

WASSUP WOONONA

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TIM FISHER

Principal

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS K-6 WOOHOO!

What a buzz it was last week to see our Kindergarten and Year 1 students resume school. It was wonderful to see bright and excited eyes engaging with their teachers face-to-face, after such a long period of online learning. It is with great pride that I report that students returned settled, keen and ready to learn. Considering they had been away for so long, they returned beautifully, remembering all the key routines, expectations and class organisation, that they had not had since the end of Term 2.

The buzz that was felt last week turned into a roar yesterday, as our Year 2 to Year 6 students joined our youngest students on what was a huge day for students, their families and staff. It was wonderful seeing students reconnect with their friends and teachers and again with face-to-face learning.

Our school has been and will continue to be a hive of activity and excitement. So many opportunities are ahead of us as we strive to achieve so much between now and the end of the year, for all our students.

Whether it's as I stand at the gate welcoming all students in for the day, or as I walk around the school throughout the day, or when I look out across the playground during breaks, or as I farewell students as they depart for the day, one thing I know for sure is that everything feels right again.

Welcome Back Woonona!



STUDENTS SENT HOME DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS

If a student is unwell with even the mildest of symptoms (listed below), they cannot come to school. They need to have a COVID test and a negative result must be supplied to the school before returning (email a screen shot of the negative result to the school email address). Even if a negative result is gained the student cannot attend until they have no cold or flu like symptoms.

If students present at school with symptoms, they must be sent home, in accordance with guidelines set by NSW Health. Prior to a student returning, the family must provide the school with a negative result from a COVID test (email a screen shot of the negative result to the school email address). Even after having a negative result, the student can not attend school until they no longer have symptoms.

Please note that COVID symptoms that are now included have been updated. The list is below and will be the guide staff must use when decision making.

People with COVID-19 symptoms

Get tested immediately if you have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, including when symptoms are mild and even if you are vaccinated. You do not need more than one symptom to get tested. Do not wait for symptoms to get worse or change.

Common symptoms include:

- fever (37.5 C or higher) or history of fever (night sweats, chills)
- headache
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- fatigue

Other reported symptoms include loss of taste and/or smell, acute blocked nose (congestion), muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite, unexplained chest pain and conjunctivitis.

Last updated: 23 October 2021

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Do I need to get tested and self-isolate?

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, get tested at your [nearest convenient testing clinic](#) as soon as possible and self-isolate.

[People with COVID-19 symptoms - Fact sheets \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

This Friday, is World Teachers' Day, a day where we recognise the role that our teachers play each and every day in supporting students to learn and grow. I want to thank the staff at Woonona Public School for what they have done and will continue to do this year. It is with such respect and admiration that I see every day the dedication, commitment and passion that our staff brings to work. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful staff and I thank them all for what they do for our students and their families.

STAFF RETURN AND P&C APPRECIATION

I wanted to pass on a genuine thank you from our staff who were surprised by the generosity of our P&C who created a special acknowledge on their return – chocolates! While this was not expected, it was certainly appreciated and I thank everyone involved for the thoughtful gift.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022

Our Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are coming in steadily, with 68 students currently enrolled to begin school next year. If you know of anyone, living within the Woonona Public School catchment area, still wishing to enrol their child please encourage them to contact our school, or submit an online enrolment (available on our school website) as plans are already taking place for next year!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our first Kindergarten Parent Information session was completed last week. It was great to see so many parents Zoom in to hear about our school and to discuss the transition plan for our newest Woonona students. Next week, will be our first Zoom for Kindergarten 2022 students, which will be very exciting for students, parents and staff.

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SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2022

In order to have accurate numbers for next year, it is important to notify the school office if you know your child will not be returning to Woonona Public School next year (other than Year 6). This information helps us to plan for 2022.

Alternatively, if you know of friends or family members who intend to enrol their children in Woonona Public School in 2022, please ask them to contact the school office to fill in the necessary documentation.

GO ELLA!!

A big Woonona **Congratulations** to Ella S in Year 5/6M.

During online learning, Ella was given a challenge activity to enter the Little Big Idea competition run by Origin Energy. Her idea was chosen as one of 12 national finalists! Wow!! Ella's idea was a design called "The Settle Down Earpiece" - an earpiece that senses when someone is nervous or anxious and responds by playing soothing music or phrases that reassure the wearer. What an ingenious idea!



Once announced as a finalist, the next step was some mentoring from one of the judges and then Origin Energy engaged an illustrator to draw up a design board for the idea. Ella then put together a video presentation which she has submitted for further judging. She should learn if she is an overall competition winner in mid-November.

Congratulations Ella and well done - good luck with the final announcement.

P&C MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Our next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 10 November! I look forward to seeing many parents, via Zoom, for what will be our last official meeting of the 2021 school year. Details will be sent out prior to the meeting.

