

Week 4, Term 1

Friday 17 February 2023

Hello Kindergarten, Class of 2029!

Warami (Hello),



Our Kindergarten students have spent their first two weeks of 'Big School' settling in and learning our school routines and expectations. Last Tuesday, I had the pleasure of welcoming our Kindergarten students into my office for a visit whilst they were taking a tour of the school. We spent some time learning the Dharug words for Hello (Warami) and Goodbye (Yanu). We practised using the Dharug words to greet each other, the Kindergarten students also enjoyed looking at some of the picture books about starting school on display in my office and each of the Kindergarten classes were given a class dinosaur.

KW will be taking care of the blue dinosaur it's name is Spike-O-Saurus, K/1LS are looking after the green dinosaur who's name is Rexie. Students will take turns to bring their class dinosaur home for a week, we are really excited to hear all about the adventures of Spike-O-Saurus and Rexie! On Wednesday the Kindergarten students joined the



rest of the school for their first K-6 Assembly, all of the students did a wonderful job demonstrating their best assembly manners. We are so proud of the wonderful start that the Kindergarten students have made to 'Big School'!

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Meet the Teacher Information Nights

Our 2023 Meet the Teacher Information Nights will be held on Wednesday 1 March. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and the Assistant Principal for their stage. We will be presenting some general information about what you can expect this year. There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher after the presentation. We kindly ask that you remember that these sessions are not Parent/Teacher Interviews. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held later this year. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please organise a time to meet with them.



6.00 – 6.30pm	KW, K/1LS (Kindergarten families) in the Library 3R, 3/4D, 4/5C (Year 4 families), 4/5G (Year 4 families) in Wingaruda K-2F, 2-5B AND 4-6G in the Special Education Classrooms
6.30 – 7.00pm	K/1LS (Year 1 families) 1T, 1/2W, 2F in the Library 4/5C (Year 5 families), 4/5G (Year 5 families), 5P, 5/6T, 6G in Wingaruda

We will be sending home a summary of everything mentioned at the information nights if you are unable to make it. This information will be sent home on Thursday 2 March. We hope to see you on Wednesday 1 March!

Picking Students up Late

In the event that you are running late to pick your child/ren up from school at 3pm, please phone the school to let us know that you are running late. Students who are not collected at 3pm will be brought into the office. For safety reasons parents will need to come to the office to collect their children if they are being picked up late.

We have an onsite OOSH for those families who are unable to pick their child/ren up at 3pm.

NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.



The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week. This week students in Years 3 and 5 were given information about NAPLAN to bring home, this information was also sent out via our ENews APP.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher

Celebrating Birthdays and Lessons Involving Food

We love to celebrate the birthdays of our students. To ensure the safety of our students and to comply with the Department of Education's Foods in Schools Procedures, last year we introduced some new measures to reduce the risk of allergic reactions.

Birthdays – please send pre-packaged items that are in individual servings, some ideas include: multipacks of Freddos, Lollies, Chips etc or small stationary items like fancy pencils. **Please do not send home made cakes, biscuits etc.**



Cooking In Class – all lessons involving food will now have a permission note with the details of the food being used.

We thank you for your support in this very important matter.

Yanu (Goodbye)

Mrs Belinda Clarke
Principal

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners from...

Week 4	KW	K/1LS	K-2F
	Mila Isaac	Lincoln Georgia	Yannis
1T	1/2W	2F	2-5B
Charlotte Ryan	Evie Kaiden	Emmrey McKenna	Cooper
3R	3/4D	4/5C	4/5G
Hayden Mia	Charlotte Lachlan	Kensi Hayden	Roxi-Rae Olivia
4-6G	5P	5/6T	6G
Will	Tyler Jade	Jasper Nevaeh	Benjamin Miley

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students have settled in nicely to Werrington County Public School. They have enjoyed getting to meet their teachers and new friends.



We count numbers and read books together



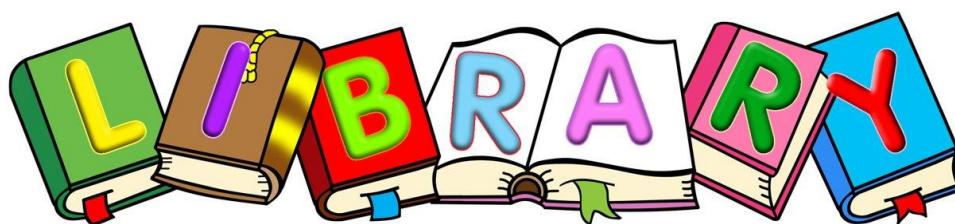
We have been learning about how we can be curious, compassionate and collaborative at school.



We have had fun during Sport.



We give a big thumbs up to Kindy!



All students have commenced library lessons and are now able to borrow books from the library. Students who wish to borrow books to take home need a library bag. A strong plastic bag makes a great library bag. School library bags are available from the office to purchase for \$11.

