

# WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 1 WEEK 2

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

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At a glance.....



Calendar

## Term 1

### Week 4

19.2.19

Swimming Carnival

18.2.19

P and C – 7.00pm

19.2.19

**Meet the Teacher**

Kinder 5.00-5.30pm

1-2 5.30-6.00pm

Special Education  
5.30-6.00pm

3-4 6.00-6.30pm

5-6 5.00-5.30pm

20.2.19

Scripture begins.

21.2.19

Student leaders

Induction Assembly 9.30am

### Week 5

27.2.19

District Swimming Carnival

28.2.19

Penrith Cup

### Week 6

2.3.19

Kinders finish at 3.00pm

3.3.19

SCHOOL PHOTOS

**School Contributions**

**\$50 per child**

**\$100 per family**

Welcome to 2020 and the start of another great year at Werrington County Public School. A very warm welcome is extended to all our new students and their families and I look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as this year's numbers are still causing uncertainties in the formation of classes. Although our numbers are low we have formed another class to alleviate large numbers in some of our classes and so in total we have 18 mainstream classes.

**Unfortunately we have had to form a number of composite classes this year. All efforts have been made to accommodate every individual child. All children are assessed regularly and are taught at their ability level regardless of the grade / class they are in.**

Thank you to all our parents who bought their children up to be assessed in Best Start. This has given us information in order to put programs in place to address their ability levels.

Kindergarten will be finishing at 2.30pm for the next few weeks to allow them to adjust to school life. They will be finishing at 3.00pm from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Staffing

Our classes and staffing are as follows:

K White	Mrs Kylee Burton
K Red	Mrs Chris Sheridan
K Blue	Miss Kelsee Bruce
1H	Mrs Erin Hamilton
1B	Miss Maddison Balzano
1R	Miss Susi Ross
2EW	Miss Rachel English/ Mrs Cath Willis
2R	Mrs Stacey Rhodes
2K	Mrs Lauren Kenny
K-4J	Miss Teagan Joyce
2-5K	Mrs Michelle Keane / Miss Janette Quinn
3G	Ms Sarah Glaser
3C	Miss Sam Catto
3-6B	Mr Boris Ballango
3/4T	Miss Joanne Thornley
4E	Miss Elizabeth Gubbins
4/5G	Miss Heidi Graetsch
5T	Miss Danielle Taylor
5P	Mrs Justine Pye
6P	Mrs Laura Pearce
6W	Mrs Ailsa Wheeler

### Our Support Staff

Mrs Cath Willis	Teacher Mentor	Mrs Kelly Finch	Learning Support
Mrs Lorraine Baxter	Teacher/Librarian	Mrs Amanda Fitzpatrick	Learning Support
Miss Janette Quinn	Learning Support	Mrs Melissa Kilgour	Learning Support
Mr Adrian Bruny	Learning Support		

### Office and Administration Staff

Mrs Kathryn Galuszka	School Administration Manager
Mrs Debbie Pagett	School Administration Officer
Mrs Karen Taylor	School Administration Officer
Mrs Gaye Grimshaw	School Support Learning Officer
Mrs Kyla Cooper	School Support Learning Officer
Mrs Karen Coleborn	School Support Learning Officer
Mrs Sheenagh Bentley	School Support Learning Officer
Mrs Rychelle Kandel	School Support Learning Officer

Mr Rodney Sutton                      General Assistant

### **We are a Nut Aware School - Anaphylaxis - Reminder**

We have a number of children who have been diagnosed with Anaphylaxis. This means they have a severe allergic reaction to all types of nuts. If these children are exposed to any of these products **their condition can be life threatening.**

Please help us to keep all our students safe by ensuring your child does not bring food containing any nuts to school. Your support helps to minimise the risk to them.

### **Year 6 T Shirts**

Our Year 6 T Shirts have arrived and they all look very smart. If you have decided you would like to order extra T Shirts we will be placing another order Friday. Please contact the office asap so we can include your child in that order.

### **Equipment / Book Packs**

We will be purchasing Book and Equipment packs for each student for this year. This will be done through a supplier. These will contain their required books for the year as well as the pens, pencils, glue sticks from the equipment lists. You will not need to purchase any of these items.

The cost will be \$20 for Kinder and \$22 for Years 1 to 6. We request that you still supply a pencil case. Payment can be made at the office. Packs will be given to the classroom teachers.

We are finding that the continuing cost of technology is getting greater each year and we need to expend a lot of our budget in keeping this equipment as current as possible.

### **Our school website**

Please check out our school website at:        [www.werringcty-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.werringcty-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

We will be continually updating the calendar which includes information for upcoming events but also contains permission notes that can be downloaded.