SELECTIVE SCHOOLS 2023 YEAR 7 ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Online applications for Year 7 Selective Schools – 2023 – have now opened. Parents whose children will be in Year 6 in 2022, who are interested in their child sitting the selective high school placement test, are required to complete this process by Friday 12 November 2021. Details were sent home via School Enews.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone! It is lovely to see all the happy smiling faces back at school. Library lessons and borrowing will begin again in Week 5 and I encourage all students to return any Library books they may still have at home to the Library this week and place in the returns tub. If you think you may have lost a book, please notify me in the library or if you are not sure

which books, you still have at home, let me know and I will be happy to print out a list.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Library in Weeks 6 & 7. Due to Covid-19 restrictions it will run the same way as last year with no parents onsite. We are holding the Book Fair over a 2-week time period and all viewing and purchases will occur in your child's usual library lessons.

More information, ordering forms and wish lists will be sent out in Week 6 and a digital copy of the book and price list will be sent home then as well.

The Great Book Swap

As part of the school's NAIDOC celebrations in Week 10, Term 2, Woonona Public School hosted **The Great Book Swap** to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The day was a fantastic success. Nearly a thousand great quality books were donated by our wonderful school community for the day and \$640 in gold coin donations were raised. I want to say a massive thank you to students and families for contributing to this worthwhile cause and for helping the day to be such a success. I hope all



students enjoyed reading the new book they selected on the day. The Indigenous Literacy Foundation will use all funds raised to purchase culturally appropriate reading resources for remote Indigenous communities.

Some photos of the day are below.





Stay safe and happy reading,
Mrs Carroll

LITTLE AND EARLY LEARNING LABS

The University of Wollongong invites your students to LITTLE and EARLY LEARNING LABS, an academic and creative arts enrichment holiday program. We are targeting students from Year 1 to 6 who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners.

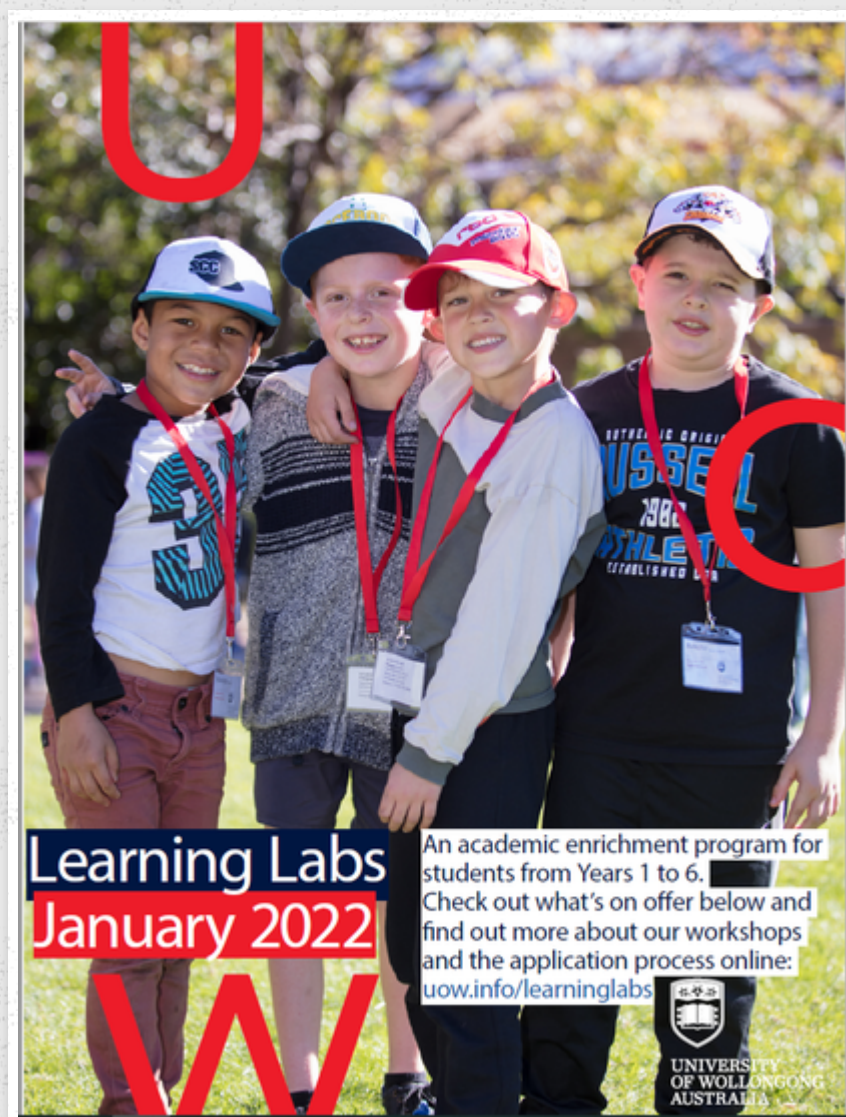
Dates: Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2): 10th – 12th January 2022

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 to 6): 17th – 21st January 2022

Venue: University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus only)

Applications close: Wednesday, 17th November 2021

[LITTLE AND EARLY LEARNING LABS program brochure](#)



What's on in January

YEARS 1 & 2

LITTLE LEARNING LABS

YEARS 1 AND 2

WHEN: 10 - 11 January 2022
WHERE: UOW,
Wollongong campus
TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE: \$170 - \$185

