

Wasleys Primary School *newsletter*



HARMONY DAY / BULLY NO WAY artwork

Important Dates

MAY

6th Mothers Day Stall

8th Bakery Drive Order Forms sent home

11th Governing Council Meeting

15th Newsletter home/ reminder for Bakery Drive

JUNE

4th Newsletter goes home

5th Pupil Free Day

8th Queens Birthday

10th Return Bakery Drive forms

25th Bakery Drive Order pick-up

26th Newsletter goes home

Assemblies

Assemblies have been postponed until further notice.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Welcome to our new-look newsletter. It was fabulous to see so many of our students returning to school today to begin Term 2. Children were certainly excited to see their friends and teachers and enjoy some fresh air.

This is a short newsletter to welcome you back and keep you informed and trial our new look. Another newsletter will go home at the end of week 3.



LEARNING AT HOME

Our teachers worked hard to convert their normal programs to be accessed remotely. Children learning at home are doing the same work as those at school so that when they return, we are all on the same page.

To those parents who have been supporting their children to learn at home, and to those who continue to do so, a huge THANK YOU! It isn't easy to be both parent and teacher and we appreciate our efforts.



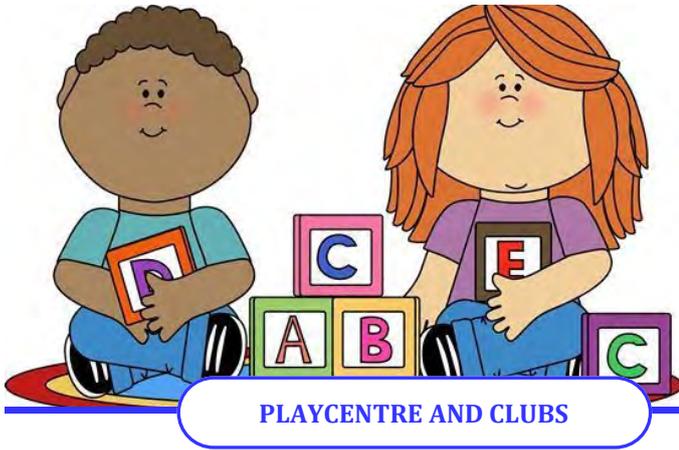
ATTENDANCE

As I have mentioned previously, there is an increase focus on attendance during the pandemic. We are required to report attendance at a central level daily. Please assist us by contacting the school if your child is absent. If you indicated that your child is learning from home, and they have not completed online tasks or made contact with their teacher, they will be marked as an unexplained absence.



PARENTS ON SITE

We have been directed that parents and carers are not permitted on school grounds at this time. Up to this point, we have been restricting parents from entering the classes and admin area. Unfortunately, this new advice means parents will need to drop their children at the front of the school and collect them from there also. Parents will not be able to enter via the back gate and walk their children to class. If this causes stress for your child, please contact us and a staff member will come out to meet you. If you have arranged to collect home learning packs, they will be left on the bench outside the activity room.



PLAYCENTRE AND CLUBS

We have been advised that we are NOT able to provide Playcentre until further notice. Clubs will not be running during the pandemic. If there are times when you are running late to collect your child / children, please contact the school and they will be supervised by staff.



ANZAC DAY

While we not able to meet in person, students made pictures that are displayed at the post office. A huge thank you to Callan and Shona, chairpersons of our SRC and GC who laid a wreath on our behalf of those of us who were unable to attend.



MOTHERS DAYS STALL

We understand that the Mothers Day stall offers children a chance to select a special gift for a loved one and we keen for this to still happen. To make it safe, all gifts have been pre-wrapped with cellophane and disinfected. All gifts will be priced in \$1 increments as no change can be given. Children will deposit their \$1 coins (or multiples of) in a collection jar for safe handling. The stall will operate during school time next Wednesday. A reminder will be sent home Tuesday.



COVID-19

This last few months have provided many challenges within and beyond our community as we confront coronavirus / COVID-19. The constant news stories surrounding this pandemic have caused concern and anxiety for many people. This page has been developed to provide you with resources and information to help support you and your families through this time and will be updated regularly. Through for school

WPS WEBSITE

We have had an extra tab put on our Schools Web page entitled COVID-19. We will keep it updated with any information that goes home from the department or the school regarding the pandemic. It also includes some handy links to sites offering support and advice during this time.



GOVERNING COUNCIL

We have a meeting scheduled for Monday of Week 3. New restrictions mean we will not be able to meet face-to-face. We are investigating how we can meet remotely via Zoom to ensure your voice is still represented at the school.



NEW FLAGS

Last term the SRC wrote to the local council asking for new flags for the school as our old ones were looking very tatty. Today we were able to fly them for the first time and I think we can all agree they look wonderful! SRC are still sourcing a new Torres Strait Island flag for the third pole.

Please stay safe and keep in touch.

Kind regards,

Ann-Marie