### **Student Leadership**

Congratulations to our student leaders who have already been announced, also to our Peer Play Leaders who have completed their training. Our Sports leadership team will be elected shortly. We are still waiting for our SRC and library monitors to be announced.

These students will be inducted at a special combined assembly on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February beginning at 9.30am. A note will be sent home when all leaders are known. All are welcome.

I look forward to working closely with our student leaders throughout the year.

### **School Times**

It is essential to your child's education that he /she attend school on time every day.

### **School begins at 9.00a.m.**

Many children arrive late and then have to line up to have their arrival time noted by our office staff – this is a departmental requirement. Unfortunately these are the same children time and time again. Please make that extra effort to have your child at school on time so they are not missing out on valuable lesson time.

### **There is no teacher supervision before 8.30am**

## **Swimming Carnival**

Our Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. A permission note has been sent home today.

All children in Years 3 to 6 are expected to attend. Those students in Year 2 who are turning 8 and can confidently swim 50m freestyle are also invited to attend. Events have been organised for all ability levels.

We request that all students meet at school and travel by bus to the pool. Parents are able to elect to take their children home from the pool. You need to see the teacher on duty and the desk before leaving to sign your child out.

## **Meet the Teacher**

Our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon will take place on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. Our schedule is as follows:

<b>Kindergarten</b>	5.00pm to 5.30pm	<b>Years 5 and 6</b>	5.00pm to 5.30pm
<b>Years 1 and 2</b>	5.30pm to 6.00pm	<b>Special Education</b>	5.30pm to 6.00pm
<b>Years 3 and 4</b>	6.00pm to 6.30pm		

You will meet our school team that will be involved in your child's education this year and they will present an overview of the year's programs including topics to be covered and planned excursions.

## **Photos and Privacy Agreements**

Due to child protection laws and considerations we ask all parents to be very mindful when taking photos of other children in our school grounds and putting these onto social media sites and the internet. Some parents do not want photos of their children or themselves placed on these sites for many and varied reasons. As a school we have to seek your permission to have your child's photos, names and work published in our newsletter, on our school website and other forms of the media. If you do take a really great photo of 'our kids in action' we can check our files and we may be able to use in our website or in our newsletter.

## **School Banking - Thursday**

Our school banking will be done on a **Thursday morning this year**. If you would like to open an account for your child, forms will be available from the Office.

## **Newsletter and Notes Email Subscriptions iPhone and iPad Apps**

We are pleased to inform you that you can subscribe and receive newsletters, notes and notices via email and also access these via an app for your mobile device

**We would prefer you to receive the newsletter electronically.**

There are many advantages:

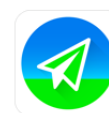
- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps;
- your child can't forget or lose newsletters and notices;
- access to the newsletters/notices if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
- supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child's school environment.

1. Visit our website at [www.werringcty-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.werringcty-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)
2. Click the "Newsletters and Notes" top menu
3. Click "Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes via email."
4. Under the "Email Subscribe" heading, tick on the Newsletters list and the other applicable lists, then enter in your name and email address.
5. Click Subscribe
6. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the "Activate Now" inside this email that is sent to you.

## **Get the school newsletter via an app on your iPhone and iPad**

1. Get the iPhone and iPod Touch app by visiting <http://iphone.schoolnews.com.au>
2. Get the iPad app by visiting <http://ipad.schoolnews.com.au>



### **Contact Details**

If the contact details we have at school need updating can you do this ASAP. These include phone numbers, address and most importantly the emergency contact details. **It is school policy that only the people named on your child's contact card are allowed to pick them up early or they will be the one contacted in case your child is sick or injured.**

If you have court papers or AVO's we need a copy of these to be able to enforce them. These also need to be updated when applicable.

**Tracie Duclos**  
**Principal**

## **School Planning - Tell Them from Me**

In 2019 our school community was again asked to participate in completing the Tell Them from Me Survey. The valuable information gained from the 'Partners in Learning' Parent Survey, the Student Survey and the 'Focus on Learning Teacher Survey is extremely useful in providing us with insights into what is working well and areas for improvement within our school community.

The 'Partners in Learning' Parent Survey enquired about school communications, support for learning at home and at school, positive behaviour, safety and inclusivity. We had 51 respondents to the parent questionnaire. The results from the parent survey indicated that parents feel welcome and can easily speak with their child's teacher, however there is a need to improve communication between school and home. The respondents reported that there is a need to further improve the reporting process for parents and carers. These areas of improvement have formed the basis of discussions and future planning. We are striving to improve the partnership and communication about your child's education.

