

WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 1 WEEK 8

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At a glance.....



Calendar

Term 1

Week 8

19.3.20

Harmony Day

Week 11

9.4.20

Last day of Term 1

10.4.20

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLIDAYS

School Contributions

\$50 per child

\$100 per family

Student Safety and Wellbeing

Our school is continuing as normal through these uncertain times. We are continuing to receive information from the Department of Education and the NSW Ministry of Health and we will continue to observe their advice in regards to the school environment.

We are continuing to speak to the children about hygiene procedures. Reminding students to thoroughly wash their hands after going to the toilet and before eating. Children are also being shown how to cough into their elbows and cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing. We are asking to continue / remind your children about these practices at home.

We have recently been advised to discourage parents from entering the school grounds. Thank you for those supporting this initiative. Until further notice we are asking parents to 'kiss and farewell' their children at the school gates in the morning and we will be continuing bringing the students to the COLA for dismissal. The staff will heighten their presence during these times.

The health and wellbeing of our students remain paramount as they attend each day. If your child is unwell please keep them home otherwise our school **will be operating as normal**.

Please contact the school for further information or advice and to advise us if you are keeping your children home. We will not be sending work home for students who are being kept home by choice.

Cancellations known to date:

- Sydney West sport
- School Assemblies until further notice
- School Disco – 26.3.20
- ANZAC Day services – Week 11
- Easter Hat Parade – 9.4.20
- Penrith Cup – 3.4.20

Hot Dog Day

We will have our hot dog / drinks day on Tuesday, 7th April in lieu of the Disco meal. This will be run by the school staff. If you have not ordered we have attached an order form to the P and C newsletter, also sent home today. Please return these by Friday.

Harmony Day

Our students will again, be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow to celebrate our diverse community. A note was sent home earlier in the week.

School Pride

We are entering the period where a lot of our individuals and teams are representing our school in a large variety of activities. **We expect that these students are in full school uniform for these events.** On many occasions the students will be given a school shirt to wear but the students will need the correct sport or school shorts or skirts preferably without brand names.

Our school website

Please check out our school website at: www.werringcty-p.schools.nsw.edu.au OR



We will be continually updating the calendar which includes information for upcoming events but also contains permission notes that can be downloaded. In the coming weeks we will be adding photos and information on important events.

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 it on our website or in our newsletter.

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

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.**

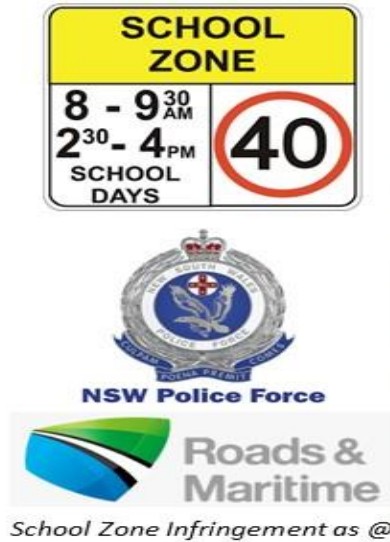
If you have court papers or AVO's we need a copy of these to be able to enforce them. These also need to be updated when applicable.

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.

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.

Enrolments 2020, 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

School Banking

Commonwealth Bank have advised that school banking will cease from Friday 20th March but will resume at the start of Term 2.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

Banking representative

ANZAC DAY

As you will no doubt have expected, we have now cancelled our march and both ANZAC commemorative Services (19th and 25th April).

For those who were preparing to participate, I thank you sincerely, and I hope we can do it all again in 2021.

We'd like to express our sadness at not being able to provide a venue for Reflection at ANZAC, however we do encourage everyone for a personal Reflection on Saturday 25th April in their own time and place.

Tony Fryer
Honorary Secretary
St Marys RSL sub-Branch

Lids4Kids

Firstly I would like to thank the Werrington County Public School community for their overwhelming support of Lids4Kids. The donations of lids far surpassed my expectations. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, the Lids4Kids Sydney coordinator is not taking any more lids for the time being. Envision (who make the prosthetic hands) have also stopped receiving bottle tops to enable them to focus on the processing of the caps they already have.



With this in mind, I have decided from the beginning of Term 2 our school will no longer be accepting lids for collection.

Once again I thank the school community for their generous support. I also wish to thank the students who have diligently assisted in the cleaning, sorting & counting of the lids.

Lorraine Baxter

Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun P & C Fundraiser

Just a reminder that orders for Hot Cross Buns will close on Friday 3rd April. Please send them to the office ASAP.

Thank you
P & C Committee



The 2020 PRC is off and running! Congratulations to the following students:

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

Dylan Brennan	Michael Brennan	Mylah Malpass	Leila' Rose Cooper
Jade Boscott	Lachlan Miller	Cooper Smith	Dominic Pagett-Salman

20 book merit certificate (K-2)

James Kilbourne Dominic Pagett-Salman

Your certificates will be presented at a future K-2 assembly.

The following student has completed the Years 3-6 Premier's Reading Challenge:

Tanisha Ramesh

It's not too late!

We currently have over **70** K-2 students participating in the PRC at home. If you would like your child to participate in the PRC at home please fill out, sign & return the note below.

The permission note below is for students K-2 who are completing the Reading Challenge at home.
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To Mrs Baxter

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

_____ (name) _____ (class)

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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)

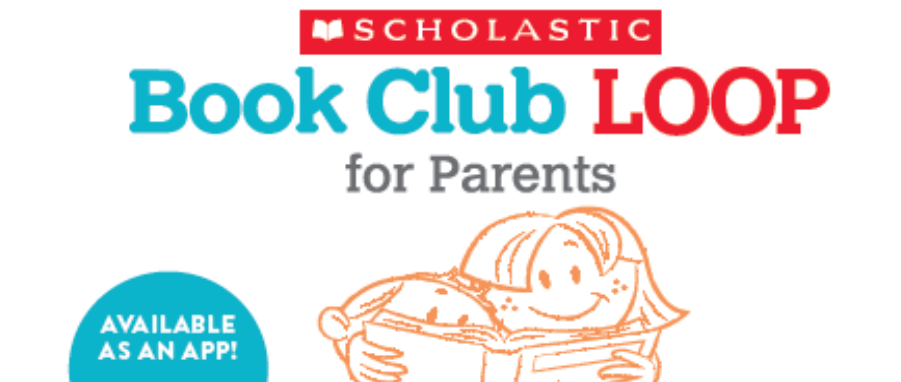
Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Should you wish to order books through the Book Club, please help us to help you by doing the following:



1. Return the completed order with the exact amount of money by **FRIDAY 20th March**. 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



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 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 and click on **HELP** in the top menu.

