

WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 1 WEEK 8 Wednesday, 17th March, 2021

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At a glance.....



Calendar
Term 1

Week 9
22.3.21

Harmony Day

23.3.21

Cross Country
8 years + (Year 2)
Years 3-6

26.3.21

Penrith Cup -
Cricket

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

Our first 8 weeks of school have been a fabulous start to the year. Students have settled into routines, are undertaking new learning challenges and have worked together to develop the expectations for learning within their classrooms.

Last week we had a visit from Cathy Brennan (Executive Director, School Performance – Metropolitan North), Craig Redfern (Director Educational Leadership – Cambridge Park Network) and Katrina Berwick (Principal - Cambridge Park Public School) to see the fabulous learning taking place within our school. WCPS School Captains Marley and Sienna, led our visitors on a school tour to share what they are proud of at our school. Congratulations to them both for hosting the visit with confidence and pride and sharing our school with educational leaders.

This past fortnight we have been excited by the news that we could again open our gates for drop off and pick up, however there are some continued restrictions regarding COVID -19 safe practice.

COVID Guidelines

Parents and carers are able to enter school grounds but should continue to follow COVID-19 safe practices, including physical distancing between adults of 1.5 metres.

Morning Drop Off

- Students will continue to be greeted at the gate by a member of the executive staff.
- Parents are able to enter the courtyard to drop students off, however we ask that you kiss and drop without waiting with your child until the bell.

Afternoon Pick Up

- Parents are able to enter the courtyard after 2:50pm to wait for their child.
- Please be seated on the silver seats in the courtyard and wait away from classroom doorways and walkways to enable students and teachers to exit classrooms with physical distance.
- Students will exit with parents and carers via the COLA gate at 3pm.
- Support Unit students and siblings will exit via the main gate at the administration office.
- Stage 3 students without siblings will continue to exit via the gate at the southern end of the office block.

Teacher Meetings

Due to our continued guidelines, teachers are unable to meet with you at length to discuss your child's learning during pick up or drop off.

If you would like to discuss your child's learning with his/her teacher, please schedule an appointment through the office by phone or email. The teacher will then arrange a time that is suitable to meet with you, either face to face or via phone.

Thank you for your continued support for the safety of our school community.

Cross Country Carnival

The Cross-Country carnival will be held on Tuesday 23rd March within the school grounds. All students turning 8 this year or older are encouraged to participate in their age group races. Students can wear sporting uniform or house colours on the day. They are required to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to participate in this event.

The Cross Country is a student only event. This will be a spectator free event.

Intensive Learning and Support

Our Learning and Support Teachers are working with students to develop their skills and knowledge in areas of reading and numeracy. If you require any information regarding the support your child is receiving in this program, please contact the office.

Attendance

Arriving at school and class on time

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

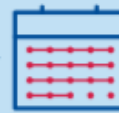


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

education.nsw.gov.au

Road Safety

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools. Please help us to look after the safety of all of our students by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our areas of learning this fortnight are focusing on;

Week 7: Being safe, respectful learners in the truckpit and back playground by

- discussing the rules before the game starts
- playing by the rules in games
- being a good sport when playing
- using kind and encouraging words

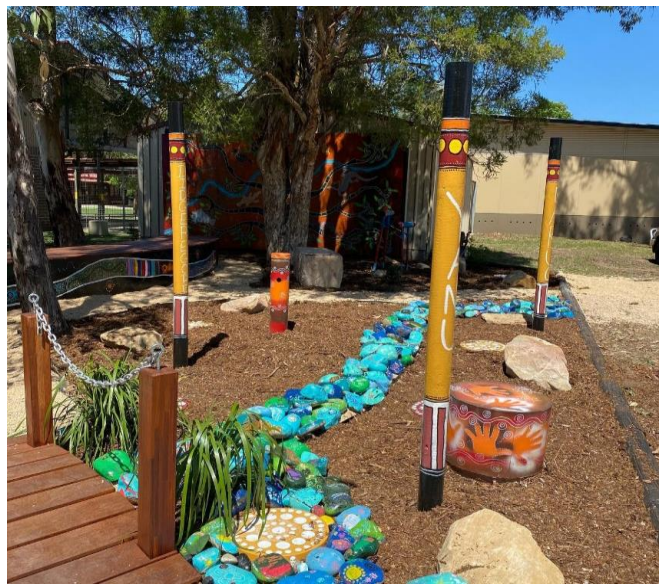
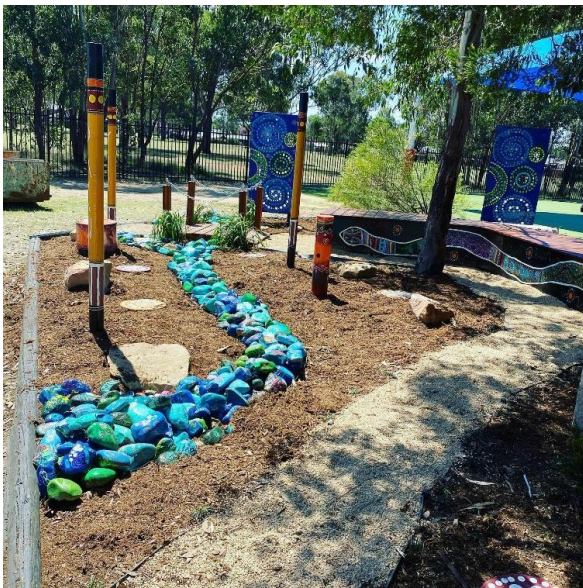
Week 8: Wearing school uniform

- promotes belonging amongst students
- creates a positive identity for the school community
- contributes to student safety when on excursions.

