



Werrington Public School

Term 3 Week 10, 23rd September 2019

Dates for your calendar!

25th September
3-6 Assembly

26th September
K—2 Privilege Day
3-6 Privilege Day

27th September
Talent Quest Final & last day of Term 3

14th October
Term 4 Starts for children

16th October
K-2 Assembly

17th October
Kindy 2020 Transition

23rd October
3-6 Assembly

24th October
Kindy 2020 Transition
Book Fair 24th Oct– 4th Nov

25th October
K-2 Athletics Carnival

28th October– 1st Nov
Book fair

30th October
K-2 Assembly

31st October
Kindy 2020 Transition

4th November
Lockdown Practise

6th November
3-6 Assembly

7th November
Owl markets
Kindy 2020 Transition



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a wonderful term it has been. With lots of experiences and improvements for our students. During the first three weeks of next term I will be taking some long service leave. Ms Shantelle Proglio will be leading the school in my absence.

Executive Director Visit

Last Friday, we were privileged to host Mrs Cathy Brennan (Executive Director, School Performance - Metropolitan North) and Mr Andrew Bowmer (Acting Director – Cambridge Park). It was a fantastic opportunity to highlight the hard work of our students and staff, as well as highlighting the dedication of staff in providing quality learning experiences for our students. Mrs Brennan and Mr Bowmer were able to experience a wide variety of the programs our students' access across the week and were treated to a performance by some of our support unit classes and our senior dancers.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports have gone home today for students in year 3 and year 5 who participated in the assessment last term. NAPLAN results provide information to teachers and parents on what students know and can do, however, NAPLAN is a point in time diagnostic test. If you have any concerns regarding the NAPLAN report please contact your child's class teacher to make an appointment to discuss any concerns.

Playground Equipment

After many years of saving and planning, our new playground equipment is almost finished and will be ready for use at the beginning of term 4. The playground will be supervised and open for students to use at recess and lunch on a stage based roster. Class teachers will be able to book fitness time on the equipment when required throughout the week. However, before school the playground equipment is out of bounds for everyone.



Library Upgrade

We are in the process of putting the finishing touches on our library upgrade. This upgrade sees our library become the literacy, research, flexible learning and digital technologies hub for the school. Thank you to Mrs Buchan and Mr Moses for your work

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and creative input. Thank you also to all the staff and students who assisted in the re organisation of the library collections. The new furniture, shelving and integrated wall displays, provide for a more flexible, engaging and welcoming use of the space, which also includes a green screen wall to assist with multi-media projects. Combined with the robotics grant earlier in the year the library is now our future focused learning hub.

Parking

Please make sure that when dropping off students at the school that you observe and take notice of the No Stopping and No Parking signs. These areas particularly near our school crossings are there to ensure the safety and visibility of our students using the crossing. Council rangers do monitor school zones across the Penrith area and large fines apply for drivers not obeying these signs. Attached to this newsletter are some road safety flyers for your information.

Bushfire Season

As you may be aware the bushfire season has already commenced. After consultation with the rural fire service, it was advised that our safest bushfire management plan, in the event of a local bushfire is to 'shelter in place'. The designated refuge within the school is the school hall. The identified risk to the school is threat from possible ember attack and it was advised that it is preferable for emergency services to account for and protect students and staff, while sheltering in place on site.

Transition to school

Our transition to school visits start in the first week back next term and run for 9 weeks, each Thursday from 2 to 3pm. If you have not received your transition invitation, please contact the school office.

Story Time & Friday playgroup

The school offers two activities each week for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. **Story Time** is held every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm in the library and **Playgroup** is held every Friday morning from 9.15-11am 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. All welcome!

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:

- Ms Proglia, Mrs Mason, Ms Clark and Miss Hall attended the EAFS Big Ideas in Number conference;
- Ms Brandies and Ms Proglia attended the Redbank Conference; and
- 3-6 staff participated in data talks.

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).

Have a great fortnight,

Mrs Avery
Principal

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." -Anthony J. D'Angelo

Stewart House Visit

During weeks 7 and 8 of this term, four of our students were privileged to attend Stewart House. Stewart House is a children's charity and school at Curl Curl on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

At Stewart House students participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing or medical screening and treatment. Children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

The students participated in the program with up to 40 other students from across the Blue Mountains and Penrith areas and engaged in a school based program with evening and weekend activities.



1W LOVE MATHEMATICS!

Over the last four weeks every student in 1W has received a Mathletics certificate. To receive a certificate a student needs to complete one hundred or more questions on the Mathletics website. This is an amazing accomplishment for a Year One class. In the next few weeks we will be trying to increase our recall and accuracy of number facts on Mathletics Live.

