Throughout the year, children come down with various illnesses and viruses. As a rule, we contact parents when children are sick and request that they come and take their child home. We do this for two important reasons – firstly we do not have the facilities to properly care for sick children and secondly, as young children often become quite distressed when they are ill, they require the comforting and assurances that only a parent can provide.

There are certain common illnesses which are highly contagious. We offer the following information to parents so that they are aware of when, and for how long, they should keep their child home. If you are unaware whether or not to keep your child home, please contact the teacher.

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<th>Illness</th>
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<td>CHICKEN POX</td>
<td>Exclude until well and for at least 5 days after the rash appears and until vesicles have formed crusts.</td>
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<td>CONJUNCTIVITIS</td>
<td>Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased or until 3 days after beginning antibiotic treatment.</td>
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<td>INFLUENZA (Flu)</td>
<td>Exclude until well, and all symptoms have subsided.</td>
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<td>IMPETIGO (School Sores)</td>
<td>Exclude until day after antibiotic treatment has commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing.</td>
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<td>MEASLES</td>
<td>Exclude until well and for at least 4 days after the onset of the rash.</td>
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<td>MUMPS</td>
<td>Exclude until well and for at least 9 days after onset of symptoms.</td>
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<td>RINGWORM (Tinea)</td>
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<td>RUBELLA (German Measles)</td>
<td>Exclude until at least 4 days after onset of rash.</td>
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<td>PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice)</td>
<td>Exclude until the day after treatment has commenced, and when all lice and eggs (nits) are killed.</td>
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<td>WHOOPING COUGH</td>
<td>Exclude for 21 days from when they start getting sick (blocked/runny nose)</td>
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Welcome to the Warriapendi Early Years for the 2017 school year. Early Childhood is a vital stage in a child’s education, providing the opportunity to formally and informally socialise with other children of their own age, in a relaxed supportive atmosphere. Socializing and learning through planned play activities are integral to the Early Years program. We aim to provide challenging and supportive learning programs that give children every opportunity to learn by building on existing knowledge skills and interests.

When families and educators work together they can enhance children’s well being and learning achievements. For your child to get the most out of the opportunities provided by the Early Childhood staff, parents are encouraged to become involved with their child’s education. This can be achieved by supporting the learning process, actively participating in the Parents and Citizens Association or nominating for a position on the School Board.

We strongly recommend that you attend the Keys to Parenting Program run by the Education Department and Child and Parent Centre that we will be offering at the start of the year. This program runs over three sessions and will greatly assist you to teach the socialisation skills that will be necessary for the smooth transition into formal schooling.

We look forward to working closely with you this year in providing the best possible start for your child’s education.

Peter Jakimowiez
Principal
School Commences 8.40 am
Morning Recess 10.30 am – 10.50 am
Lunch 12.30 pm – 1.10 pm
Kindergarten/PP Closes 2.50 pm
OFFICE HOURS 8.00 am – 4.00 pm

TERM DATES
TERM 1 Wednesday, 1 February to Friday, 7 April
TERM 2 Monday, 24 April to Friday, 30 June
TERM 3 Monday, 17 July to Friday, 22 September
TERM 4 Monday, 9 October to Thursday, 14 December

CHANGE OF INFORMATION
Please notify the School Office (93497433) of any alterations to your home address, telephone numbers, email address, employment or emergency contact details to ensure contact can be made without delay.

STATIONERY AND BOOKLISTS
Stationery lists are issued at the end of each school year.
The lists can be prepared through Campion by placing an order online and having it delivered to your home address or returning your booklist to the school office by 5th December 2016 and collecting it from Ballajura Community College on Wednesday 25th January.
NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are produced on a fortnightly basis and sent home with the youngest member of your family. The newsletter is also on our school website. Our school newsletters aim to keep you informed about our school activities. If you DO NOT receive one, please contact the class teacher.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Our annual school contribution and charges schedule for 2017 is as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS are used to purchase school items that are used by ALL CHILDREN. These include paper based art/craft materials, computer/printable consumables and stationery.

