



# Werrington Public School

## Term 4 Week 8, 30th November 2020

### Dates for your calendar!

2nd December: Last day for awards to office for Werrington Wise Assembly

8th December— Year 6 Farewell & Graduation

16th December: Last day Term 4 for students

29th January—Students in years 1-6 return.

29th January—3 February: Kindergarten Best Start—appointments

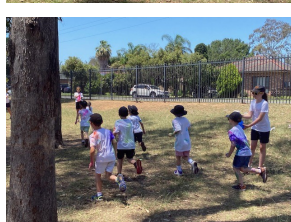
4th February— Kindergarten Start



## Principal's Message

### Wellbeing Week

Last week we held our wellbeing week, students and staff had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities across the week, from stage breakfasts, different playground games, staff walks, Zany Sock day, PJ day and Wear White day to acknowledge and raise awareness of white ribbon day. Our week culminated with our colour run, which was truly an explosion of colour! A huge thank you to Mrs Proglio for coordinating the week and many thanks also to all the staff and the P&C who assisted throughout the week.



### NAIDOC Week

An additional photo of our Deadly Art Competition certificate recipients, above.

### Bushfire Response

As you may be aware the bushfire season has already commenced. Due to the bushland and grassland that surround Werrington, our school is classified as a category 2 bushfire risk. After consultation with the Cumberland District 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 library and C Block classrooms. The identified risk to the school is threat from possible ember attack and it was advised that it is

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preferable for emergency services to account for and protect students and staff, while sheltering in place on site. Should we need to shelter in place, all communications to parents will be via our SkoolBag app or Facebook page. Any relevant updates to the situation will be provided via the Skool-Bag app or Facebook, as soon as they are available to us. This will include, pick up information when emergency services deem it is safe to do so. We also encourage you to download the DoE School Updates, Fires Near Me and Live Traffic apps.

### **Planning for 2021**

Currently we anticipate a similar number of classes for next year, however, numbers continue to fluctuate and we nearly have student numbers for a 19th mainstream class. Our building allocation indicates that we are entitled to an additional classroom as a learning programs space. Work to install this classroom has already begun, once built this will allow a classroom for RFF programs, or to establish a 19<sup>th</sup> class should the need arise.

We are well into planning for 2021. To help us with this, would you please advise the office if your child is not returning to Werrington Public School in 2021. Of course, you do not need to do this if your child is in Year 6! If you know of any families who are new to the area and considering attending Werrington Public School, could you please ask them to contact the school on 9623 7077 as soon as possible.

### **Road Safety**

The safety of our students 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. Please utilise the school pedestrian crossings and follow the 'No Stopping, No Parking or Bus Stop' signs

### **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>

### **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:

- Effective feedback, 3-6;
- Mathematical language, K-2; and
- Focus teams- milestone evaluations.

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

# Office News



Well 2020 has proven to have some challenges for everyone. Mr Moses and myself will be relocating to Mudgee for the start of 2021. I have been at Werrington Public School for the past 18 years and Mr Moses for the past 10 years, so it is quite sad to be leaving, but our time has come. I will be taking leave from Werrington Public School for the 2021 year and I have been lucky enough to have been offered work at Mudgee High School for 2021 as the Business Manager for three days per week. Mr Moses has been working at Mudgee Public School since the end of August and hopes that this may continue in 2021.

As you all can imagine that working at one school for such a long time and also living in the school community has been great for us both and our children. To see the students that have been through the school to return with their own children has been such a delight.

It has been our honour to work with the Werrington community over this time. We have been very lucky to work with such dedicated staff over the years and the community is lucky to have such dedicated staff working with their children.

Mr Moses finished at Werrington Public School at the end of August and my last day will be Thursday 17th December.

I also must give thanks to the wonderful office staff that I have had the absolute pleasure of working with over the past 18 years. I will surely miss them!

Many thanks to everyone as we both have some very treasured memories of our time at Werrington Public School

Mrs Moses  
Business Manager



## 1W wrote stories about birds after reading the Sparrow Girl.

Birds are terrific!

Birds look pretty and they can come in any size.

Birds twitter to make sound and it sounds beautiful.

We need to keep the birds. Birds are very important!

In China there was a bird war. They almost killed all of the birds and the bugs started to eat the food but the sparrow girl saved some birds to eat the bugs in the village. After a year the birds came back.

Zac

Birds are very amazing!

