

WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 3 WEEK 8 Wednesday, 11th September, 2019

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At a glance.....



Calendar

Term 3

Week 8

13.9.19

Penrith Cup – Touch

14.9.19 – TRIVIA NIGHT

Week 9

16.9.19

Water Safety Talk

17.9.19

P & C Meeting

18.9.19

Debate – Grand Final

19.9.19

Gala Day – Softball

Week 10

27.9.19

Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Week 1

14.10.19

First Day of Term 4

15.10.19

P & C Meeting – 7pm

Week 2

21-25.10.19

Swim School

Week 3

3.11.19

Market Day

Week 4

7.11.19

Kindergarten Orientation Day

Week 5

12.11.19

Grandparents Day

School Fees
\$50 per child
\$100 per family

Our students have continued to excel in all areas of their school life and continue to make us all very proud. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had our dancers wow the audiences, our Debaters argue admirably and Years 3 to 6 finalist in the Premier's Spelling Bee display their skills and talents. We have had a number of our athletes compete in the Penrith District Athletics Carnival and congratulations to the students who have made it into the Sydney West Carnival, a record number this year. Good Luck. We look forward to hearing our talented Public Speakers as they work their way to the Penrith Valley Finals and our K-2 finalists compete in our annual Public Reading Competition. Well done and Good Luck to all.

Colour Run

Our children have been collecting their sponsorship money and it is slowly coming in. We requested that the money **be handed into the school by last Friday. If the money was received by Friday, 6th September they are in the draw. Unfortunately due to our busy schedule we did not have the draw last week but this will happen on Friday's COLA assembly.**

Our Colour Run is our major fundraiser for our school this year. This allows us to purchase the 'extras' for our students that our budget normally does not allow for. This year our focus is on shade shelters and playground renovations. Through sponsorship we have been pledged over \$12,000. If you have not handed in your child's sponsorship money can you do so as soon as possible. Reminder notices will be sent home soon.

Swim School

We have booked into the learn-to-swim classes for Term 4 again this year for children in years 2 to 6. The lessons begin 21st October. **We have a limited number of positions remaining.** Please leave your name at the office with a deposit of \$5 if you are interested in this very valuable activity. We only have 30 places available. Children who cannot confidently swim 25 metres in deep water are eligible to attend the lessons. The lessons are free and qualified teachers run the lessons. The cost is made up of pool entry and maybe transport.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our annual Trivia Night is here
Saturday, 14th September, 2019
HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TABLE YET?
Table of 10 - \$ 10 per head
See ladies at the Office to book your table.



We once again thank IGA for their continued support. This week they have donated boxes and boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables for our children. September is "Fruit and Veggie" month and our children are involved in new taste sensations.

Thank you for supporting our school

Attendance at School

We regularly have the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer visit our school to discuss student attendance. **All students must attend school every day and on time** which is 9 am for our school. If your child did not attend school you must let the school know why your child was absent. If they were sick you can send in a note, a Doctor's certificate or inform the class teacher or office staff as to why they were absent.

If they were absent for other reasons you still need to explain why your child did not attend School. We will then determine if this qualifies as a justified reason for their absence.

If your child/ren arrive late they must report to the office to receive a late note and these are recorded as partial attendance. As this is generally the English session / prime learning time 10 minutes per day / 50 minutes per week, 500 minutes per term..... They can also miss important information occurring during the day.

If you are planning a holiday during school time you need to fill out an 'Application for Extended Leave – Travel'. These are available from the office. Once filled in these need to be returned and if it follows the guidelines you will be issued with a 'Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel.' Please ensure you take this document with you when travelling. These will impact on your child's attendance record.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten for 2020 are now being taken. The child needs to turn 5 by the 31st July, 2020 to be eligible to enrol.

Parents or caregivers need to fill out an enrolment form, available from the school's office, and provide the original copy of their child's birth certificate and immunisation report. Also required is proof of address which can be clarified by ringing the school office.

Orientation Day is being organised for Thursday, 7th November. Details for this day will be sent to families closer to the event.

If you have a neighbour or friend in the area whose child is eligible for enrolment please let them know of these arrangements or get them to ring the school.

Planning for 2020

It is that time of year that we start making plans for the 2020 school year. This year we have taken over 50 Kindergarten enrolments. This will impact on our total enrolment and the formation of classes for next year. With this newsletter is a survey asking your intentions for your child / children's schooling for next year. Could you please fill this out and return it to school by Friday, 20th September, so we can start the planning process.

Tracie Duclos
Principal

The *Partners in Learning* Parent Feedback survey

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 10th September and 26th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however your responses are very much appreciated.

We would appreciate your assistance with providing us feedback about our school and helping guide its future directions. Thank you very much for assisting our schools development.

Login for the survey is via the link <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wcps2019>

Kristine Beeby
Deputy Principal



SILVER AWARDS

K/1H Bailey Stimpson Riya Patel	4S Kobi Beattie 4/5G Alexander Mortensen-Hill	2-4Q Maggie Green 2-6B Lachlan	3B Joseph Jackson
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BRONZE AWARDS

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Eco Warriors



Our school has the facility for recycling cans and bottles that are 10c refundable. If you would like to donate your cans or bottles to our recycle bin, please see the office when donating. All proceeds go to the school.

The gardening and sustainable crews are working hard each lunchtime to build their understanding of sustainability and grow produce for us to use. **Eggs, Liquid Gold and garden produce will be sold each Wednesday afternoon after assembly.**

Personal Health Choices

Dried fruit

Dried fruit can provide fibre but it is also high in sugar, so no more than one serving of dried fruit should be eaten a day.