The Yearly Voluntary Contribution is $65.00 for each child, this is to be paid at the beginning of the school year to the front office.

CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be posted on school bulletin boards outside the office on Monday 30th January 2017.

CANTEEN

The canteen is open everyday. Please note that ice-creams and recess items are not available for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children.

PARENT HELP in the canteen is always required. Please contact Loren in the canteen.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING will be held in Term 1
PARENT OPEN NIGHT will be held during Term 3.
SEMESTER 1 REPORTS will be sent home at the end of Term 2.
SEMESTER 2 REPORTS will be sent home at the end of Term 4.
PORTFOLIOS will be sent home at the end of Term 4
INTERVIEWS can be organised with your child’s teacher whenever necessary. Please make an appointment and remember things don’t have to be “wrong” for you to see the teacher – maybe you simply want to “keep in touch”.
Once a child is enrolled, it is compulsory for them to attend. The Education Department of WA provides a roll for the recording of attendance. All absences must be explained either in writing, verbally or by SMS. Each note should contain the following information.

- date of absence
- child’s name
- child’s class/room number
- reason for absence
- parent/guardian signature

Warriapendi uses an SMS communication system to help reduce unexplained absences and improve school accountability with regard to attendance.

A text message will be forwarded to parents/carers by 10.00am on a day when a child is absent if an explanation has not been given to the school. Parents/carers are requested to answer back with an SMS message giving a reason for the absence, the roll will then be updated accordingly and no further communication is required.

Please ensure sick children are kept at home. It is unfair to your child and other children to be at school if genuinely unwell.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do not approve of students taking vacation leave during the school term. Any vacations will be marked on the roll as unauthorised as per the Department of Education Policy.

In the interest of your child’s safety, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK.** Parking is available in the back car park behind the Pre-Primary, behind the canteen and street parking on Redcliffe Avenue.

**BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**

Parents or Guardians must accompany their child to the classroom door and **WAIT** with him/her until the door is opened by the teacher. Children must not be left unsupervised. The door may be closed if you arrive late. Please get a late note from the office and bring your child to class. You are welcome to wait in the Parent Lounge before school.

**COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL**

For the smooth transition at the end of the school day, Parents, Guardians or a nominated adult (*) should wait outside the classroom door and children will be called to the door as each parent is sighted.

(*) **Should an adult other than the parent/guardian be picking up your children, written notification or phone call will need to be received by the teacher.**

Children will be released from our care to their parents/carers unless we have been notified of other arrangements. It is also preferred that brothers and/or sisters are not given the responsibility of picking up your child.

If your child has appointments or needs to be collected from class during the school day, parents/guardians need to report to the school office to sign the child out and collect a slip to be given to the class teacher. The child must have an office slip to be released.
WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

A backpack large enough to hold extra clothing, food containers and work they wish to take home.

Recess/Lunch: Please provide your child with a healthy recess, lunch and a bottle of WATER. Healthy foods such as fruit, cheese, dried fruit or crackers are suitable for recess.

Anaphylaxis: We have a number of students enrolled with severe allergies. Please be mindful of packing nut-free food and snacks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are encouraged to wear school uniform.

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<td>Hats – Brimmed hat</td>
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All of the above uniform items will be available from Lowes at Mirrabooka Shopping Centre.

ENCOURAGE SELF CARE SKILLS

- Children should be toilet trained before they start Kindergarten.
- Encourage your child to practise good hygiene skills such as washing their hands after using the toilet.
- Encourage your child to be independent when eating.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

When parent help commences in the classroom, we encourage you to put your name down, as parent involvement enhances your child’s learning and is a great opportunity to see what is happening in your child’s class.

SCHOOL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Your co-operation is sought in encouraging your child to be responsible with school property, especially that which is taken home (e.g. Library Books and Readers). Please do not allow your child to bring expensive toys, electronic games etc to school. We cannot guarantee their security.