



# Wanniassa School

## Week 3 Term 1

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**21-25 March** – K-6 Meet Your Teachers online appointment

**28 March** – Year 8 Immunisation catch-up day

**29 March** – Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

The Kindergarten Health Check are scheduled for May, more information will be provided to parents soon.

### NEW INFORMATION

#### Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform shop is looking for donations of good quality used school uniforms for all years K-10. If you have any donations, please drop them at either campus front office.

#### Book Club Issue 1

Orders are due by COB Thursday 17th February. Please order online [here](#) as cash payments are no longer accepted.

#### School Accident and Incidents

Wanniassa School collects information about injuries and incidents that occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the ACT Education Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report or Notification of a Critical Incident together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes of collecting the information includes notifying the Territory's insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information may also be provided to WorkSafe ACT in accordance with the ACT Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may also ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.

#### Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

## Absences & ACT Secondary Bursary

Unfortunately some parents who receive the ACT Secondary Bursary were surprised to learn their child was no longer eligible for the one off payment after 5 days of unexplained absence in the previous six months.

To ensure your child's attendance meets the requirements of the scheme, parents must report all absence to the school as soon as possible. Reasonable excuses for an absence include illness, injury, medical appointments and bereavement.

Please be aware the front office staff can only amend any absences record in the same calendar year the absence occurred and may require additional documentation to amend absences that are more than 4 weeks ago.

## REMINDERS

- The Year 8 Immunisation catch-up day is booked for Monday 28th of March. The 2021 consent forms completed by parents will be used for catch-up immunisations.
- The Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation Program is booked for Tuesday 29th of March. Please return all Immunisation consent cards to the front office by **Monday 14 February**
- Wanniasa School Board is seeking nominations from interested parents to fill a vacancy. Advice on completing and forwarding your nomination is contained in the attachment that can be found [here](#).
- Is it time to update your contact details? Call us anytime and we can send home the form, or [email](#) us.
- COVID-19 vaccinations are available for children aged between 5 and 11 years. The paediatric Pfizer vaccine has been approved for use in children aged 5 to 11 years by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). All parents and carers are encouraged to consider vaccinating their children against COVID-19 to protect them for the new school year. The vaccine for this age group is one-third of the dosage given to people aged 12 years and over, and children will need two doses, 8 weeks apart.

To make a booking at an ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinic call the ACT COVID-19 vaccine booking line on (02) 5124 7700, between 7am to 7pm, daily. If you'd like to book your child in for their COVID-19 vaccination at a GP or pharmacy, use the Vaccine Clinic Finder: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>

If you are unsure about vaccinating your child, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional to make an informed decision about their health.