Some suggested filling for sandwiches:

- cheese with celery or sliced cucumber
- grated cheese and carrot
- cheese and lettuce
- canned salmon with lemon juice, lettuce or spring onions
- sweet corn with lettuce
- avocado, low-fat cottage cheese or hummus as a healthy spread on sandwiches.



Try including some crunchy fruit or vegetables in your child's lunchbox. Eating these after lunch can help stop tooth decay.

Regional Spelling Bee

Werrington County hosted another successful Regional Spelling Bee on Monday. 22 schools and 44 students from our region participated in both the junior and senior Spelling Bees. Werrington County was represented by Shivarn Hollott, Taylan Binen, Rohnan Kelly and Cadie Brown. We were proud of all their efforts. I would like to give a special mention to Cadie, who finished in the top 5 in the Senior Spelling Bee, and Taylan who came Runner-Up in the Junior Spelling Bee. Thank you, also, to all my helpers, especially Ruby, Danielle and Shalimar. You all did an excellent job!

Susi Ross

PENRITH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

COUNTY WINNERS IN OUR DIVISION!!!!!!

Congratulations to the County team who represented our school at the recent Penrith Zone Athletics Carnival.

Special congratulations to **BROOKLYN GILCHRIST** who was named 2019 11 year Girl Champion. Brooklyn had an outstanding day : 1st place 11 years long jump, 2nd place 11 years girls 100 m race, 3rd 11 years girls shot put, 3rd 11 years girls high jump, 3rd 11 years girls 200m race and a member of the winning Senior 4 x 100m relay team. I bet she slept well that night

Other fantastic results were achieved by:

Marley Takataka – 1st 9 years 100m

Ethan Hadfield – 1st 11 years 100m, 1st 11 years high jump, 2nd senior boys relay, 3rd 11 years 200m

Summer Seymour – 1st senior girls relay, 1st senior girls high jump, 3rd senior girls high jump

Dani Tuovinen – 1st junior discus, 2nd junior shot put

Isaiah Wynbergen Titoko – 2nd senior discus

Taneisha Peake – 1st senior girls relay, 2nd senior girls 1500m, 2nd place 800m

Keeley McKeown - 1st senior girls relay

Hayley Muir – 2nd junior girls 200m, 3rd junior girls long jump, 3rd 10 years 100m

Jacob Bentley – 2nd senior boys relay, 3rd senior boys high jump, 3rd senior boys 200m

Hunter Bell - 2nd senior boys relay, 3rd 12 years 100m

Lucas Takataka – 2nd senior boys relay

Well done to everyone and we look forward to the announcement of our team to go to Sydney West!



The Premier's Reading Challenge has now finished for the year.

Congratulations to the **440** students who completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge! Your official PRC certificates are expected to arrive late in Term 4.

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

Chelsea Harris	Lucas Keogh	Harrison Gilchrist	Oscar Gilchrist
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20 book merit certificate (K-2)

Kiaya Hagarty	Kaiden Pelman	Chelsea Harris	Lucas Keogh
Harrison Gilchrist	Oscar Gilchrist	Imogen Horton	Hayden Lupton

30 book merit certificate (K-2)

Cooper Towne	Emma Pengilly	Jadyn Hardie	Teryques-Estanye Oariki-Ailao
Mason Scammell	Mila-Jade Breadsell	Chelsea Harris	Jayceon-Pius Oariki-Ailao
Harrison Gilchrist	Oscar Gilchrist	Kaylee Rothwell	

The following students in Years 3-6 have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Ruby Scammell	Ta-koda Ferguson	Harrison Murray	Samson Finau
Chloe Rogers	Jorja Buhagiar	Damien Jones	Dominic Pleasance
Teegan Olsen	Boyd Souter	Harmony Aumua	Jarryd Craft
Jasper Ryan	Scarlett Cordell	Shaun Pospisil	Callum Kettlewell
Lachlan	Kuper Franks	John Green	Dallas Baran
Tiffany Donato	Hayley Tuovinen	Jayden Kiernan	Prabhjeet Singh
Kaya Soames	Chelsea Atwill	Jack Notley	Ella-Jayde Wright
Isabelle Jeffrey	Caitlyn Walker	Jacob Bentley	Chase Vukas
Madelyn Crelley			

Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian



REGISTER NOW

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE



TURN THE RIVER PINK

12th October 2019

We're inviting you to join us for our second annual 6km walk around the spectacular Nepean River for a fun filled morning raising much needed funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

We want to help the NBCF achieve their goal of zero deaths by 2030. We invite you to come along and to help us make a difference at this year's event! Last year we raised just over \$7,000 and this year we hope to beat that with your help.

We will be running and/or walking around the Nepean River to create awareness, so come dressed in your craziest pink outfit!

A BBQ breakfast will be supplied at the end of the run for a gold coin donation. Grab your family, tell your friends and make the most of this sunny, Saturday morning for a great cause in Penrith's best location.

EVENT DETAILS

Check In: 7.30am

Start Time: 8.00am

Date: Saturday 12th October

Where: Tench Reserve, Nepean River Penrith

Distance: Approx. 6 km

EASY ONLINE PRE - REGISTRATION

Easy, online registration is available. Simply click the button below to register before the event and to order your ticket. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

TICKET PRICES:

Kids under 12 – FREE

12 years-18 years - \$10.00 (inc participant gift)

18 years and over \$25.00 (inc participant gift)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!