



Week 2, Term 1

Friday 3 February 2023

Welcome to 2023!

Warami (Hello),

We have had a smooth start to the 2023 school year! It has been lovely to watch our students reconnect with their friends and teachers after the Summer School Holidays.

This year we welcome a number of new staff to our school...

- Mr Paul Duncan has joined us from Warragamba PS as Relieving Assistant Principal – Year 3 & 4.
- Miss Casey Moss will be teaching RFF.
- Miss Laura Wilkinson will be teaching RFF.
- Mrs Juanita Gavellas will be teaching our English as a Second Language or Dialect (EAL/D) students.
- Miss Maddison Goodwin – SLSO
- Mrs Sue Moon – SLSO
- Mr Moustafa Dirani – SLSO



We also welcome back Mrs Emma Schild from maternity leave, she will be working 3 days a week this year. Both Mrs Keane and Miss Taylor continue their maternity leave into 2023.

Our teachers have spent time this week working in their new stage teams collaboratively planning their Term 1 programs with Mrs Pearce, our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. Teachers are using our end of 2022 student data to drive their programming for Term 1. This means quality teaching and learning can occur from day one in our new classes.

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2023 Classes

Today students moved into their new 2023 classes. Our teachers have worked very hard to consider both the academic and social needs of all of our students and have spent many hours forming new classes to ensure we are meeting the needs of all students. We would like to thank you for your patience this week whilst we finalised the number of students, we have at Werrington County this year. A full list of teachers and classes is at the end of the newsletter.

This year the number of students in each grade varies across the school. We have some year groups that are quite large and some that are much smaller. This means that we have some cohorts that have a single year group in the class whilst other may have a combination of two year groups. Schools are allocated teachers based on the total number of students enrolled in the school, not the number of students in individual year groups. This means that we need to create 'composite classes' that consist of more than one grade. Each of our classes here at Werrington County are 'mixed ability', this means that there are a range of student abilities in each class. Students are not grouped by their academic level – for example top, middle and bottom classes.

Our syllabus documents are organised into four stages in primary school, year groups are broken down into stages as follows:



Grouping students by stage does not change the year group they are in, nor does it impact on what they are learning, students' academic needs will be catered to based on their current needs. If you have any questions about our class organisation, please contact the Assistant Principal for your child's stage:

- Kindergarten – Mrs English
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Mrs Willis
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Mr Duncan
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Mrs Turnbull
- Special Education Unit – Miss Bailey

Who Should I Speak to and When?

Your child's classroom teacher should always be the first point of contact if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's schooling. Classroom Teachers are best equipped to answer any questions that you may have, they spend more time with your child at school than any other teacher. By approaching the Classroom Teacher first any questions or concerns you may have can be addressed quickly, putting your mind at ease.

Sometimes other teachers are also involved in your child's learning. These teachers may be the RFF teacher, our Librarian or a Learning Support Teacher. When these teachers work with your child, they work alongside your child's Classroom Teacher to support your child. Sometimes these teachers will also be involved in discussions between you and the Classroom Teacher.

Each stage has an Assistant Principal that is responsible for the supervision of the students and staff within that stage. The Assistant Principal will also work with the Classroom Teacher and may become involved in discussions with you if the need arises. The Assistant Principals for each stage are:



Mrs English	Mrs Willis	Mr Duncan	Mrs Turnbull	Miss Bailey
KW K/1LS	1T 1/2W 2F	3R 3/4D 4/5C	4/5G 5P 5/6T 6G	K-2F 2-5B 4-6G

This year we have two specialist Assistant Principal roles, they are Assistant Principal Wellbeing, Learning and Support and Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. After you have spoken with your child's Classroom Teacher and Assistant Principal, you may be referred to one of our specialist Assistant Principals. Our specialist Assistant Principals are:

Mrs Sheridan	Mrs Pearce
Assistant Principal Wellbeing, Learning & Support	Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

After earlier avenues have been explored through the Classroom Teacher and Assistant Principals, the Principal will become involved in discussions about your child. The Principal is able to provide additional support and advice to families and can engage further specialist support from the Department of Education.

All of our Teachers and the Leadership Team are here to support you and your child's educational journey. A successful educational journey is achieved when parents/carers work together with teachers, sharing a mutual interest in putting the student first. We look forward to keeping the channels of communication open and sharing your child's journey at our school.

Staff Meetings

Teachers attend various meetings throughout the week, these meetings are usually held before or after school. This means that some mornings and afternoons teachers may be unavailable to meet with you or respond to your messages. Please know that our teachers will do their very best to respond to you in a timely manner. Our weekly meeting times are as follows...