These areas of learning are reinforced in class and are also presented at our whole school assemblies which can be accessed via Google Classrooms.

Aboriginal Learning Hub

Our stunning Aboriginal Learning Hub has been completed by our friends at Dalmarri. The students have been working with Jason and Trevor to develop a learning space that provides an opportunity for sharing stories, reflecting and collaborating. This beautiful area has been designed to embrace the existing natural landscape in our playground and bring culture, connection, dreaming, growth and learning. Thank you to Mr Monardo for organising this special project for our school community.



Harmony Day



Harmony day is celebrated on March 21 each year. Harmony Day has the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. On Monday 22nd March, students will share in activities that focus on inclusiveness, celebration of diversity, dignity and belonging. Students may wear a splash of orange in celebration of Harmony Day.

Some students in 5/6T have also been reflecting on what they love about WCPS. Here are their thoughts.

Why I Value and Enjoy School Life

By Tekayla Pelman

Werrington County is an **AWESOME** school. I have been to this school since Year 3 and I have enjoyed being here. This year is my last year and I want to make it the best year for me and for everyone else. I have always loved participating in the annual cross country and colour run. I also love the sporting events and privilege days. The students here are polite and well behaved, so are the hardworking teachers.

Why I enjoy and value school life

By Olga Nimmo

Werrington County has to be the best school out there because there's outstanding, hardworking teachers and amazing, safe, respectful students that put 100 % effort in everyday life at this school. I also like this school because I met my best friend Tekayla, plus other amazing friends. Lastly, this school has been a wonderful, great and respectful school.
I'LL MISS COUNTY!

Why I enjoy Werrington County Public School

By Jayden Kiernan 5/6T

I enjoy Werrington County Public School because I have such lovely friends, everyone is caring and the teachers are really kind. I value school because I love learning and participating in sport activities.

Werrington County Public School

By Hannah Sayers

Werrington County Public School is a marvellous school. I have been at this school since Kindergarten. Now I am in Year six and there is only 9 months until high school. Things that I love about this school are all of my friends, the learning environment, the teachers and much more!!! This school has made my life so much better and I am thankful for what it has done for me.

County is a Smiling



Mind School!



Smiling Mind is a mindfulness program taught in schools but can also be accessed at home, The mission of Smiling Mind is to help every mind thrive by providing accessible, lifelong tools to support healthy minds.

A good way to explain mindfulness to those unfamiliar with the practice is to compare mindfulness with physical exercise.

Practising mindfulness is attention training, designed to strengthen the mind. The process of repeatedly paying attention is similar to activities you might undertake to build a muscle – a bicep curl for the mind!

In this way practising mindfulness strengthens the minds' ability to focus, pay attention and reduce worry — the more we practise, the stronger the mind becomes. Therefore, mindfulness is like gym for the mind.



What we have learnt this term.

Week 2 & 3	Awareness– Becoming aware of our surroundings
Week 4 & 5	Attention- developing skills of attention and focus
Week 6 & 7	The senses– being aware and using our senses
Week 8 & 9	Savouring– Learning to savour experiences
Week 10	Movement– Mindful awareness through movement

Library



Book Club orders are due

Monday 22nd March.

All orders, including online orders must be placed by **9am** on this day.

Please allow 5-10 working days for delivery.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!



LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** 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.



Book Club

The **Gift Function** enables you to tag **Book Club** orders on **LOOP** that are intended as a surprise gift. This feature can be used throughout the year, providing your **Book Club Organiser** has enabled the gift function for your school. **LOOP** orders tagged as a gift will be delivered to school and marked accordingly, for the **Book Club Organiser** to set aside at the school office for you to collect.

How to use the Gift Function on Book Club **LOOP**
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Follow these **easy** steps!

1 LOG-IN

2 Select the **ORDER** tab

3 Select your **ISSUE**

4 Check the box **GIFT ORDER**
NOTE: ALL ITEMS ON THIS ORDER WILL BE MARKED AS A GIFT.

GIFT ORDER?



5 Enter the book number shown on the Catalogue

6 Select **NEXT** to finalise your order
PLEASE NOTE, THE ITEMS DO NOT COME GIFT WRAPPED.

For books that can be delivered directly to your child, please submit a separate order.

SCHOLASTIC



If for any reason you wish to collect the order from the office, please write '**collect from office**' on the order form. If you are ordering online use the '**gift**' option. The office will notify you when your order is ready for collection.