The student survey provided us with information from Year's 4 – 6 students with regard to student participation and values about school. Student participation in school sports improved throughout 2019 and there is a need to further develop students' positive mindset. The results indicated that students value what they are learning at school and feel valued in their school community. The student results have also informed school planning and are guiding our implementation of programs to promote positive mindsets.

We thank you for your valuable thoughts and ideas that guide us in our planning to ensure we provide the best opportunities for your children.

Mrs Beeby  
Deputy Principal

## **Student Welfare and Expectations**

The student welfare system is based on the approach of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). PBL focuses on creating an environment that increases the likelihood of academic and social success. These environments have high expectations, embed school wide expectations within the curriculum and are implemented with consistency and fidelity across all learning environments and by all staff.

Everyone associated with Werrington County Public School has the right to the highest standards of educational endeavour in a safe, secure and respectful environment. When parents enrol their children at our school, they enter into a partnership with the school staff. This partnership is based on shared responsibility and mutual respect.

The expectations of the school and the community are that students will:-

- apply themselves to learning
- show respect for teachers; adults; other students and property
- comply with the school rules, discipline policy and accepted dress code of the school
- behave in a way free of violence, discrimination, harassment, and bullying
- respect and follow the laws of our society regarding travel on public roads, weapons, drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

	Safe	Respectful	Learner	Requirements
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You keep your hands and feet to yourself.</li> <li>You wear a school hat in the playground.</li> <li>You use equipment safely.</li> <li>You walk in walking areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You show respectful behaviour at all assemblies.</li> <li>You listen and follow directions given by teachers.</li> <li>You treat others kindly and fairly.</li> <li>You speak nicely to others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You learn as much as you can.</li> <li>You help others learn as much as they can.</li> <li>You start your work quickly and stay on task.</li> <li>You ask questions in class by raising your hand.</li> </ul>	<p>Consistently meet most requirements in each category of SRL and gain 3 SRL awards before nomination for Bronze</p> <p><i>Nomination for Bronze Award begins Term 2 Week 2</i></p>
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You remind others about safety.</li> <li>You are in the right place.</li> <li>You invite others to play safe games with you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You show respectful behaviour at all assemblies.</li> <li>You listen and follow all directions given by staff.</li> <li>You wear your school uniform with pride.</li> <li>You maintain a clean and tidy, eating, play and work area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are well organised and ready to learn each day.</li> <li>You persist with learning even when you find it difficult.</li> <li>You are able to work cooperatively with other students.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Nominations for Silver Award begin Term 3 Week 3</i></p> <p><b>Successful nomination</b></p> <p><b>Bronze Award Achieved by Term 2 Week 4</b></p> <p><b>Students are eligible for Bronze Privilege Day</b></p> <p>Consistently meet most requirements in each category of SRL and gain 3 additional SRL awards before nomination for Silver.</p> <p><b>Students must maintain requirements of Green level and Bronze level before nomination for Silver Award</b></p>
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You help teachers keep others safe.</li> <li>You work and play safely.</li> <li>You can suggest ideas to improve the safety of yourself and others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You speak to all adults who work in your school with respect at all times.</li> <li>You consistently show respect for other people, their ideas and their beliefs.</li> <li>You show kindness towards others and include them in your play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You continually strive to improve your work and performance.</li> <li>You ask questions and seek to find answers.</li> <li>You participate in a wide range of learning activities.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Nominations for Gold Award begin Term 4 Week 3</i></p> <p><b>Successful nomination</b></p> <p><b>Silver Award Achieved by Term 3 Week 6</b></p> <p><b>Students are eligible for Silver Privilege Day</b></p> <p>Consistently meet most requirements in each category of SRL and gain 3 additional SRL awards before nomination for Gold</p> <p><b>Students must maintain requirements of Green level, Bronze level and Silver level before nomination for Gold</b></p>
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You alert staff to safety issues in the classroom and playground.</li> <li>You look out for the safety of other students.</li> <li>You model safe behaviour at all times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You speak to adults who work in your school with respect at all times.</li> <li>You remind others about respectful behaviour.</li> <li>You do not tolerate bullying of anyone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You give your best effort in all you do.</li> <li>You help others to achieve their best learning.</li> <li>You set your goals for learning high and consistently strive to achieve them.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Successful nomination</b></p> <p><b>Gold Award Achieved by Term 4 Week 7</b></p> <p><b>Students are eligible for Gold Privilege Day</b></p> <p>Consistently meet most requirements in each category of SRL and NO blue book referrals before nomination for Principals Award</p> <p><b>Students must maintain requirements of Green level Bronze level and Silver Level before nomination for Gold</b></p>

## SRL Awards

Safe, Respectful, Learner (SRL) Awards are given out by classroom teachers and RFF teachers at COLA assembly Friday afternoon. Students must receive 1 Safe, 1 Respectful and 1 Learner award before being nominated to move to the next level of the behaviour system.

