

# WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 2 WEEK 4      Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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## At a glance.....



### Calendar Term 2

11-13.5.21  
NAPLAN

14.5.21  
Field Events

17.5.21  
Stage 1 Excursion

18.5.21  
P & C meeting - 7pm

19.5.21  
Kindergarten Farm  
Excursion

21.5.21  
Penrith Cup - League

25.5.21  
Panther Trophy

27.5.21  
Athletics Carnival

1.6.21  
Bronze Privilege Day

3.6.21  
K-2 Cross Country

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

It has been another exciting fortnight at school. Our students have been studying the concept of sustainability in their MAPPEN units and are learning about ways to protect and care for our world. Year 5 students participated in the Greening Australia initiative and have planted over 200 new trees and shrubs in the playground. Next week, Kindergarten and Stage 1 are venturing out on excursions to support their learning.

### Debating

Congratulations to the debating team who claimed victory in their first debate last week. They successfully argued the negative in the topic "*All students should have daily chores*". Well done team and coaches. Thank you to our parents/carers for transporting students and supporting the team.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5 commenced yesterday and will continue this week. If your child has missed a test due to an absence, we will schedule a catch-up test during the two week NAPLAN window period.

### Athletics Carnival and Field Events

Field Events, for students turning 8 this year or older, will be held at school on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May (weather permitting)**. This includes the heats of shot put, discus, long jump and high jump. The finals will take place at the Athletics Carnival on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Harold Corr Oval. We will keep you updated of any postponement via the official Werrington County Public School Facebook page and School e-news. Parents are invited to attend and cheer on our students.

### P&C

Thank you to the P&C for their efforts in organising our Mother's Day Stall and supporting fundraising within our school. They have also recently organised the donation of a gazebo to be used at school events. Our next P&C meeting is 18.5.21 at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

### Bronze Privilege Day

Students who have received their Safe, Respectful and Learner awards will be eligible to attend Bronze Privilege Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They will have popcorn and watch a movie with their peers as a reward for their efforts and dedication to upholding the school expectations. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning program encourages good choices, so together we can learn in a safe and supportive environment. We appreciate your support in encouraging students to be safe, respectful learners in and around our school.

### Sensory Space

We have recently commenced using our new Sensory Space to provide greater support to students in the playground. Our Year 6 helpers have been developing their skills in supporting students within this great new learning environment. Well done helpers!

### Student Safety

Help keep all of our children safe when travelling to and from school.

Please ensure you follow the road rules and road signs to ensure the safety of our school community.

**DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE CARPARK UNLESS AUTHORISED BY THE PRINCIPAL**

## Attendance

Arriving at school and class on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day. If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, they are required to obtain a late slip from the office. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

# Minutes lost = days lost per year

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



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## National Walk Safely to School Day



www.walk.com.au

Friday 14 May 2021

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too. So that's why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 14 May 2021.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

Kristine Beeby  
Relieving Principal



# 2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

Mia Hermes	Jack Evans	Emily Malloy	Chelsea Harris
Logan	Carly Di Sandro	Reigan Hermes	Imogen Horton
Jessica Manning	Violet Barry	Will Kovacs	Chloe Oliver

20 book merit certificate (K-2)

Cooper Smith	Payton Tomas
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30 book merit certificate (K-2)

Sophia Jackson-Wilkie

Your certificate will be presented at a future assembly.

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Bailey Dolby			

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Your official certificate will arrive at the end of the year.

**Please note: ALL students in K-2 will automatically be eligible to receive an official PRC certificate. However, if for any reason you do not wish your child to receive a PRC certificate please advise the school by FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021.**

## PRC FAQ's



***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 on the PRC website to locate the ID number and record them on your child's PRC card.

***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 PRC Homepage.

***My child is in Years 3-6 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. Alternatively, they may log it directly onto their reading log on the PRC website. Most students know how to do this.

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

For an approved PRC series, students can read **any three 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.

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