

# WERRINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Over halfway through the term and what a term it is? Thank you for supporting the health and safety of your family and our staff and community by keeping students at home if you are able. Learning from Home is a challenging situation for everyone and it is essential that we continue to adhere to the Department of Education guidelines to support our community. *Our school is open with minimal supervision to support those students who cannot be educated from home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker. All students and families will be supported with learning from home materials and resources that have been provided by the school.*

## Learning from Home Packs



This week we moved to have **NO** Learning from Home packs picked up from school to support our families in staying at home and helping to reduce movement in the community. Learning from Home packs have been posted out for families who have requested them or who picked up packs in Week 5. Packs will be posted each Friday, one week in advance. We will continue to distribute digitally via School E-News and Google Classrooms each Monday morning. If you are having difficulties accessing the Learning from Home packs, please email us on [werringcty-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:werringcty-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Student Work and Attendance

Our teachers are making regular contact with the families of the students in their classes. They are checking in to support you and your child/ren in accessing their classwork and helping them stay connected with school. If your child is not able to mark their attendance on Google Classroom each day and upload their work or photos, please speak with your child's class teacher. Student work can be sent into school after lockdown finishes however, teachers can provide feedback each day if they see evidence of student work through the Google classroom.

If your child is sick or unable to attend to their work, please phone or email school to let us know of the situation so that we can mark their attendance accordingly.



## Cybersafety

Google Classrooms and learning platforms that are provided by us are supported by the Department of Education. Please assist students to be cybersafe when they are not doing schoolwork and are using their devices. Attached to this newsletter are some tips for supporting children with being cybersafe and monitoring screen time.

## Book Week

Mrs Baxter has provided some ideas for Book Week in each of the Learning from Home packs for Week 7. We look forward to seeing some of the creative ideas of our students to celebrate the love of learning and reading through books. Please send photos via email or upload to Google Classrooms. We miss the opportunity to share in this event together, but we would love to see what you come up with at home.

We miss you and can't wait to see you all when our community is safe enough to return to school. In the meantime, stay in touch, reach out and keep well.

Kristine Beeby  
Relieving Principal



# 2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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

**10 book merit certificate (K-2)**

Damien Pengilly	Dylan Brennan	Michael Brennan	Lily Kilgour
Chelsea Harris			

**20 book merit certificate (K-2)**

Damien Pengilly	Dylan Brennan	Michael Brennan	Lily Kilgour
Chelsea Harris			

**30 book merit certificate (K-2)**

Damien Pengilly	Dylan Brennan	Michael Brennan	Lily Kilgour
Chelsea Harris	Lachlan Miller	Valerie Newman	Charlotte Hunt
Will Kovacs			

Your certificate will be presented at a future assembly.

**The following students have completed the Years 3-6 Premier's Reading Challenge:**

Laylah Buesnel	Kaylee Rothwell	Luke Ball	Taylan Binen
Connor Howard	Oliver Miller	Emma Pengilly	Delilah Pengilly
Noah Swindells	Ashton Kilgour	Sophia Nguyen	Ellandra Maher
Kensi Vesperman	Skye Brennan	Kaitlin Hunt	Chelsea Atwill
Brianna Hansen	Olga Nimmo		

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

**Please note: ALL students in K-2 & Support Classes will automatically be eligible to receive an official PRC certificate. However, if for any reason you do not wish your child (K-6) to receive a PRC certificate please advise the school by FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021.**

Mrs Baxter  
PRC Coordinator

# Got It!



## Screen Time

Not sure how to manage the time your child is spending in front a screen?

It's important you keep a balanced approach to using digital devices such as a computer, iPad and TV. Things to consider:

- Break up screen time with physical exercise and offline learning or play
- Designate "screen free" time
- Turn off screens including TV during meal times
- Ensure safe and responsible use of technology

### Tips for safe screen time:

Use only in shared spaces



Be aware of what your child is looking at



No taking screens to bed



Teach your child about online safety

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>



eSafetykids

Set clear rules



Utilise parent controls to block, filter & monitor.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/taming-technology>

