



Werrington Public School

Term 2 Week 2, 7th May, 2018

Dates for your calendar!

7th May: Penrith Touch Football gala day

**9th May: Primary assembly
District Cross Country**

10th May: Mothers' Day Stall

**15th—17th May:
NAPLAN**

25th May: Penrith Cup

22nd June: NAIDOC Cup

4th July: Primary athletics carnival

6th July: Last day Term 2

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you, to the students, staff and parents for the warm welcome I have received this week. It has been lovely meeting many of our students and their families. I look forward to meeting those families I haven't yet had the chance to meet. Tomorrow morning 8th May, I will be hosting a 'Meet the Principal – Coffee and Chat' session in the library commencing at 9.05am, I hope you will be able to join me.

I believe that the education of your children is a shared partnership between school and home. If at any time you have a concern about your child, I encourage you to contact the school to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, supervisor or assistant principal or me if appropriate. By working together, we can do our best to ensure that your child/children feel safe and happy and have the opportunity to achieve their full potential academically, culturally, socially and emotionally.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

On Tuesday 1st May we held our ANZAC Service at school for all students K-6. Our school captains, along with our senior leaders confidently and respectfully led the service. Staff representatives laid floral tributes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Rob Kealy and the student leadership team for coordinating the service and all students for their respectful involvement.

New Garden Beds

Last Friday Kindergarten in conjunction with the P&C, Mr Moses, Mrs LeMaire, Mrs Mooney & Mrs Walker. Bunnings installed and planted out two new raised vegetable garden beds. Kindergarten enjoyed the experience of planting seedlings and seeds the beds and I am sure that as they care for the gardens, the students will also learn many things about growing and changing and lifecycles of plants.



NAPLAN

Students in years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN assessments next week. Please remember that the true purpose on NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool for teachers and schools and that it is only a snapshot in time. Please reassure your children that there is nothing to be concerned about regarding NAPLAN. If you have any queries or concerns regarding NAPLAN, please contact your child's class teacher or the office.

Teacher Professional Learning

Last week the entire staff participated in a number of Professional Learning sessions both on our staff development day and after school.

This included:

- Positive Behaviour for learning;
- Processes and Procedures;
- NESA Registration;
- Aboriginal education project; and
- Bounce back.



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These sessions are an important way for the school and staff to keep up to date with best practice and the latest developments within the Department of Education (DoE) and the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA).

Keeping Up To Date

Don't forget to download our Skoolbag app, pop by our website or Facebook page, for all the latest notes and happenings at Werrington PS.

Have a great fortnight!

Mrs Avery
Principal

Quote Of The Week

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

-- Walt Disney

You're invited!

to Werrington Public School's

'Coffee and chat'

parent afternoons



This is casual and relaxed opportunity to meet and get to know other families within our school. All families and family members are welcome to **meet in the Whisper Room**, which can be found in the Library, to enjoy some light refreshments together at **2pm on the first Monday of every month**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Community Engagement Team



What's new in K-2?



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable break with your children and managed to spend some quality time together. This term will be another busy one for the students. NAPLAN is coming up next week and we wish all our Year 3 and Year 5 students the best of luck.

How can you help with Literacy and Numeracy?

From the moment our students begin the process of developing their word and number skills, their world starts to open up, and the possibilities are endless.

The Learning Potential Resources website, produced by the Australian Government, offers a range of fun and engaging literacy and numeracy activities for parents to support their children in the work they are doing in the classroom. All of the resources are tablet-friendly, free to use, and easy to access. They have been designed for parents and families of children in Kindergarten (Foundation) to Year 6.

The website can be found at:

<http://www.learningpotential.edu.au/>

Browse by your child's year level, or search for a topic, and the website will suggest ideas, activities, games and videos you can use to support your child's learning. All of the activities reinforce and build on the concepts and skills your child will encounter in the classroom.



Time to celebrate reading

May is National Family Reading Month, which promotes shared reading and role-modelling, both in the classroom and at home. One of the most effective things you can do with your child to help develop their literacy skills is to read with and to your child, discussing what you have read together afterwards.

* Try to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child. It is important to keep reading to your child even when they are able to read for themselves.

* Try to listen to your child read out loud every day, and encourage them to read to visitors or younger siblings. Reading out loud, even for a short time, can help build your child's confidence in reading.

* Try asking your child to read notes, signs and menus out loud regularly.

* Try to have a range of different reading material available for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction – this can include newspapers, magazines, instruction manuals, and comics, etc.

* Let your child see that you enjoy reading. Let them hear you discussing books with friends. Or if you don't read for pleasure, look up information with your child in cook books, instruction manuals, phone books, atlases, the dictionary or on the internet.

* Play word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Pictionary and Boggle with your child – these are great for improving spelling and vocabulary.

Starting 21 May, is Library and Information Week. This week recognises the work of libraries in our communities – much of which focuses on building literacy skills and creating readers. Visit your local library and let your child choose books they like. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child and borrow audio books you can listen to together, great for listening to in the car! Best of all, joining your local library is free!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the K-2 team.

Mrs Leigh Bade - Instructional Leader

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WERRINGTON DOWNS

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WHERE: Cambridge Gardens Public School

ADDRESS: 34 Trinity Dr, Cambridge Park NSW 2747

WHEN: Wednesdays - Starts 16th May 2018

TIME: 3:45-4:35pm

**WHAT TO BRING: Comfortable clothes for running around,
joggers and a drink bottle.**

HOW MUCH: \$99 for 6 weeks, or \$198 for 13 weeks.

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