year.

### Picture plates fundraiser

Please keep an eye out for our brand-new Christmas fundraiser that you will be receiving in your home packs next Monday. This is our only big fundraiser for the end of this year.

We are hoping we can raise some much-needed funds for our school P&C while you can purchase some great personalised Christmas gifts for friends and family. If anyone has any questions regarding this fundraiser once you have received your packs, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our next meeting will be **18th October at 7 pm** via zoom. A zoom link will be available closer to the date.

Stay safe,  
Reneé Perkins Lacy

# COVID-safe school operations

## Overview

## Guidance on mask wearing

### Level 1

School operating in a COVID-safe way

- Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test, required prior to returning to school
- Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on site
- QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors
- COVID-19 Safety Plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events)
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings

- Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines
- Community use in line with broader Health settings
- SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational
- Community Language Schools operational
- P&C on site
- Additional cleaning measures in place

- Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.

### Level 2

COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 1, and:
- Non-essential visitors not allowed on site (including parents and carers)
  - Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home
  - Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only

- Assemblies must have COVID-safe practices in place and no parents or carers are allowed
- Excursions within local government area (LGA) only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance

- While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

### Level 3

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed on site; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 2, and:
- Mask wearing requirements
  - Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible
  - Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted
  - School canteens can operate with conditions

- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)
- Uniform shops are online
- No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes)
- No Community Language School on site

- While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

### Level 3 plus

COVID-safe; face-to-face learning allowed for certain cohorts if vaccination rates achieved; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors

- As per Level 3, with following conditions:
- Return to school will be based on community settings such as adults fully vaccinated and levels of community transmission
  - Only vaccinated staff on site
  - Students in cohorts (including split classes) starting with staggered return of priority cohorts
  - Exams as per Health approved COVID-safe HSC guide

- Minimised interactions and contact within student cohorts
- Staff interactions limited with physical distancing
- Staggered access to school facilities and shared spaces such as libraries and canteens
- Drop-offs, pick-ups and break times staggered by cohort

- While on schools sites masks are mandatory indoors and outdoors for all staff and all students Year 7 and above. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students.

### Level 4

Learning from home encouraged; schools are open for families who need it

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away
- Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home

- Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, and:
  - No community use (except early childhood services)
  - No canteens

- While on school sites, both indoors and outdoors, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

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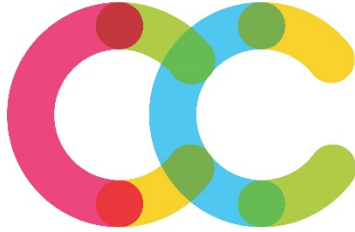
Minimal students and staff on site; learning from home encouraged; schools are open for families who need it

- Schools operate learning from home, with stricter guidance for students and staff on-site
- Schools are actively encouraged to further minimise students attendance with the support of increased community messaging
- Schools remain open with absolute minimum of staff – 2 staff are required on site for safety reasons, and only as many additional staff as required to maintain supervision and to meet immediate needs of the school. If a school requires more than 5 staff members to attend, they must consult with their Director, Educational Leadership

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Come and Try days at  
Lisarow High School  
Oval

16<sup>th</sup> October 2-4pm

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2-4pm

Are you looking for a Summer Sport???

Wingers Softball Club may be for you!

We also have other age groups so the whole family can play too!

- 3\4yrs to 9yrs – Teeball
- 9yrs to 12yrs – Modball
- 12yrs to 18yrs – Junior Softball
- 18yrs and older – Women's Seniors
- 18yrs and older – Men's Seniors

### Softball Pros



- Meeting new friends
- No prior knowledge needed
- Learning gross motor skills
- Developing social skills
- A game for all ages and abilities
- Along with having fun!!!
- We accept the active Kids Vouchers too!
- Season starts December 5

If you are interested or have any questions please send through your expressions of interests to:

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