	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Before School			KW, K/1LS, 1T, 1/2W & 2F Specialist Staff (LST/EALD)	All Staff Communication Meeting	
After School	Leadership Team	3R, 3/4D & 4/5C	Teacher Professional Learning	4/5G, 5P, 5/6T & 6G Learning Support	

Student Wellbeing / School Values

Based on feedback received in our 2022 wellbeing survey of students, staff and parents we have updated our Student Wellbeing expectations and processes. We have attached a copy of the updated visual representation of our expectations and the processes that will be followed if a student is making choices that do not follow our school expectations. Teachers will continue to hand our 'Super Kid' tokens to students making positive choices. 'Super Kid' tokens will go into the draw to win a canteen voucher each week. This year at our weekly assemblies one winner will be drawn from each stage.

CURIOUS | COLLABORATIVE | COMPASSIONATE

Teachers have spent time this week introducing our new school values Curious, Collaborative and Compassionate to our students. These values link in with our new award system. On Monday students will be bringing home an outline of the new award system and how it links with the previous awards system. Our teachers will explain the new visual approach to Student Wellbeing at our Meet the Teacher Nights in Week 6. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Canteen Update

Our new canteen provider Nic's Catering and Canteen Services will be open from this coming Monday 6 February. A menu and price list is attached to this newsletter for your reference. The full menu will be available from Monday. The new canteen providers are in the process of getting their online ordering system up and running online orders will now be processed through 'Munch Monitor', please do not use the FlexiSchools app. We will let you know when the new online ordering system is ready to go. At the moment only cash payments will be accepted for orders and over the counter purchases.



Sunscreen

Our school promotes sun-smart behaviour by encouraging students to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide. Sun-safe uniform items – including hats that protect the head, neck and ears – are included in our school uniform. School staff encourage students to play in the natural and built shade environments around the school. Our school also has a no hat, no play policy so your child will need their hat to play outdoors with their friends at recess and lunch.

You can protect your child from the damaging effects of UV radiation by applying sunscreen each morning before they leave for school and ensuring they are wearing a sun-safe hat. Children can also wear sunglasses at school to protect their eyes from sun damage.



This year we are encouraging parents to send a roll-on sunscreen to school labelled with your child's name. Sunscreen will be kept in students' bags. After applying sunscreen at home before school, teachers will give students an opportunity to re-apply their sunscreen after the recess break, ready for lunch. Due to the increasing nature of allergies and reactions to sunscreen products, students will not be allowed to share sunscreen.

If you have any questions about the re-application of sunscreen, please speak to your child's teacher.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 9am. The meeting will be held on site at school in the office. As this is the first meeting for the new year, all parents wishing to become financial members of the P&C must pay their \$2 joining fee at this meeting. Becoming a financial member of the P&C gives you the right to vote, pass and second motions raised at the meeting. Non-financial parents are also welcome to attend the meetings, however, will be unable to vote.

The P&C are still looking to fill the Secretary and Treasurer committee positions. We will be calling for nominations for these positions at the February meeting.

Yanu (Goodbye)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belinda Clarke".

Mrs Belinda Clarke
Principal

From Mrs Baxter our Librarian...



Issue 1 of Book Club has been handed out to students in Year 1-6 this week. Students in Kindergarten will receive their brochure next week.

Orders will close **Friday 17th February.**

A flyer for Scholastic Book Club News. The top part is red with the Scholastic logo and the text 'SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS'. The bottom part is yellow with the text 'FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY' and 'IN OUR NEW BIGGER & BETTER BOOK CLUB!'. A table shows the giveaway details.

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

LOOP orders only.

A flyer for Scholastic Book Club LOOP for Parents. It features the Scholastic logo and the text 'Book Club LOOP for Parents'. Below this, it explains that LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents. It provides the website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and includes logos for Google Play and the App Store.

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To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON Google play Download on the App Store

Please note the giveaway offer is only for orders processed online via LOOP.

