



Werrington Public School

Term 4 Week 4, 2nd November 2020

Dates for your calendar!

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November: Kindergarten Orientation Days

10th November: Celebrating NADIOC Week

16th December: Last day Term 4



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

World Teachers day

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. Thank you to all our staff for the amazing and wonderful job they do each and every day for the students and community here at Werrington Public School. This year has certainly added a few more challenges into the mix, but all our staff have risen to the challenge, and learnt new ways of doing things, while keeping our students as the primary focus.

P&C

A huge thank you to the P&C who celebrated World Teachers Day with the staff at Werrington Public School. The P&C provided a delicious COVID safe lunch to staff, in conjunction with Wicked Occasions. Thank you also to the P&C for providing Halloween Treats for our students. Normally at this time of year the P&C hold a disco for students, it was wonderful to see students still able to celebrate in some small way.

Capital Works

A number of projects are in progress across the school.

Carpark Fence

During week two the fences between the Armstein Crescent Carpark and the Astro playground was installed. Please note that there is no student or parent access to the school through the carpark, this access is strictly for staff and deliveries only.

Support Unit Fixed Games

The fixed board games for the Support Unit have been manufactured and mounting brackets are currently being attached. These fixed games should be installed in the support unit playground by the end of November.

Playground Markings

The SRC earlier this year discussed game and educational thermoplastic markings for the playground. These are currently being manufactured and we anticipate that these will be installed before the end of the year.

Field Playground

A tender process to lay synthetic turf to the field playground closed on October 20. This project is currently with the Schools Assets Department and we anticipate that weather permitting, this project will be carried out in late December and January.

School Improvement Plan 2021-2024

We are currently completing our school Situational Analysis based on school wide data and information gained from parents through the Tell Them From Me and Gate Surveys last term.

The two themes that emerged as most important to our parents and carers were wellbeing and connecting community, these are now reflected in our draft strategic directions.

Our draft strategic directions are:

1. Student growth and attainment – This is set for all schools by the Department of Education;
2. Wellbeing; and
3. Connecting Community.

Throughout this term we will be seeking further feedback in relation to these directions in the form of another

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survey, please keep your eye out for links in future newsletters.

Road Safety

The safety of our student before and after school is of great concern. Penrith Council and the police do regular patrols of our school zones. Please note that there are significant fines and loss of demerit points for not following road rules and parking signs within school zones.

Growing Up Digital Survey

The Gonski Institute is currently researching the impact of the digital world on students and is asking parents, carers and even grandparents to take part in a survey on the impacts of digital technology for young people. You can find the link here or use the QR code.

<https://www.gie.unsw.edu.au/GUDAustralia/phase2survey>



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. Kindy transition is being held on Thursday mornings in weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7, with staggered starts and pickups. Please see the note posted home for students who have enrolled into Kindy for 2021.

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.

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.

Gates open at 8.40am, when supervision commences. Students should not be on site prior to this time, unless at Camp Australia.

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:

- Combined extended twilight session with Werrington County Public School– Dr Rich Allen: The Four Walls of Dynamic Classrooms and Expanding Emotional Intelligence; and
- Smiling Mind.

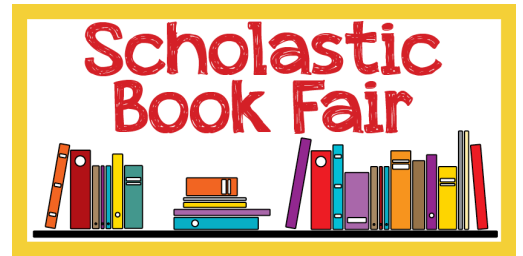
These sessions are an important way for the school and staff to keep up to date with best practice and the latest developments within the Department of Education (DoE) and the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA).

Have a great week,

Mrs Avery
Principal

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." -- Joshua J, Marine

Book fair



A huge thank you to all the families who supported our book fair.

We made over **\$700** to purchase new books for the library.

Congratulations to Penny 2BF, Kairo 3/4E, Kiesha 3/4E, Maanya 1M, Isabella 5/6L and Samarvir 3/4G who won the \$10 vouchers to spend at the book fair.

Mrs Janette Buchan

Teacher Librarian



K2W with our Halloween Monster Mouth Cookies, which we made to learn about writing procedures.

Mrs Welch

Every Day Summer Meal Deals

Sandwich - Cheese, Vegemite or Jam - \$5.00

Packet of noodle snacks

Popper or Water

Ice Block

Noodles Chicken or Beef - \$5.50

Popper or Water

Ice Block

Hot Dog - \$5.00

Popper or Water

Ice Block



Parents & Carers,

We are currently having a Summer Meal Deal everyday at the canteen, we will also be continuing with our normal menu.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Sue - Canteen

NAIDOC Week

8th to 15th November 2020



This year's NAIDOC theme is:

Always Was, Always Will Be

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 with Captain James Cook, or in 1606 with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations people.

Werrington Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC Week on *Tuesday 10th November*.

The children will be permitted to wear *mufti colours* of red, black and yellow; representing the Aboriginal flag, or blue, white and green, representing the Torres Strait Islander flag.



The winning poster for this year is by artist Tyrown Waigana. He has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, which can be traced to the Noongar people of south-west Western Australia and Saibai Island in the Torres Strait.

His artwork displays The Rainbow Serpent coming out of the Dreamtime to create this land. It is represented by the snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is reflected on to the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, thus our connection to Country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country – since the dawn of time – always was, and always will be Aboriginal land.



Term 4 2020
WELCOME BACK!

GAME TIME MONDAYS

3-5pm - 12-18 yrs old - FREE

Join us for games, catch ups, food and friends
October 19 -December 18, 2020
Werrington Youth Space (end of cottage street)



Community Junction Inc. gratefully acknowledge support received from Department of Communities and Justice - Community Builders Funding.

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TERM 4 2020
COME JOIN US!

CHAT AND CHILL WEDNESDAYS

Monday and Wednesdays 3pm-5pm - FREE

Time for food, fun, and friends!

October 19 - December 18, 2020

Werrington Youth Space (end of Cottage Street)



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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 2020- 2pm-3:30pm

Where: Online via Zoom.

RSVP: Friday 30th October—9623 7077

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcempqDksGtxocsicShwml51HPKQ34xoM>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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



PENALTIES FROM
\$191
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

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.



PENALTIES FROM
\$344
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone



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+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

MOBILE PHONES

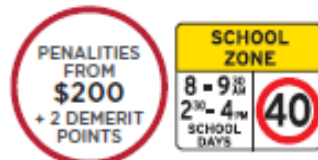
Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone. *May be subject to Double Demerits.*



PENALTIES FROM
\$457
+ 5 DEMERIT POINTS

SPEEDING OFFENCES

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



PENALTIES FROM
\$200
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



PENALTIES FROM
\$344
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

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.



PENALTIES FROM
\$457
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

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



PENALTIES FROM
\$344
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

DOUBLE PARKING

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



PENALTIES FROM
\$344
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

* 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.