

WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 1 WEEK 4

Wednesday, 19th February, 2020

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At a glance.....



Calendar

Term 1

Week 4

21.2.20

Student leaders

Induction Assembly 9.30am

Week 5

27.2.20

District Swimming Carnival

28.2.20

Penrith Cup

Week 6

2.3.20

Kinders finish at 3.00pm

3.3.20

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Week 8

17.3.20

P & C meeting

19.3.20

Harmony Day

School Contributions

\$50 per child

\$100 per family

We have had a wonderful start to our new school year. We will acknowledge our student leadership team for 2020 at our Induction Assembly tomorrow, Friday, 21st February. Congratulations to all the students who will receive their badges, they are all eager to carry out their roles within our school community. Well done everyone and we look forward to a very successful year for you all.

Welcome to our new staff to WCPS, they have settled in well. Welcome back to Mrs Symons and Ms English as they return from leave.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to all our new leaders, Captains and Prefects, Sport Leaders, Student Representative Council and Library Monitors who have recently been elected into these roles for 2020 and who will receive their badges on Friday, 21st February with the assembly starting at 9.30.

Captains

Hayley Muir

Ethan Hadfield

Vice

Lily Mallett

Cash Solotar

Prefects

Lilli Kandel

Bailey Allaburton

Ashley White

Jake Buesnel

Caitlin Towne

Jack Sammut

Emerson White

Archie Scammell

Sport Leaders

Wallabies

Captains

Harlie Peacock

Jazzyveer Singh

Vice Captains

Ella Braddick

Harrison Murray

Kookaburras

Captains

Sienna Atchison

Damen Hansen

Vice Captains

Ayva Moore

Lincoln Conna

Dolphins

Captains

Ariana Melrose

Kurtis Camilleri

Vice Captains

Scarlett Cordell

James Oliver

S.R.C

K-4J

Prentiss Nguyen

1B

Archie Humphrey-Gasanz

1H

Charlotte Hunt

2EW

Summa-Lee

1R

Olivia Saoushkin

2K

Jade Boscott

2-5K

Destani Aumua

2R

Koa Peake

3C

Ivy Paluch

3G

Isabella Roelofs

3/4T

Louise Kelly

4E

Isabelle Smith

4/5G

Talia Dirani

5P

Dylan Lousick

5T

Tanisha Ramesh

6P

Chloe Bulluss

6W

Noah Kiernan-Fahey

3-6B

Seth Coomb

Library Monitors

Olivia Aldous

Zoe Bentley

Cadie Brown

Natahlee De Winter

Khloe Donato

Sophie Harty

Emma Morgan

Kloie Rogers-Johnson

Kiara Thomas

Lawson Durrington

Jamai Hollott

Bailey Carter-Dempsey

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.

Equipment / Book Packs

We have purchased Book and Equipment packs for each student for this year. This has been 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.

P and C

Unfortunately we had to postpone our 1st P and C meeting for the year. We have rescheduled this meeting for next Tuesday night, 25th February. We currently have a number of positions vacant on our committee. Our current President is Amanda Clark.

All are welcome to come and join this this committee to work together to improve our school environment for students.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday, 3rd March. An envelope has been sent home today with this newsletter for the class and individual photos. If you would like a sibling photo taken the envelopes are available from the office.

Our school website

Please check out our school website at: 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.

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

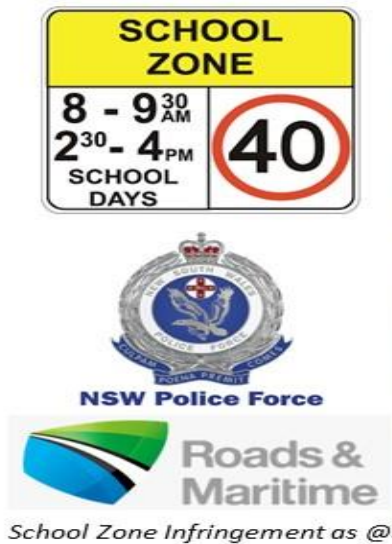
Photos and Privacy Agreements

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.

SCHOOL ZONE Parking Infringements



Safety tips for drivers using a Drop-off and Pick-up zones (Kiss and Drop)

- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Always park legally.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY

DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

This is a dangerous area for our students. We currently have our students and their parents and toddlers having to access this in the morning and afternoon. Our staff have been patrolling this area and have been abused by drivers. **IT IS NOT OK.** Our students and community safety is paramount.

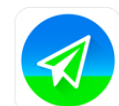
Newsletter and Notes Email Subscriptions iPhone and iPad Apps

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.werrington-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.

Enrolments 2021 and beyond

Great news for our Jordan Springs families!

As you are aware Jordan Springs PS will be opening in Term 3 this year. Many of our families who live in Jordan Springs have been asking what this means for them in regards to enrolment at our great school. The great news is that the Department of Education has informed us that as you enrolled at Werrington County PS as local enrolments you will retain that status meaning that you can choose to continue on with your enrolment at Werrington County PS and any future siblings will also be able to enrol at Werrington County PS in the future. You will also be able to enrol at Jordan Springs PS if you choose. We are delighted to be able to let you know this and take away the anxiety and confusion that many of you have been feeling. We look forward to a long and continuing association with our children and families who are a part of our Werrington County PS community.

Tracie Duclos
Principal



Garden and Recycling



We are continuing our gardening and recycling programs this year. If you would like to assist us with gardening you are welcome to join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Please enquire at the office. Garden produce and eggs will be for sale most Wednesday afternoons after assembly. These funds are utilised for continuing to fund our sustainable projects.

Our can and bottle bin is close to full and we would love to see if we can have it filled by the end of term. If you would like to donate your cans and bottles from home we would gratefully accept your donations. Our collection efforts will have raised \$1000 when the bin reaches its full capacity.

With thanks
Mrs Beeby

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

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.

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.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

This year our school has once again decided to register for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge is a special initiative to foster a love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and pleasure.

The challenge for students in **K-2** is to experience 30 books from the K-2 Premier's Reading Challenge booklists by mid August 2020. **You are able to read these books to your child** or the student can read themselves. 25 of the books **must** come from the PRC list. The remaining 5 are free choice.

All students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the NSW Premier. Our school library has many of the books on the booklists already in the library for the students to borrow. You may also read PRC books that you have at home or borrow from the local library.

For students in K-2 who participate at home, I will also be issuing my own incentive certificates once a student has read 10, 20, & 30 books.

Students in Years 3-6 will be completing the PRC as part of their wide reading in class and keep their reading record in the library.

Please note: Students no longer need a permission note to participate in the PRC however if for any reason you do not wish your child to participate please advise the school. The permission note below is for students K-2 who are completing the Reading Challenge at home.

For further information please visit the website. <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>
I invite all students to take up the challenge as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian

Mrs Duclos
Principal

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To Mrs Baxter

The following students (**K-2**) wish to undertake the Premier's Reading Challenge **at home**:

_____ (name) _____ (class)

_____ (name) _____ (class)

I understand that it is a condition of entry that students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a PRC Certificate.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)