



Werrington Public School

Term 4 Week 2, 19th October 2020

Dates for your calendar!

28th October Halloween Meal Deal

18th December Last day Term 4



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4, it seems very odd to say that after we have only just completed our first term of face to face teaching.

Year 6 Farewell and Graduation and Presentation Day.

Following the release of the term four guidelines from the Department of Education, we are currently developing a plan for the year 6 farewell and graduation. Mr Bale is currently working with St Marys Band Club to organise the event this year. The year six farewell will look a little different to previous years with COVID restrictions; however, we are working hard to create a memorable event for our students. St Marys Band Club is also a new venue for us as we had outgrown the previous venue. As soon as details have been finalised, information will be sent home to parents. The tentative date for our year 6 farewell is Tuesday 8th December.

Kindergarten Transition

Kindergarten transition will also look a little different to previous years. With the updated guidelines we are able to hold a transition program, however, there are still a number of challenges to work through. At this stage we anticipate Kindy transition being held on Thursday mornings in weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7, with staggered starts and pickups. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold face to face sessions for parents but we are developing some video content to replace these for parents, as well as an online Q&A session. As soon as details are finalised, this information will be forwarded to parents.

Operation Art

Congratulations to four of our students, Desire Mafi, Kenisha Patel, Lilyah Hicks and Lily Addington whose entries for Operation Art have been chosen to be exhibited as part of the Operation Art Exhibition at The Amory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from the 15 October to 15 November 2020. The exhibition is open daily from 10am-4pm and entry is free.

Drink Bottles

As the weather is warming up, please make sure that your child comes to school each day with a drink bottle. Due to current COVID restrictions, students can only use the bubblers to refill water bottles, not to drink directly from them.

School Planning and Tell Them From Me Survey

At the beginning of this term the NSW Department of Education released a new school improvement planning process and cycle. Key staff across the school are currently participating in professional learning to enable us to lead the school through this process. A critical aspect in developing a School Improvement Plan is consultation and feedback. We will be consulting and seeking feedback to help guide our School Improvement Plan from students, staff and the community. The Tell Them From Me Survey is a key consultation and feedback tool for schools. The Tell Them From Me parent survey closes this Friday. Please assist us in our schools continual



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improvement journey by taking a few minutes to complete the survey. Scan the QR code to go to the survey. *This survey closes at the end of this week.* We have organised a short survey which you can complete at pick up and drop off with members of the school executive over the next few weeks.



Updated COVID restrictions for schools.

Just a reminder from our update last week that all students and staff who experience cold or flu like symptoms must not attend school and need to be tested for COVID 19.

Students or staff who have had cold or flu like symptoms are not able to return to school until they are symptom free and have provided proof of a negative COVID 19 test to the school.

<https://www.education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/frequently-asked-questions.aspx#1-4> Or use your smart phone camera to follow the QR code links.



Student Absences

If your child is absent from school for more than two days and a medical certificate has not been provided, the school will be following up regarding the absence.



Morning Entry Gates

Don't forget that from this term the park gate will be closed each morning, this gate will still be open every afternoon.

The Armstein Crescent and Heavey Street gates will still be open each morning and afternoon.

Enrolling Kindergarten 2021 Now

We are currently accepting local enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. Please contact the school office for further details. It would be of great assistance to have accurate numbers of proposed Kindergarten enrolments to assist with planning for 2021.

Road Safety & Car Parks

Please help us keep our students and your children safe by following the road rules and obeying the no parking/ no standing and bus stop signs in our school zones. Please note that for the safety of all of our students there is *no vehicle or pedestrian access to the Heavey Street or Armstein Crescent car parks* to drop off or pick up students, except in exceptional circumstances and only by prior written arrangement with the principal.

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:

- All teaching staff participated in a Mathematical language or Feedback professional learning; and
- Data breach training.

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 week,

Mrs Avery
Principal

Education is the passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. —Malcom X

Book fair is coming

Each year we hold a book fair to raise money to purchase new books for the library.

The book fair will be here next week, all the students will have a chance to walk through early in the week to write a wish list. We will be taking plenty of photos and putting them on Facebook so parents can virtually visit the fair.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions parents can not visit the book fair in person.