They look like a splodge of rainbow feathers. They can also look like tiny mice with wings and a beak.

They sound so beautiful too. It makes me feel tired.

Do you know how important birds are to us?

In China they killed all the sparrows because they ate all the food.

Luckily the Sparrow Girl came and saved the birds.

Kinsley

Birds are fabulous!

They look like a rainbow.

They sing all the time. They keep the balance of nature because they eat the bugs.

In China they made a big fight. The sparrows died.

Sparrow Girl saved seven little, brown sparrows to eat the enemy bugs.

Kirra

Birds are Amazing!

Birds look like rainbows and they can be different shapes, sizes and lots of colours.

They are beautiful singers and they make me feel sleepy, wonderful, fantastic and great.


Do you know how important they are to us?

In China they killed all of the sparrows but then the bugs went everywhere. The little Sparrow Girl had seven sad sparrows left. She let them out.

So the sparrows weren't their enemy after all.

Sophia





**1W's science about heating foods  
inspired these poems.**

**POPCORN**

Popcorn popping in the air,  
Popcorn popping to the chair.  
Popcorn popping under the chair,  
Popcorn popping high in the air.  
Popcorn popping into the air,  
Popcorn popping everywhere.  
Popcorn popping in my mouth,  
Yum, Yum!  
Popcorn popping  
POP, POP, POP!  
By Rylan

**POPCORN**

Popcorn popping in the air  
Up to the roof,  
Onto my head,  
Into my mouth.  
Popcorn on the floor  
I am buried under the popcorn.  
POP! POP! POP!  
Krisha Sanker



# Christmas Raffle 2020



## Updated Prize List

The P&C are having a Christmas raffle. Tickets are 3 for \$5 or \$2 each

The prizes are:

- Framed Panthers signed NRL jersey
- 2x single admission pass to Raging Waters
- 2x \$100 visa gift card
- 2x \$100 Bunnings gift card
- 2x \$50 Bunnings gift card
- 2x \$50 Castle Hill Tavern vouchers
- \$100 beauty industry voucher from Lashed up eyelash extensions and beauty
- \$50 voucher for GJ's CupCakery
- A Christmas box and voucher from By Dems Boutique



### Additional prizes added

- One nights stay at Mercure Sydney Parramatta
- \$100 voucher with Amy Miner Photography



Due to obvious reasons tickets and money are to be returned as follows:

- Return with child to be handed directly to the office;
- Return to box which will be at Armstein Crescent and Heavey Street gates with teacher on duty; or
- Additional tickets can be collected at the gate or contact the office on 9623 7077 to have some more tickets sent home with your child.

Tickets and money are to be returned no later than Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and raffle will be drawn on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The P&C appreciate your support and contribution to your school community.

Good luck everyone!

# 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

# Virtual Information Sessions

Find out everything you need to know about OSHC



Camp Australia is bringing to all new families our virtual information sessions - with all the great details about how Outside School Hours Care can help your family.

We've organised information sessions that are based locally in New South Wales to ensure you get the most relevant information for your family. These sessions will be run by local leaders in the OSHC community.



## Your sessions are:

**Session 1:** 25/11/2020 • 7:30pm (AEDT)

**Session 2:** 2/12/2020 • 12:30pm (AEDT)

If you would like more information regarding Camp Australia's services but cannot attend any of the above sessions, please feel free to visit your service and speak with your friendly Coordinator. Alternatively, you can send us an email at [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au) and one of our friendly Customer Care representatives can answer your questions.



Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions) to register free for a Virtual Info Session

### Register for OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now free

### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog



# ***Nutrition Snippet***

BE FOOD SAFE.

Did you know that food poisoning is more common in summer?



**Bacteria love hot and humid weather.**

Always pack an ice brick or frozen water bottle in the lunch box.

Find more helpful tips at:

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

# **Sunsmart Snippet**

## Seek shade at home



**Shade alone can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%**

### **Priority areas for shade at home:**

- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

# Nutrition Snippet

## SUMMER FRUIT AND VEG.



### Try these summer sizzlers:

- [Lamb and veg meatballs](#)
- [Coleslaw](#)
- [Frozen fruit puree](#)

Check out our [blog](#) to find out more about what's in season.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



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# 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



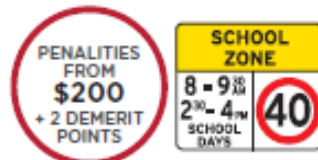
### MOBILE PHONES

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.