Student need to achieve **3 SRL awards** and be nominated to move to the next level prior to receiving their Bronze, Silver and Gold Award.

**Year 5 students** need to achieve their Gold Award (nominated) by Week 4, Term 4 to be eligible for a Student Leadership Position.

The actual Bronze Silver and Gold Award are handed out on the respective Privilege Days.

## Other Awards

**Super Superkid Awards** are awarded to 2 students per class at the K-6 assembly at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3. These are at the discretion of the class teacher, however these students should consistently exemplify the school's values of a Safe, Respectful Learner. Students are eligible to receive the **Principal's Medallion** once they have received 3 Super Superkid Awards, and have attained their gold awards every year, across their Werrington County Public School life. These awards **do not** count towards Bronze Silver Gold Awards.

**Class Merit Awards** are handed out at K-2, 3-6 and K-6 assemblies. These can be for targeted achievements both social and academic. These awards **do not** count towards Bronze Silver Gold Awards or Principal's medallion.

# Library News



Thank you to the families who returned library books that were found over the holidays or paid for books that have become lost. There are still a few students with outstanding library books and they will receive orange coloured notices shortly. A copy of our 'Procedures for dealing with overdue library books' is included with this newsletter.

Please remember to keep your books in a safe place. **Books that become lost or damaged beyond repair will need to be paid for.**

If a book has become damaged, please don't repair it. Just include a note advising me that the book needs repairing and I will attend to it.

## Procedures for Dealing with Overdue Library Books

### Weekly

Using OLIVER, the Teacher Librarian reminds students during library class time to return any overdue library books. **Once a student has an overdue library book they are not permitted to borrow any further books until the overdue ones have been returned or the replacement costs paid for.**

### Monthly

At the beginning of each month a computer generated (OLIVER) reminder notice is sent to all students who have not returned library books. For those students who have already been issued with an OLIVER generated reminder letter, a letter signed by the teacher librarian and the principal will be sent to the student's home via the post. Weekly class reminders continue.

At the end of the year a record is kept of all students and the titles of the resources that they have not returned. Students who have failed to return library books or pay for their replacement cost will be prevented from borrowing to take home. This will not however prevent them from using any library resources whilst they are at school, nor prevent them from accessing the library at the appropriate times.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
Should you wish to order books through the Book Club,  
please help us to help you by doing the following:



1. Return the completed order with the exact amount of money by **Friday 14th February**. Money should be in a sealed envelope. As teachers do not open the envelopes, **no change can be given.**
2. Take care! Coins easily fall out of some envelopes, so check before sending to school.
3. **CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA**
4. Write your child's name and class on the envelope and return it to the office.
5. **If you wish to collect the order from the office, please indicate that clearly on the order form. You will be contacted once the order is ready for collection.**
6. **Please note that all orders are not processed until the closing date. Orders then take approx 5 -10 working days to arrive back at school.**

We also have another way of paying for Book Club. See below for an explanation.

Mrs Baxter  
Teacher Librarian

# Sport News

K-2 Sport Day is Tuesday from 9-10am. Grades 3-6 Sport Day is Friday.

Further information regarding sporting and fitness sessions will be provided at Meet the Teacher.

## TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER Wednesday 1.45 pm

TERM 1			
Wk	K-2	3-6	Item
1			
2	No Assemblies		
3		4/5G	6P
4	2K		6P
5		6W	2R
6	1R		2R
7		5P	5T
8	2R		5T
9		3/4T	2EW
10	1H		2EW
11		4E	3-6B



**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and click on HELP in the top menu.



## TERM 1 PLANNER 2020

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	27 January Australia Day Holiday	28 Staff Development Day	29 Years 1-6 return	30	31
2	February 3 Kinders begin	4	5	6	7 Sport House Meetings
3	10	11	12	13	14
4	17	18 P and C – 7pm	19 • Swimming Carnival • Meet the Teacher	20 Scripture begins	21 28 Induction Assembly 9.30
5	24	25	26	27 Dist. Swimming	28  Penrith Cup
6	2 March  Kinders to 3pm	3 School Photos	4	5	6
7	9	10	11	12	13
8	16	17  P and C – 7pm	18	19  Harmony Day	20
9	23	24	25	26	27
10	30	31	1 April	2	3 Penrith Cup
11	6	7	8 ANZAC – S3 Paceway	9 Last Day of Term	10 Good Friday