



Werrington Public School

Term 2 Week 4, 21st May, 2018

Dates for your calendar!

25th May: Penrith Cup King House—Pancake mixes to be brought in for fundraiser , orders for pancakes due.

**28th May: Last day for Canteen Meal Deal Orders.
P & C dinner pack orders for disco due.**

30th May: Canteen Meal Deal Day.

**31st May: P & C Disco.
5pm—8pm.**

1st June: Instalment 3 for stage 3 camp due \$50.00.

7th June: King fundraiser, pancake morning tea.

22nd June: NAIDOC Cup

4th July: Primary athletics carnival

6th July: Last day Term 2

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a very busy start to term 2 and thank you to all our year 3 and 5 students for their calm approach to NAPLAN last week.

Mothers' Day Stall

Last week the P&C held our Mothers' Day stall. What an amazing array of beautiful gifts there were for the students to purchase. I know that all our mums would have loved their special surprise on Mothers' Day. I would like to thank Mrs Marks, Mrs LeMaire, Mrs Bonnice and their team for the outstanding job they have done in organising and coordinating the stall and sourcing and purchasing the gifts. I would also like to thank the many mums, dads and grandparents who worked on the stall helping the students make their big choices and also all the mums who were involved in the preparation for the day.



NAPLAN

All Year 3 and year 5 students completed the NAPLAN assessments this week in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Thank you to Mrs Young for her coordination and to all our year three, year five and support staff for their hard work in ensuring students had a calm and supportive environment. We should receive the students' results before the conclusion of Term 3. However, please remember that this assessment is only a snapshot in time and teachers assess and monitor students learning throughout the year.

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Costco Donation

Last week, Rhoel from Costco at Marsden Park, donated school bags for all students in our support unit. These students then had the opportunity to choose and take home a new school bag. The bags also included some work folders, a pencil case, a pair of safety scissors and an eraser.

I would like to thank Rhoel and Costco at Marsden Park for their very kind donation to our students.



Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the 38 children who represented our school at the zone cross-country. They were sensational ambassadors for our school! Thank you to Mr Bale and Mr Cordingley for their coordination of the day.

Playgroup

Our playgroup is held in the OOSH room from 9.15am until 11am every Friday and coordinated by camp Australia staff. It is a great way for your toddler or pre-schooler to interact with other children, and is also a great social opportunity for the parents and carers! Please contact the school office if you need further information.

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 have included:

- Mrs Moses attended Adobe experience manager and school website service training;
- Mrs Brandies and Mrs Thompson attended emotion coaching training;
- Mrs Moses attended Work Health and Safety Training;
- Mrs Broadhurst attended anti-racism coordinator training; and
- Mrs Buchan attended a library network meeting.

Our teachers also attend professional learning sessions after school one afternoon per week, currently all staff are participating in online sessions related to the new Science and Technology syllabus.

AECG Meeting

A meeting of the Yarramundi Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will be held at Kingswood Park Public School at 3.30pm on Wednesday 30th May. If you are interested in attending, please contact the secretary, Miss Ella, at our school.

Keeping up to date

There are many ways to keep up to date with what is happening at Werrington Public School. You can check out what is happening through the newsletter, notes home, our Facebook page, school website and the Skoolbag app.

We are currently working to link our school calendar to the Skoolbag app and our school website will be moving to the new Adobe platform shortly.

Have a great fortnight!

Mrs Avery
Principal

Quote of the Week

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
-- Albert Einstein



What's new in K-2?



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Importance of Reading at Home

We all know that “practice makes perfect”, and the same applies to reading, writing and numeracy skills. I can't stress enough the importance of children reading at home and having access to books and reading material at their appropriate level. Most schools have home reading programs, as do we here at Werrington, but the downside with students taking books home is that they can become lost or damaged, and it is always a struggle for the school to provide enough books for the program at the right levels.

Which is where **Bug Club** comes in!

Werrington has purchased access to an on-line eBook platform available through Pearson's Education. **Bug Club** is a literacy program which offers over 380 expertly levelled digital books that engage children as they learn to read. The eBooks feature some well-known characters and have been designed to motivate children, so they get the most out of reading and want to read more.

The platform is available on PC, Mac, Android tablet and iPad.

Very soon all K-2 students will receive a parent letter containing their user name and password, along with details of how to log in to **Bug Club**. They will also receive a personalised bookmark to remember their log in details. We suggest you put the letter in a safe place in case the bookmarks are lost!

Once the students are logged in, they will access a personalised home page. Your child's teacher will allocate books and reading material at the right level for your child. Interactive activities are embedded within the eBooks and students are given immediate feedback on their efforts.

The children will have access to a variety of reading material including fiction, non-fiction, comics, graphic novels and plays.

The parent letter will look like this:



And the bookmark will look like this:



So be on the lookout for the letter and bookmark in your child's school bag! They will be coming home soon.

Access to the online program is not cheap, and has cost the school a considerable amount of money, so please take advantage of everything the reading platform has to offer.

If you have any problems accessing this wonderful resource, please don't hesitate to contact the K-2 team.