Thank you, Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian & Book Club Co-ordinator

2023 Staff List

Leadership Team

Principal	Mrs Belinda Clarke	AP Kindergarten/APCI	Mrs Rachel English (W-F)
AP C&I	Mrs Laura Pearce	AP Years 1 and 2	Mrs Cath Willis
AP Wellbeing/LST	Mrs Chris Sheridan	AP Years 3 and 4	Mr Paul Duncan
Business Manager	Mrs Kath Galuszka	AP Years 5 and 6	Mrs Jo Turnbull
		AP Special Education	Miss Karlea Bailey

Class Teachers

KW	Mrs Ailsa Wheeler
K/1LS	Mrs Lauren Kenny (M-W) Mrs Emma Schild (W-F)
1T	Miss Jo Thornley
1/2W	Mrs Cath Willis
2F	Mrs Amanda Fitzpatrick
3R	Miss Susi Ross
3/4D	Mr Paul Duncan
4/5C	Miss Sam Catto
4/5G	Miss Liz Gubbins
5P	Mrs Justine Pye
5/6T	Mrs Jo Turnbull
6G	Miss Heidi Graetsch

Special Education Teachers

2-5B	Miss Karlea Bailey
4-5G	Mrs Jess Gatt
K-2F	Ms Kelly Finch

Specialist Teachers

Library/RFF (M-Th)	Mrs Lorraine Baxter
RFF	Miss Maddison Balzano
RFF	Miss Casey Moss
RFF (W-F)	Miss Laura Wilkinson
LaST	Mrs Kylee Burton
EAL/D (T, W)	Mrs Juanita Gavellas

Administration Staff

Business Manager	Mrs Kath Galuszka
School Admin Officer	Mrs Deb Pagett
School Admin Officer (M-W)	Mrs Karen Taylor
School Admin Officer (W-F)	Mrs Jessica Searle

SLSOs

SLSO	Miss Kristy Mulford
SLSO	Miss Madison Goodwin
SLSO Mini Lit (M-Th)	Mrs Corina Morrell
SLSO Mini Lit (M-Th)	Mrs Sheenagh Bentley
SLSO Mini Lit (T-F)	Mrs Sue Moon
SLSO (Panthers)	Mr Moustafa Dirani

Counsellor

Even Weeks - W	Odd Weeks - T, Th	Mrs Joanna Breen
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Special Education SLSOs

SLSO - 4-6G	Mrs Kyla Cooper
SLSO - K-2F	Mrs Karen Coleborn
SLSO - 2-5B	Mrs Rychelle Kandel

Staff on Leave

Teacher	Mrs Michelle Keane
Teacher	Miss Danielle Taylor

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Term 1, 2023 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 Jan HOLIDAYS	24 Jan HOLIDAYS	25 Jan HOLIDAYS	26 Jan AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 Jan STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
2	30 Jan STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	31 Jan Students in Yrs 1-6 Return Special Education students move into 2023 classes	1 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	2 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	3 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments Students move into 2023 classes Newsletter Day
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6	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar K-6 Assembly - 2pm Meet the Teacher Parent Information Night	2 Mar	3 Mar Newsletter Day
7	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar K-6 Assembly - 2pm Zone Swimming Carnival	9 Mar	10 Mar
8	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 K-6 Assembly - 2pm	16 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5	17 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 Newsletter Day
9	20 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5	21 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5	22 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 K-6 Assembly - 2pm Harmony Day	23 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5	24 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 Sydney West Swimming Carnival Youth Leadership Conference for Student Leaders
10	27 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5	28 Mar	29 Mar K-6 Assembly - 2pm	30 Mar	31 Mar Newsletter Day
11	3 Apr	4 Apr Easter Hat Parade	5 Apr K-6 Principals Assembly - 2pm	6 Apr School ANZAC Day Service Last Day of Term 1	7 Apr GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Our School Values and Expectations

We are **Curious**, **Collaborative** and **Compassionate**

Step 5
Purple Slip



Principal

- Continually doing the wrong thing
- Brought a weapon to school
- Being physically violent and attempting to harm others

Step 4
Red Slip



AP
Reflection Time

- Drawing on school or another person's property
- Hitting, punching or kicking because you want to hurt someone
- Stealing
- Repeatedly being disrespectful or disruptive
- Repeatedly not keeping your hands to yourself
- Bullying
- Cyber bullying
- Racist language
- Repeatedly using rude words
- Repeatedly in the wrong place at the wrong time

If behaviour continues student moves to purple step.