Please note gift items **DO NOT** come gift wrapped.



2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2021 PRC is off and running! Congratulations to the following students:

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

Payton Tomas

Lachlan Miller

Caleb Nguyen

Cooper Smith

20 book merit certificate (K-2)

Annaliese Kilbourne

James Kilbourne

Your certificate will be presented at a future assembly.

It's not too late!

We currently have over **100** 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.

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)

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PRC FAQ's

I have some books at home that might be on the PRC list. How do I find out?

The official PRC booklists can be found at: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html> or you can use the search box that can be found on the top right hand side of the page.

Can I include books from home and/or the ones that I may borrow from the local library?

Of course! Simply use the search box to locate the ID number and record them on your child's PRC card.

My child is in Years3-6 and does not bring their PRC card home. What do they do to record books read at home and/or the library?

Simply note the title and the ID number on a piece of paper so that your child can record it on their card at school.

Can my child read more than 1 book from a series?

For an approved PRC series, students can read **any two titles** which will count as official PRC books in their reading records. **Other titles** read from the same series will show as Personal choice books. The limit on series books encourages students to read a variety of genres and authors, rather than reading books from a few series or by the same author.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to come and ask! I am more than happy to help.

Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian
PRC Coordinator

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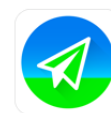
If you receive the newsletter as a paper copy please subscribe and receive newsletters, notes and notices via email and also access these via an app for your mobile device

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
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>



NDIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>April 5th</i>	<i>April 6th</i>	<i>April 7th</i>	<i>April 8th</i>	<i>April 9th</i>
CLOSED EASTER MONDAY	ABORIGINAL ARTS & CRAFTS SRAC Hub 10:00am - 2:00pm	KIDS BINGO (\$9.00) Departing from SRAC Hub 9:00am - 3:30pm	MOVIE DAY & BOARD GAMES SRAC Hub 9:00am - 2:00pm	WESTERN SYDNEY ZOO (\$20.00) Departing from SRAC Hub 8:30am - 3:00pm
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>April 12th</i>	<i>April 13th</i>	<i>April 14th</i>	<i>April 15th</i>	<i>April 16th</i>
KIDS TRIVIA Disney & Pixar (\$8.00) Departing SRAC Hub 9:00am - 2:00pm	ABORIGINAL ARTS & CRAFTS SRAC Hub 10:00am - 2:00pm	MUSIC GROUP AND DANCE CLASS Departing from SRAC Hub 9:00am - 3:00pm	INDOOR GAMES AND SPORT SRAC Hub 9:00am - 3:00pm	POWERHOUSE MUSEUM Departing from SRAC Hub 8:30am - 3:30pm

SRAC HUB: (02) 4721 1536

Please Contact our office to book a place.

51 - 57 Henry Street, Penrith NSW 2750

For children aged 5 - 16

CREATIVE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY **ACTIVITIES**

April 2021

\$40 PER DAY | 3 DAYS FOR \$100

HOW TO BOOK IN

Please head to our Website
<https://www.pycnsw.org.au/penrith/school-holidays>

click the button below
DOWNLOAD FORM BUTTON

Fill out the Booking Form & return into the club or via email below
Penrith@pcycnsw.org.au

100 Station St, Penrith

WE'RE COVID SAFE

PCYC POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW

CURRENT PCYC MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD THAT ATTENDS THE PROGRAM

CREATIVE KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY **ACTIVITIES**

April 2021

- Monday 5th April 2021** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 6th April 2021** Dodgeball | Ninja Warrior | Drama Program | Paper Plane Design & Contest
- Wednesday 7th April 2021** Basketball Skills | Bumper Football | Learn 2 Draw | Engineering Bridge Building
- Thursday 8th April 2021** Handball | Game | Basketball | Animal Rock Painting | Lego Building
- Friday 9th April 2021** Gymnastics | Circus Tricks | Pool Noodle Monsters | Paper Roll Dragons
- Monday 12th April 2021** Gymnastics | Ultimate Frisbee | Plant Pot Painting | Science experiments
- Tuesday 13th April 2021** Mini Olympics | Cricket Clinic | Plaster Painting | Olympic Art
- Wednesday 14th April 2021** Ninja Warrior | Circuit Obstacle | Circuit | Bowling Ball Art
- Thursday 15th April 2021** Soccer World Cup | Basketball tournament | Bop It | Engineering | Pot Plant
- Friday 16th April 2021** Gymnastics | Hockey tournament | Finger Print Art | Scavenger Hunt
- Monday 19th April 2021** Gymnastics | Soccer Skills | Quizzes + Puzzles | Learn 2 Draw

All activities run 9am to 4pm
cost is \$40 per day / 3 for \$100
for children aged 5-14 years old.
Payment must be made at time of booking.
Book now! Places are limited; call 4732 1755.
A \$10 yearly membership is required.
ALL School Holiday Activities accept a Creative Kids Voucher

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