All students at Werrington Public School have access to the Mathletics website at school and at home.



Happy faces in 1W for three weeks of 100% achievement.



Happier faces for four weeks of 100% achievement.



CONGRATULATIONS to Dyani Mehta who received the first gold certificate in 1W for 20 weeks of consistent mathematical achievement.

We're Great Writers in 1W. Please read our stories!

Water is important and precious to everyone! It makes us clean, fresh and hydrated.

Plants, people and animals need water too so we can have food to eat.

Did you know that we must have water to survive because in Australia we don't have much water? But today we have rain and rain is life!

Wonderful, cool, wet rain!

by Phoebe Tasker



Water is lovely and precious for all of us in the world.

We need water to drink and keep clean and to have a bath and to have a shower.

If we don't have water we will die!

We need food to keep alive so we need to eat plants and plants need water too!

Don't waste water!

by Mason Fowler-Nelson

Water is precious and important!

Water keeps us alive, hydrated and makes us survive.

We need animals! Did you know that the animals need water like us? The animals that don't have water would die and we would have no food and we will die.

We keep clean and healthy everyday by having a shower and bath. We use water but we can't forget to turn off the taps. We will have a drought if we keep the taps on.

We need fresh, wonderful, cool, wet RAIN!

by Georgia Lopez



Rain and Water

Water is important to everyone!

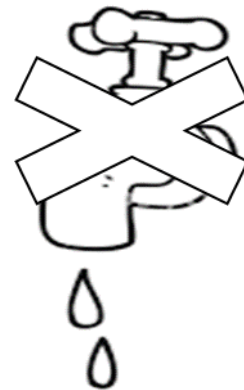
We can't survive without water.

We all need fresh water to drink.

We need to save water by turning off the taps.

Everyone loves water and wonderful, cool, wet RAIN!

By Aarna Masson



ART NEWS

Congratulations to Lorelei Hardie who has been successful in the Operation Art Competition. Her artwork "Wiggly Worms" is in the Touring Exhibition which comprises 50 selected artworks from hundreds of artworks in the Operation Art Main Exhibition at Homebush. These works will tour regional galleries and will then be given to the Children's Hospital at Westmead as part of their permanent collection.



An Excellent Effort Lorelei!

We are sure your cartoon worms will make the children giggle with glee.

Kindy goes to the farm!

The students of kindergarten recently brought their inquiring minds and 'Werrington Wise' behaviours to enjoy a day out at the farm! This is an excursion that supports the science unit 'living things' which they are currently studying back at school.

They were kept busy with a jam packed schedule which included: a sheep shearing demonstration, a whip cracking display, a working dog show, a chance to try their hand at milking a cow, petting goats and baby animals as well as the opportunity to view and learn about lots of other farm animals.



Is there anything as fun as a bumpy tractor ride?



The Early Stage One team

City of Penrith Eisteddfod 2019

Every year students from the support unit represent our school in the Special Presentation section of the City of Penrith Eisteddfod. This year we had twenty students from our Support Unit performing at Penrith South Public School. This included, Scarlett Mathison, Chrisan Prasad, Jayden Bourke, Josiah Levaio, Faye Fiaavae, Addyson Leatham, Elijah Prisuda, Chevy Eckersley, Connor Sanders, Zoey Gardner, Mark Camelleri, Biya Binson, Francesca Conde, Micah Williams, Henry Scheffler, Brodie Hardman, Dylan Murugani, Lucas Carr, Kyzar Tinania-Gulliford and Kyle Raymond-Bottrill.

The students performed with enthusiasm and received wonderful comments from the judge, Pamela Herring, which you can read below. The judge and the organiser of the Eisteddfod, Phyliss Huthnance were photographed with the students after receiving their medals.

A special thank you to Mrs Devi, Ms Welch, Mrs Khan, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Mawby, Mrs Imray and Mrs Avery who supported the students on the day.



CITY OF PENRITH EISTEDDFOD

Section : _____ Competitor No.: 1

Remarks : Werrington Public SONGS.
 What wonderful smiling faces and excellent gestures and dancing! I could hear some beautiful singing especially the "STAR" soloist. You made us all feel happy! Thank you for this talented group!

Marks : 100% Adjudicator : Pamela Herring



CITY OF PENRITH EISTEDDFOD

Section : _____ Competitor No.: 7

Remarks : Hermit - Drama
 Who sank the boat?
 This was so creative and clever and you worked really well as a team! Well done!
 You used your big voices to tell the story - to be positive & believe in your great costuming idea.
 The ending was very enjoyable.