Step 3
Orange Slip



AP Reflection Time

- Not following instructions after being asked multiple times
- Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself
- Hurting others on purpose
- Using rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someone
- Wrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on purpose

If behaviour is repeated student moves to red step

Step 2
Yellow Slip



Take 5 Completed

- Throwing objects in the classroom
- Back chat
- Not following instructions
- Not completing your work

If behaviour is repeated student moves to orange step

Step 1
Name on Chart



Time to have a chat

- Talking when someone else is talking
- Using the furniture in the wrong way
- Using equipment in the wrong way
- Not sitting on the floor correctly
- Distracting yourself or others
- Leaving rubbish on the floor
- Implementation of Berry Street/Bill Rogers Strategies to assist in turning behaviour around.
- If behaviour is repeated student moves to yellow step

Verbal reminder



Back on track and Chill Zone

- You can turn this around 😊
- Think it through
- Take some deep breaths
- Move on from the mistake

Nic's Catering & Canteen Services

Food Coding

G- Green fill the menu

A - Amber Select Carefully

R - Red Only Occasionally

GF - Gluten Free

Treats

Low Fat Banana Bread (A)	\$ 2.50
Assorted Mini Muffins	\$ 2.00
Seasonal Fruit	\$ 1.00

Salad Bar

Garden Salad (G & V)	\$ 3.50
Caesar Salad (G)	\$ 4.50
Chicken Caesar Salad (G)	\$ 5.00

Sandwiches

(white/wholemeal)	
Vegemite/Jam/Cheese	\$ 2.00
Tasty Cheese & Tomato (G)	\$ 3.50
Roast Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo (G)	\$ 4.50
Lean lite Ham, Tomato & Cheese (G)	\$ 4.50

Wraps

Chicken Wrap (A)	\$ 4.00
Chicken Caesar Wrap (A)	\$ 4.00
Ham Wrap (A)	\$ 4.00
Chicken Tandoori Wrap (A)	\$ 4.00
Bread Rolls \$1.00 Extra	
Gluten Free bread also Available	

Toasties

Cheese (G)	\$ 3.00
Cheese & Tomato (G)	\$ 3.50
Ham & Cheese (G)	\$ 3.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato (G)	\$ 4.00

Snacks

Assorted Chip Packets	\$ 1.50
Zooper Doopers	\$ 1.00
Popcorn	\$ 1.50
Jelly	\$ 1.00
Noodle Snacks Chicken/Beef	\$ 1.00
Frozen Jelly	\$ 1.00
Chocolate Cup Cake	\$ 2.00

Hot Food

Meat Pie (A)	\$ 4.50
Sausage Roll (A)	\$ 4.00
Mini Pie (A)	\$ 1.50
Mini Sausage Roll (A)	\$ 1.50
Chicken Nuggets x 4 (A)	\$ 3.50
Chicken Nuggets x 5 (A)	\$ 4.00
Chicken Nuggets x 6 (A)	\$ 4.50
Chicken Burger (A)	\$ 5.00
Garlic Bread (A)	\$ 2.00
Nachos with Salsa & Cheese (A)	\$ 4.50
Oven Baked potato wedges (A)	\$ 4.00
Fish Fingers	\$ 1.00
Hot Dog	\$ 4.00
Hot Dog W/ Tomato Sauce	\$ 4.00
Hot Dog W/BBQ Sauce	\$ 4.00
Hash Brown	\$ 1.00
Hot Noodles Chicken/Beef	\$ 3.50

Pasta

Penne Napolitana (G & V)	\$ 4.00
Spaghetti Bolognese (A)	\$ 4.50
Macaroni & Cheese (A)	\$ 4.00
Fried Rice (A & V)	\$ 4.00
Butter Chicken & Rice (A)	\$ 4.50
Cheese Pizza (A)	\$ 3.50
Ham & Cheese Pizza (A)	\$ 4.00

Focaccia

Ham - Smoked Ham, Tomato & Cheese (A)	\$ 5.00
Chicken - Chicken, Lettuce, & Mayo (A)	\$ 5.00
Falafel - Falafel, Cheese, Tomato & Pesto (A)	\$ 5.50

Meal Deals (Available Daily)

4 Nuggets & A Milk Popper or Bottle of Water	\$ 5.50
Chicken Burger & Bottle of Water	\$ 6.50
Penne Napolitana, Garlic Bread & Bottle of Water	\$ 7.50
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich & Juice Popper	\$ 6.00
Hot Dog & Bottle of Water	\$ 5.50

Beverages

Water Bottle 600ml (G)	\$ 2.00
100% Juice Popper (G)	\$ 2.50
Milkshake (A)	\$ 3.00
Flavoured Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry) (A)	\$ 2.50
Up and Go Strawberry/Vanilla/Chocolate	\$ 2.50

A wide selection of food will be available for purchase over the counter for Breakfast and at both breaks - but not necessarily all foods on the menu.

Placing an order is the only way to ensure your choice is available at any given time. Check the school newsletter & Displays out front of the canteen for new items & meal Deals.