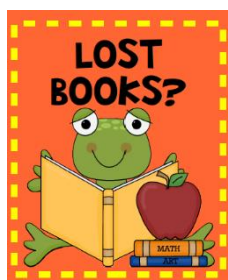
Library days are as follows:

Monday: 3R, 4/5C, 4/5G & 5/6T

Tuesday: KW, K/1LS, 1T, 1/2W, 2F & 6G

Wednesday: 5P

Thursday: K/2F, 2/5B, 3/4D & 4/6G



Thank you to the families who returned library books that were found over the holidays or paid for books that have become lost. A stocktake of the entire library has been completed, and there are still a few students with outstanding library books. They will receive orange-coloured notices shortly. A copy of our '*Procedures for dealing with overdue library books*' is included with this newsletter.

Please remember to keep your books in a safe place. **Books that become lost or damaged beyond repair will need to be paid for.**



If a book has become damaged, please don't repair it. Just include a note advising me that the book needs repairing, and I will attend to it.

Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian



This year our school has once again decided to register for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge is a special initiative to foster a love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and pleasure.

The challenge for students in **K-2** is to experience 30 books from the K-2 Premier's Reading Challenge booklists by mid-August 2023. **You can read these books to your child or the student can read them independently.** 20 of the books **must** come from the PRC list. The remaining 10 are free choice.

All students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the NSW Premier. Our school library has many of the books on the booklists already in the library for the students to borrow. You may also read PRC books that you have at home or that you borrow from the local library.

For students in K-2 who participate at home, I will also be issuing my own incentive certificates once a student has read 10, 20, & 30 books.

All students in Years 3-6 will be completing the PRC as part of their wide reading in class and keep their reading record in the library.

Please note: Students no longer need a permission note to participate in the PRC however if for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, please advise the school. **The permission note below is for students K-2 who are completing the Reading Challenge at home.**

For further information please visit the website. <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>
I invite all students to take up the challenge as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten permission note is also acceptable. 😊

Mrs Baxter
Teacher Librarian

Mrs Clarke
Principal

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 an official PRC Certificate.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)



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Procedures for the return overdue library books

Weekly

Using OLIVER (our school library system) the Teacher Librarian reminds students during library class time to return any overdue library books. **Once a student has an overdue library book, they are not permitted to take any books home until the overdue ones have been returned or the replacement costs paid. They are however able to borrow a book to read in class.**

Monthly

At the beginning of each month a computer generated (OLIVER) reminder notice is sent to all students who have not returned library books. For those students who have already been issued with an OLIVER generated reminder notice, a letter signed by the teacher librarian and the principal will be sent to the student's home via the post. Weekly class reminders continue.

At the end of the year a record is kept of all students and the titles of the resources that they have not returned. Students who have failed to return library books or pay for their replacement cost will be prevented from borrowing to take home. This will not however prevent them from using any library resources whilst they are at school, nor prevent them from accessing the library at the appropriate times.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 9673 2711 (Mon – Thurs).

Lorraine Baxter
Teacher Librarian

Belinda Clarke
Principal

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.
For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

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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
3	6 Feb Kindergarten Students Commence	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb
4	13 Feb Anniversary of the National Apology	14 Feb Swimming Carnival notes due back by today	15 Feb K-6 Assembly – 2pm P&C Meeting – 9am	16 Feb	17 Feb Newsletter Day Book Club orders close today
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9	20 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5	21 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 Harmony Day	22 Mar NAPLAN - Year 3 and Year 5 K-6 Assembly – 2pm	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

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Step 5 Purple Slip		Principal	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continually doing the wrong thingBrought a weapon to schoolBeing physically violent and attempting to harm others	
Step 4 Red Slip		AP Reflection Time	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drawing on school or another person's propertyHitting, punching or kicking because you want to hurt someoneStealingRepeatedly being disrespectful or disruptiveRepeatedly not keeping your hands to yourselfBullyingCyber bullyingRacist languageRepeatedly using rude wordsRepeatedly in the wrong place at the wrong time	
Step 3 Orange Slip		AP Reflection Time	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not following instructions after being asked multiple timesNot keeping your hands and feet to yourselfHurting others on purposeUsing rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someoneWrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on purpose	
Step 2 Yellow Slip		Take 5 Completed	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Throwing objects in the classroomBack chatNot following instructionsNot completing your work	
Step 1 Name on Chart		Time to have a chat	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Talking when someone else is talkingUsing the furniture in the wrong wayUsing equipment in the wrong wayNot sitting on the floor correctlyDistracting yourself or othersLeaving rubbish on the floorImplementation 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	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can turn this around 😊Think it throughTake some deep breathsMove on from the mistake	



Term 1, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- **eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Setting your child up for success online (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- **Navigating online friendships (30 minutes)**
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



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Updated Canteen Menu



Nic's Catering & Canteen Services

Food Coding

G - Green fill the menu

A - Amber Select Carefully

R - Red Only Occasionally

GF - Gluten Free

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

Focaccia

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

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

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

Treats

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

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

Beverages

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

Gluten Free Options

Add \$1.00 to List Price

Penne Napolitana
Spaghetti Bolognese
Sandwiches
Toasties
Chicken Ceasar Salad

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.