Marks : 100% Adjudicator : Pamela Herring



We had fun at the Eisteddfod. My mum came to watch me.
Elijah 3/6H



I went to Penrith Eisteddfod last week and performed an item with the other students. I received a medal and it was a great day.
Zoey Gardner 36D



We performed two items at Penrith Eisteddfod. The first item was based on the song “Moment of Truth” and the second item was Chevy singing a song titled “Look for the light”. The students of our school had a marvellous day witnessing the performances of other schools in Penrith. We were awarded a medal each and received remarkable comments from the judges. We had so much fun.
Mark Camilleri 36D



Debating 2019

What a busy and successful couple of terms of debating we have had! This year we had so many keen debaters we were able to create two teams: the 'Wise Owls' and the 'Werrington Wordsmiths.'

During the last two terms the teams debated the draw backs of banning online computer games to the benefits of winter over summer. The debating teachers, along with the rest of the staff and students at Werrington Public School, couldn't be prouder of the awesome effort made by our teams as well as the outstanding results they achieved.

Debating is an extremely valuable activity for students to participate in. Being successful in debating is so much more than being able to argue a point. It is having the ability to see a statement or idea (debate topic) from various perspectives. This is achieved through critical thinking, listening and speaking.

Our debaters won more debates than they lost this year and in doing so displayed a commandment of the following skills:

- **Reasoning and evidence:** turning facts, statistics and opinions into a strong and well-supported argument.
- **Expression and delivery:** being able to speak with the right pace, tone, language and body language to engage an audience and convey their argument.
- **Listening and responding:** listening critically to the other side's argument, and using what you hear to develop a well-reasoned response in the form of a rebuttal.
- **Organisation and prioritisation:** knowing how to structure their speech, when to say the things you want to say.

You certainly can't argue with the benefit of young learners developing such empowering skills!

A huge congratulations is well earned by our 2019 debating team members: Ayla Berron, Rachael Camilleri, Amea Cartwright-Abela, Mishika Dhungyel, Aleena Dutta, Dilpreet Kaur, Zaina Khan and Max Madden.

You have all made your debating teachers, your school and most importantly yourselves, proud!

Regards,

Ms March and Mrs Dempsey

Debating Coordinators



TALENT QUEST!

A big congratulations to all the children who put themselves forward to be part of our talent quest this year!

We were treated to the heats during week 7 and 8 where many of the talented members of our student body entertained their peers with singing, dancing, skipping, hola-hooping, gymnastics and instrumentals.

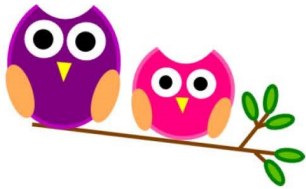
With such a jam-packed quest for talent the judges certainly had their work cut out for them when deciding who will take the stage for the finals in week 10.

It was a very difficult decision, but we look forward to seeing Dharsanaa, Esha, Logan, Penny, Samarah, Jeffery & Thomas, Tayetum & Indi take the stage again to perform their act to a whole school audience for the final part of our annual talent quest.



Miss Barnett and Miss March

(Talent Quest Coordinators)



OWL MARKET DAY

HOOT CASH SALES

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 7th November, Stage 3 will be holding an Owl Market Day to raise money for the year 6 students' gift to the school. Stage 3 students are very excited about organising the event. This is a fun day for the whole family, and our parent community are all welcome.

The actual stalls and activities for the day have not been confirmed; however, some of the stalls could include:

- BBQ
- Hair spray
- Face painting
- Cake stall
- Lolly stall
- Sponge throwing
- Guessing competitions



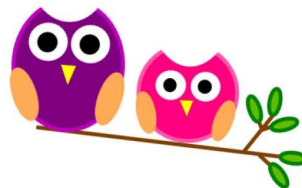
A full list of stalls or activities and the cost of each stall will be distributed closer to the event.

You can start purchasing Hoot Cash from Stage 3 students outside the front of the office each morning. Hoot Cash will be sold for 50c per coupon. All students need to purchase the Hoot Cash coupons prior to the event; however, there will be Hoot Cash available for parents to purchase on the day. Hoot Cash will be stored at school and issued to the students on the day.

Exact timings of the day will be released closer to the date; however, it is anticipated that the K-2 students will attend Owl Market Day between 9.45am and 11am, and the 3-6 students will attend between 11.45am and 1pm.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in asking.

Justin Bale
Assistant Principal



Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.