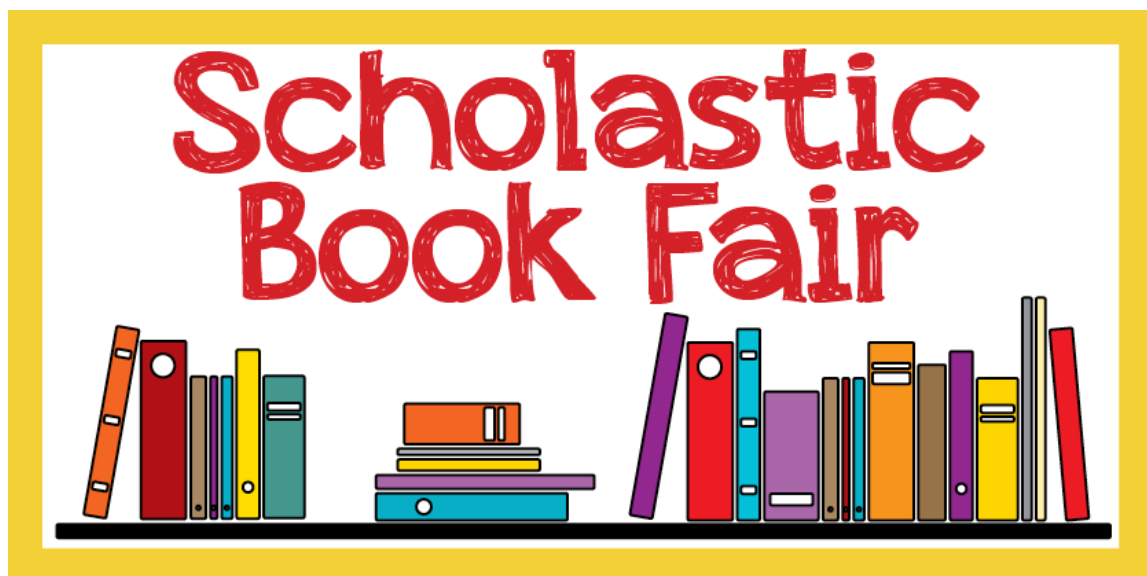
I am aware that sometimes parents wish to buy books as Christmas presents, I am happy to take phone orders from 1-3pm Monday to Friday and arrange delivery at a gate, so your child does not know.

If you wish to buy a book for your child please pay either online following instructions on the back of the wish list note, send in money with your child or I will bring an EFTPOS machine to the front gates Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you for your support of the library program during these difficult times.

Janette Buchan

Teacher Librarian





A focus on what parents can do to support their children

Parents gain knowledge regarding the symptoms displayed by children and adolescents with depression and/or anxiety. Parents gain a basic understanding of treatment, diagnosis, causes, related risk factors and practical strategies to support these children. This will be measured through an evaluation process at the completion of the workshops.

The 1.5 hour session covers topics such as

- Identifying depression and/or anxiety
- Strategies to support children with depression and/or anxiety
- Risk concerns
- How to talk to your child

When: Tuesday 3rd November, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Where: Werrington Public School

RSVP: Friday 30th October—9623 7077

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **you** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones

NO PARKING

No waiting. You have **two minutes** to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within **three metres** of your vehicle



NO STOPPING

You must not stop on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign. The first **10 metres** from an **intersection** is a no stopping zone. **Yellow kerb** lines are also a no stopping zone.



BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone



MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone. *May be subject to Double Demerits.*



SPEEDING OFFENCES

40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. *May be subject to Double Demerits.*



DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let **your children in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a no stopping zone.



U TURNS

U turns are illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across a double white line



DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



* Fines current as of 25th November 2019. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

***Hi parents! We'd
love to hear from
you!***

Please help make Werrington Public School even better by completing the confidential online survey about our school at:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/werrington2020>



Or use your smart phone to scan the QR code here to go straight to the survey.

The survey is open until the end of Term 3, and the results will be communicated in Term 4.

Thanking you in advance for your support!