



# Werrington Public School

## Term 1 Week 10, 3rd April, 2018

### Dates for your calendar!

**4th April:** Marsden disco fundraiser; Primary assembly

**5th April:** Cross-country carnival; Last day for awards to be handed in to the office.

**6th April:** Penrith Cup: AFL

**10th April:** Parent and teacher interviews

**11th April:** Werrington Wise assemblies

**13th April:** Last day of term

### Term 2 dates:

**Office opens 30th April**

**1st May:** School resumes for all students

**7th May:** Penrith Touch Football gala day

**9th May:** Primary assembly

**10th May:** Mothers' Day Stall

**15th—17th May:** NAPLAN

**4th July:** Primary athletics carnival

**6th July:** Last day Term 2



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This newsletter is my final one as principal of Werrington Public School. It has been 6 years since I first started; the children in Year 6 now, were in Kindergarten when I started in 2012! It has been an honour to serve the Werrington community over this time. I will treasure every moment that I have worked with the students, staff and parents at our wonderful school, and will hold these memories close to my heart.

Although the new principal has yet to be appointed, the process is underway, and the new principal will be ready to start at the beginning of Term 2. Please be assured that I will assist the new principal in their understanding of the school and the community, so there is a smooth transition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my time at Werrington Public School. I will certainly miss being a part of this big family.

### Werrington Wise Award Assemblies

These will be held on Wednesday 11th April in the school hall. There has been a slight change to the start time for the primary assembly; they will join the K-2 students in the hall at 9.30am, for a very special K-6 award assembly! The last day for awards to be handed into the office for Term 1 will be Thursday 5th April. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified in writing.

### Parent and Teacher Interviews

The last session of these will be held on Tuesday 10th April from 3.15pm until 4.30pm. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher, please speak with them directly.

### Friday Playgroup

Don't forget; our playgroup operates every Friday from 9.15 to 11am in the before and after school care centre attached to the library. If you have a baby, toddler or pre-schooler in your care, please come along for some fun socialising. Please also invite any friends who live in the Werrington area. This is a great opportunity to get together with other families. Our playgroup program is coordinated by our Camp Australia staff, with all activities provided free of charge!

### Harmony Day

Thank you to our parents who came along to our Harmony Day morning tea to help celebrate this special events. A special thank you to our wonderful families who put on special Harmony Day displays, highlighting important aspects of their culture.

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### **Marsden Fundraiser**

On Wednesday 4th March, Marsden House is holding a disco to raise funds for the local Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC). Entry fee is a gold coin, with blue glow bracelets available for 50c at the disco. I encourage every child to come along and support our local PCYC. A little bird told me that some local police officers might be coming along to enjoy a dance or two!!

### **Cross-Country Carnival**

Our annual K-6 cross-country carnival will be held on Thursday, between 9.30 and 11.30am. Parents are welcome to come along to enjoy the morning cheering their child on. Students need to come in their sport uniform.

### **Tathra Bushfire Appeal**

Last week, we held a very rare mufti day fundraiser to support the community of Tathra that was devastated by the recent bushfires. With the wonderful support of our community, our school raised almost \$700.00 Well done everyone! The funds will be sent to the Tathra community through SchoolAid who will ensure that the funds get to those in need.

### **Teacher Professional Learning**

Regularly, teachers and staff undertake professional learning to keep up to date with the latest theory, research and practice in education. Many of these are held after school hours! These sessions include:

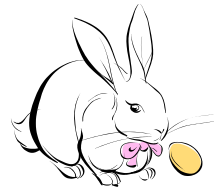
- Mrs Blackford and Mrs Gigg at Rock and Water resilience training
- Mrs Enese and Mrs Conduit at an Aboriginal Education course
- Ms Bendt at a writing course
- Mrs Buchan at a STEM and coding course

Have a wonderful fortnight and a fantastic holiday break!

Mrs Thompson  
Principal

## **Werrington Public School P & C News**

The P & C Committee would like to thank our families for their support so far this term. We are so grateful for the donations of Easter items and to those beautiful people that donated their time to put together raffles tickets and Easter baskets, THANK YOU!!



*Happy Mother's Day !*

Term 2 we will be holding our Mothers Day Stall and will again be looking for volunteers to help sell the pre purchased gifts to our children. Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter or on the Werrington Public School Facebook Page for more information.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very special and heartfelt Thank You and farewell to Mrs Thompson. We have been lucky over the last 6 years to have you as the Principal of our school. Thank you for the support you have always given to our families. Thank you for always being available to our P & C Committee even if sometimes it was at a moment's notice. The families and students will miss you very much and wish you every success in your next adventure.

We look forward to welcoming our new Principal in Term 2.

We hope all families and staff at Werrington Public School enjoy the holidays.

Warm regards,

P & C Committee



# BounceBack!

We have been learning about the importance of 'it's OK to be different', to include others and to have self-respect.

We interviewed some students, and here is what they had to say.

Mrs Grant and Mrs Young ☺

What has been your favourite part of Bounce Back in Term One?

**I like teacher's helping me- Kierra KCC**

**I like reading books about being kind- Tayla 1M**

**I like learning how to be nicer to everyone- Kai 3Y**

**Learning how to respect others- Izac 6K**

**All of it!- Farhan 3Y**

**I like helping people- Lillyanna KCC**

**Learning that it's ok to be different and watching videos about how people are different- Jackson 2EA**

**Learning to take care of teachers- Prableen 12P**

Name one thing you have learned in Bounce Back so far?

**To cooperate and to get involved in all activities- Kiri 45B**

**Being tactful may mean telling a little white lie to make someone feel better- Ayla 4H**

**I have learned to be honest and to take more responsibility- Jeffrey 45B**

**I am learning to help people- Tyler 6K**

**To be tactful by saying things I don't like in a nice way- Max 5G**

**I have learned to be honest- Jessica 2EB**

**I've learned to work and cooperate with others, even if we are not friends- Bella 5G**

# K-2 Assembly

Our K-2 school assembly takes place on Wednesday each fortnight in the school hall from 2:00pm. Awards are given to students at each assembly to celebrate their achievements. We encourage our families and local community to attend. Our next K-2 assembly will be in Term 2, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

## 28<sup>th</sup> March Special Awards



### Little Hoot Award

Well Done, **Connor Cameron** for a fantastic effort in following the 5Ls at our assembly.



### Big Hoot Award

Congratulations to **KC** for displaying outstanding respectful behaviour at our assembly.

## Hoot hoot hooray!

Previous Winners	Big Hoot	Little Hoot
14 <sup>th</sup> February	1W	Brock Mooney
28 <sup>th</sup> February	1W	Denzel Taveuveu
14 <sup>th</sup> March	KM	Charlotte Tippett



# Harmony Day 2018

Our school community joined together on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March for an International Morning tea and a celebration of culture with displays set up by our parent, teacher and student body.

Many thanks to the families who spent time setting up their tables and talking to the students as they came and observed each display. We had representation from India, Nepal, Italy, Wales, Indonesia, Arabic and the Pacific Islands. The students were very interested in the displays and asked lots of questions. Many students also came in their cultural dress and classes were involved in Harmony Day activities throughout the day.