LITTLE LEARNING LABS (MINI)

YEARS 1 AND 2

WHEN: 12 January 2022
WHERE: UOW,
Wollongong campus
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE: \$95 - \$100



YEARS 3 - 6

<p>EARLY LEARNING LABS YEARS 3 AND 4 WHEN: 17 - 18 January 2022 WHERE: UOW, Wollongong campus TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm FEE: \$185 - \$200</p>	<p>EARLY LEARNING LABS YEARS 5 AND 6 WHEN: 19 - 20 January 2022 WHERE: UOW, Wollongong campus TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm FEE: \$185 - \$200</p>
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Go to
uow.info/learninglabs
to find out more
and apply
Applications close
Wednesday,
17 November 2021.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Little and Early Learning Labs is a face-to-face enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

For January programs we look at the year your child is in for 2021. There are some exceptions to move up a stage at the discretion of the coordinator.

In January 2022 the Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 two day workshops will not be held on the same days. This decision was made to limit crowds during drop-off/pick-up and align with room capacity requirements. For future programs we hope to go back to having these workshops on the same days.

CREATIVE KIDS PROVIDER

Learning Labs can now accept Creative Kids vouchers. Workshops that apply for Creative Kids vouchers are identified on our website in the workshop descriptions.

WORKSHOPS (SEE FULL LIST OF WORKSHOPS & DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE)

Learning Labs has a multitude of workshops on offer for our primary school aged students. Workshops cover a range of diverse topic areas from Harry Potter, coding, robotics, science and many, many more. Workshops are designed to challenge and stimulate the interests of self-motivated and curious learners. For full workshop descriptions on offer, please go to our website: uow.info/learninglabs

APPLICATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

Our workshops fill up really quickly each year so don't hesitate to submit your application to avoid disappointment. For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to uow.info/learninglabs.

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team:

E: learning-labs@uow.edu.au | Facebook: www.facebook.com/UOWandP



CANTEEN AND UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen reopening 27 October.

Please see details for ordering sent home via School Enews on Thursday 21 October.

Onsite uniform shop closed until further notice.

Online orders can be placed on the [QuickClig website](#)



SCHOOL CANTEEN

[View Fresh Starts Canteen Menu](#)



UNIFORM SHOP

- Download the [uniform price list and order form \(PDF 204.7KB\)](#).
- Online orders can be placed on the [QuickClick website](#)

SCHOOL ENEWS

Woonona Public School uses School eNews to keep parents, carers, students and the school community updated on the latest events, activities and programs.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



Schools Pedestrian Information Sheet (1).pdf

[Download](#)

100.1 KB

CO-OPERATION - RESPECT - EFFORT - RESPONSIBILITY



Please be aware that there are students in our school with allergies to nuts. We ask that you give consideration to voluntarily agreeing not to send nut products, in particular peanuts and peanut butter to school.

VIEW OUR PERMISSION NOTES AND FORMS

A hardcopy of all notes are sent home with students. If your child was absent from school or has misplaced their note/form you can access them here or from WPS website.

MAKE A PAYMENT

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION FORM

This form can be used to notify the school of any absence days your child has from school and replaces the need to phone or provide a paper note. The form can be used to notify future and past absences.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lunch Boxes

WHAT TO PACK

Crunch & Sip

- Pack some veggie sticks or fruit & water for a quick refuel



Drink

- Always pack water
- Light milk

Morning Tea

- Fresh fruit
- Wholemeal crackers with cheese
- Yoghurt tubs
- Homemade muffins
- Air-popped corn
- Boiled egg

Lunch

- Pick & mix with veg sticks, hommus & tzatziki
- Sandwiches & wraps with lean meats & salad fillings
- Leftovers

QUICK TIPS:

- ✓ Involve kids in packing their lunch box.
- ✓ Pack a waste-free lunch.
- ✓ Keep it simple and fresh.
- ✓ Use left overs.
- ✓ Plan ahead and save.
- ✓ Provide healthy afternoon tea and some time outside to play.



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Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Couscous cakes



Ingredients

¾ cup couscous, preferably wholemeal
1 tsp reduced-salt vegetable stock powder
1 cup boiling water
1 clove garlic, crushed
¼ cup parsley or coriander
½ cup tinned chickpeas, drained & rinsed
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 lemon, zested
Olive oil

- Makes 8 patties

Method

Place the couscous and stock powder in a large bowl and add boiling water. Stir, cover and sit for 5 minutes.

Chop the garlic in a food processor. Add the parsley or coriander and pulse until finely chopped. Add the chickpeas and pulse until chopped.

Fluff the couscous with a fork. Add the chickpea mix, eggs and lemon zest and mix well. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Press into a ¼ measuring cup to create cakes. Repeat with the remaining mix.

Heat olive oil in a frypan over medium heat. Add the couscous cakes in batches so not to over crowd. Press them down gently with a spatula to flatten. Cook until golden on both sides.

For more recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



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Healthy Lunch Box

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