



# Woonona East Public School

Week 2, Term 1, 2019

## *From The Principal:*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and to Term 1 2019! An extra special welcome to our new families of both Kindergarten students and the number of new students we have in various grades throughout the school this year. I would like to thank each and every one of you who have already spotted me in the playground, office or a classroom and come and introduced yourself. I look forward to getting to meet you all throughout the year ahead. The greatest pleasure has been getting to meet all of the amazing students at Woonona East Public School, they have been testing me on their names and I endeavour to learn them as quickly as I can. I also look forward to getting into classrooms and seeing all of the brilliant learning experiences that they are engaging in.

### Kindergarten's First Day

On Friday, our new Kindergarten students had their first day of big school! It was brilliantly run by Mrs Bell and Ms Martin, with smiles all around in the Kindergarten classroom. This week, the Kindergarten students will be finishing ten minutes early, at 2:50pm, so that they can miss the busy school pick up time. From next week, they will be finishing at the regular time of 3:00pm.

### Classing

On Wednesday of last week, students returned to school, very excited to find out who their teacher and classmates were going to be in 2019. As our numbers comfortably meant we would be having eight classes this year, we were able to form new classes once all rolls were marked. Teachers have been sharing data and information on students but I do encourage you to touch base with your child's classroom teacher if there is something that you believe your child's teacher should be aware of. Like always, teachers don't mind a quick chat on the run but they are extremely busy and making a time to sit down and discuss anything important is highly recommended. Formal parent-teacher interviews will be held at the end of Term 1. These details are in the calendar on our school website.

### Important Dates in 2019

We all know schools are very busy places and there are many important events in a school year. As was the case last year, the school website will have a live calendar that is regularly kept up to date with all important school dates. This live calendar is also connected to our school app. If you have not downloaded the app, you can do so in the App Store on your device by typing in 'Woonona East Public School'. Our school Facebook page is also a great way of seeing what is coming up as we often use it to advertise upcoming events. There will also be a brief overview of important dates coming up in each fortnightly newsletter.



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## WEPS Welcome BBQ

Thanks to our very dedicated members of the P&C, we are having a WEPS Welcome BBQ on Thursday 14th February, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. We warmly encourage all families to attend as it's a great community event. Many teachers are attending so you will be able to have a chat with both teachers and parents/carers. Please make sure you RSVP for the event by Monday 11th February. A very big thank you to the P&C as these events don't just organise themselves and there was a lot of behind the scenes coordination going on, even in the holiday break. I look forward to seeing many new faces at the BBQ and meeting those of you who I haven't already met.

## P&C 2019

Our P&C have already been busily locking in dates and events for the 2019 calendar. It is an exciting year for the P&C as there are many new projects on the agenda for this year, including a new vegetable garden and air conditioning in classrooms, just to name a few. Such projects that were in progress last year and are ready to come to fruition this year. Our first P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7:00pm in the staff room. If you are interested in attending but would need child minding, please contact the school office as we are looking into providing a babysitter at the school, if it would be of benefit.

## Welcome Mrs Scott!

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Scott to the Woonona East PS team. Mrs Amy Scott comes to us from Keiraville Public School and is a 1/2 teacher this year. I know Mrs Scott is thoroughly enjoying getting to know all of the students at WEPS and is looking forward to the year ahead. We are very lucky to be adding yet another dedicated and passionate teacher to the team.

## Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Sessions will be held in the next few weeks. Details of each class' session will be distributed via a note from your child's teacher this week. I encourage all parents/carers to attend these sessions as there is very important information that is class/stage specific communicated in these sessions.

## Communication

The newsletter continues to be our primary source of communication with parents/carers and will be going out on a Monday of even weeks this year. Please ensure you read the newsletter each fortnight as you may miss important message/events if you aren't reading the newsletter. We also have the school app, Facebook page, school email list and school website for communication.



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## 2018 School Evaluation

To assist with planning for 2019 and beyond, we have put together a short school evaluation survey. It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete it by Friday 15th February. A note will go home tomorrow with a tear-off slip for you to return once it has been completed. Every returned slip will go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher to Bulli Beach Cafe. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter on Monday 18th February. Thank you in advance for taking the time to give us your valuable feedback. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/27LBM26>

## Individual Health Care Plans

Students will require an Individual Health Plan if they have been diagnosed with severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis or any condition that may require an emergency response or the administration of health care procedures. These plans must be updated each year or as conditions change. Please inform us as soon as possible if your child has any of these conditions that we may not be aware of or if their condition has changed.

## Sushi Day

As you would be aware, a note has gone home today about the WEPS Wellness Hub's Sushi Day. It will be on Wednesday 13th February. Please ensure that you have returned your child's order form and payment by Monday 11th February if you wish for them to have sushi on the day.