Mrs Leigh Bade - Instructional Leader

Werrington Public School P&C Update

The P & C along with our school community would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new principal Mrs Avery! We thank you for the support you have already shown the P & C and look forward to working with you! :)

Our Mothers Day Stall was a great success! We would like to thank our 12 volunteers along with Mrs Moses for her assistance with the stall and the raffle! We know the children enjoyed purchasing a gift for their special person and we hope our Werrington Mums, Nanna's and special carers enjoyed their day. Congratulations to our Raffle winners! A special thanks to Mrs Watson, Hogs Breath St Marys, Thai La Ong Werrington, Woolworths Cranebrook and Glamourlicious Beauty Services for donating some prizes for our raffle.

We are having a disco to welcome Mrs Avery to our school and to give her an opportunity to meet more families in a social environment. The disco is on the 31st May, if you haven't received a note please see the office to pre order your sausage sizzle. It would be wonderful to see our families attend. If you can volunteer some time to assist with cooking or putting the dinner packs together please contact Tanya on 0408 672 958 or fill in the slip below and return it to the office asap.

Our first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Friday 1st June at 2pm in the staffroom. It's a very informal casual chat and we encourage and warmly invite you to attend. It's another great opportunity to meet our new Principal and to raise any concerns or suggestions for our school.

Any suggestions can always be emailed to us at werringtonpandc@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support!

P & C Committee

Please return to the office ASAP

Yes I would like to Volunteer

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to help at the disco



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. One class will perform an item. We encourage our families and local community to attend. Our next K-2 assembly will be on Wednesday 30th May.

16th May Special Assembly Awards



Big Hoot Award

The winning class that displayed outstanding respectful behaviour at our assembly. What a wonderful team effort **K-2W!**



Little Hoot Award

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



Hoot hoot hooray!

From the K-2 team

Miss Clark, Mrs Conduit, Ms Gill, Mrs Kilbourne, Miss March, Mrs Watson, Ms Fitz, Mrs Enese, Mrs Broadhurst, Mr Prants, Mrs Khan, Mrs Welch, Mrs Bade and Mrs Mason

ART NEWS

Three of our students have been entered in Operation Art, an art competition which is held for Westmead Children's Hospital. Last year the NSW Department of Education's Arts Unit had 900 art works framed and exhibited at The Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park, and the exhibition was viewed by over 9,000 visitors. Everyone is welcome to view the artworks later this year.

The students are Isaac Thompson 1W, Maia Gemmell 5G and Jayden Bourke 5H. We wish them all the best with their entries in this competition!



Isaac with "Green Frogs"



Maia with "Sunset on the Lake"



Jayden with "Jayden" (self-portrait)



Premier's Spelling Bee



In 2018, Werrington Public School will again participate in the Premier's Spelling Bee Challenge. Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to be involved. Teachers of Years 3-6 will host classroom competitions to find their two best spellers. These students will then compete against each other in our school finals to select two Stage 2 and two Stage 3 students to compete at the Regional Finals at a local primary school.

Students can prepare for the Spelling Bee by going online and accessing the word lists on the Premier's Spelling Bee website:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2018-premiers-spelling-bee>

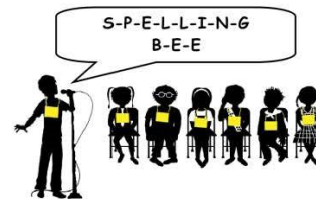
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Classroom finals will occur at the end of Term 2, with our school final being held early in Term 3. The Regional Final will be held between the 3rd-14th September and the State Final on Friday 2nd November.

If you have any queries, please come and see me.

Happy Spelling!

Mrs Kilbourne
Spelling Bee Coordinator



NSW GOVERNMENT

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE 2018

GR_ATI_E EX_LOR_ IN_ESTIG_TE
H_LA_I_OUS GO_RA_E

The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all Years 3-6 public school students.
For information visit: www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au and click on 'Speaking Competitions.'
Schools register in Term 2. Entries close Friday 6 July 2018.

Principal Sponsor: **mta** modern teaching aids

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Official Word List Supplier: **Lexia**

Prize Sponsor: **SCRABBLE**

District Cross Country

On Wednesday 9th May, 38 of our students represented Werrington Public School at the Penrith District Cross Country carnival held at Jamison Park. These students qualified for the carnival by finishing in the top six at our school cross country carnival last term. We were very fortunate to have beautiful, sunny weather and a dry track for the day.

It was extremely pleasing to witness our students conduct themselves in such a positive manner throughout the day. The level of support that they displayed for each other was especially impressive. Although we did not have anyone qualify for the Sydney West carnival, our students tried their best and can be proud of their efforts. As cross country running is a sport that really tests individual resilience, I am sure that they will all gain a lot from the experience.

While all students performed well, I would like to make special mention of Brock Sullivan, who finished 11th in his division, and Sasha Currell, who finished 15th in hers. I would also like to congratulate Mr Cordingley on his excellent coordination of the day.

Mr Bale
Sports Coordinator