Have a wonderful fortnight, I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year.

Ms Emily Corcoran  
Principal

## What's Coming Up?

| <b>Week 2</b>  | <b>Week 3</b>  | <b>Week 4</b> | <b>Week 5</b>   | <b>Week 6</b>   |
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| <b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b><br>Wollongong High School of Performing Arts applications for 2020 available. | <b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b><br>WEPS Swimming Carnival 9am-12pm<br><b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b><br>AECG meeting at UOW – all welcome.<br><b>P&amp;C Meeting at 7pm in staff room.</b><br><b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b><br>Sushi Day<br><b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b><br>School Leadership Induction Assembly at 2pm in the hall.<br><b>WEPS Welcome BBQ. 5:30 – 7:00pm.</b> |               | <b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b><br>District Swimming Carnival | <b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b><br>Whole School Assembly at 2pm in the hall. |



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## *From The Environmental Team:*

### **Soft Plastics Recycling**

In 2019 the students and staff of WEPS are going to once again be recycling soft plastic. This program was introduced last year by the school Environmental Team and involves the collection of any soft plastics (any plastic that can be scrunched up into a ball) into a special bin with a blue lid. The school's soft plastic is then taken to a collection point and sent to a company in Victoria called 'Redcycle

### **About REDcycle**

RED Group, a Melbourne-based recycling organisation, has developed and implemented the REDcycle Program; a recovery initiative for soft plastic.

RED Group has teamed up with Coles and Woolworths to make it easy for you to keep your plastic bags and soft plastic packaging out of landfill.

The plastic is collected by REDcycle then sent to Replas who produce a range of great products using the recycled materials. Replas uses the material to produce a huge range of recycled-plastic products, from fitness circuits to sturdy outdoor furniture, to bollards, signage and more. All products are extremely robust, as well as water and termite resistant. They won't crack, splinter or rot and will never need painting. Replas products are perfect for use in schools, park, public spaces and commercial premises. Soft plastic is now also a component of a new municipal road infrastructure.

The REDcycle Program is a great model of manufacturers, retailers and consumers sharing responsibility in creating a sustainable future.

RED Group has collected enough pieces of soft post-consumer packaging to circle the world over three times. That's over 380 million pieces of plastic that'll never end up in landfill, on our beaches or in our waterways

Each week at WEPS we have one garbage bag of soft plastics that needs to be taken to a collection point at the local Woolworths or Coles. This is where we need your help. We are asking for parents to volunteer to go on a roster to be responsible for dropping one bag to the local Woolworths or Coles. Obviously the more parents we have the lighter the load for those on the roster. Last year parents averaged once a term. So if you would like to help our school and the environment please let either Mrs Bate or Mrs Bartlett know or leave your name and number at the office.

The Environmental Team has further environmental initiatives in mind for the school so will keep you posted.

The Environmental Team  
Mrs Bate & Mrs Bartlett





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## Woonona East Primary School Canteen Roster 2019- Term 1

| WEEK | DATE                  | MONDAY | TUESDAY<br>(9-2pm)   | WEDNESDAY<br>(9-2pm) | THURSDAY<br>(9-2pm) | FRIDAY (1-2pm) |
|------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1    | 28th Jan -1st Feb     | Closed | Closed               | Closed               | Closed              | Closed         |
| 2    | 4th Feb- 8th Feb      | Closed | Jackie R             | Kate R               | Corey C             | Nicole A       |
| 3    | 11th Feb- 15th Feb    | Closed | Michelle F & Leasa L | Jackie R (Sushi Day) | Christie M          | Naomi G        |
| 4    | 18th Feb-22nd Feb     | Closed | Olga H               | Carla W              |                     | Simone B       |
| 5    | 25th Feb-1st March    | Closed |                      | Jackie R             | Corey C             | Cassie B       |
| 6    | 4th March-8th March   | Closed |                      | Kate R               |                     | Ben L          |
| 7    | 11th March-15th March | Closed | Michelle F & Leasa L |                      |                     | Nicole A       |
| 8    | 18th March-22nd March | Closed |                      | Carla W              | Corey C             | Naomi G        |
| 9    | 25th March-29th March | Closed | Olga H               | Kate R               |                     | Simone B       |
| 10   | 1st April-5th April   | Closed | Jackie R             |                      | Christie M          | Ben L          |
| 11   | 8th April-12th April  | Closed |                      |                      | Corey C             | Cassie B       |



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WELCOME  
BBQ**

**Thursday 14th February  
5.30pm - 7.00pm**

**CATCH UP WITH SCHOOL STAFF &  
FAMILIES NEW AND OLD**

Please join the WEPS P&C for a BBQ to  
welcome in the 2019 school year.  
RSVP: wepsandc@gmail.com or the school  
office by Monday 11th February.