



Werrington Public School

Term 3 Week 10, 21st September 2020

Dates for your calendar!

23rd September Privilege day - Mufti day for all students. **25th September** Last day Term 3 **12th October** Students return for term 4



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Although this year has had its challenges so far, the year has certainly moved quickly. This term saw students complete their first full term at school without COVID interruptions. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to students and staff returning to school for term 4 on Monday 12th October 2020.

Zany Hair Day—Shave for a Cure

Congratulations to Lillyava who shaved all her hair off last Friday.

This year she has been raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation, as part of the "World's Greatest Shave". Our Zany Hair Day on Friday raised \$836 and combined with Lillyava's own fundraising that is well over \$5000 to be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done Lillyava!



Werrington Wise Assembly

Last Thursday we held our Werrington Wise Assemblies in stage groupings. Congratulations to all the students who have achieved their Principal's Awards this term.

Morning Entry Gates

To ensure our ability to cover all playground and gate duties each week, from term 4 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.

Road safety

Thank you to Penrith City Council who have re painted the approaches to our school crossing on Armstein Crescent and Heavey Street. Council Rangers regularly patrol both streets. For the safety of all of our children please ensure that you follow the road rules and the no stopping signs. Fines and demerit points for certain offences are higher in a school zone.

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.

Year 6 Farewell, Graduation and Presentation Day.

A few weeks ago you may have heard that our Premier announced that year 12 farewells could go ahead with certain conditions. The following week the Department of Education indicated that schools could start thinking about year 6 events and that guidelines would be available to schools in Term 4. Given current circumstances,

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we are developing a variety of options, but certainly these events will be very different from previous years. As soon as the new guidelines are released and we have had time to understand and digest the implications of these guidelines, we will update parents and carers as to our approach for these events.

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 is open and will be available until the end of Term 3. Please assist us in our schools continual 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.

Leave

I will be taking long service this week. Mrs Proglgio will be Relieving Principal, Mrs Mason will be Relieving Instructional Leader and Mrs Buchan will be relieving Assistant Principal in my absence.

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.

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 Big Ideas in Number workshop via Microsoft Teams; and
- SLSO's participated in a CV writing workshop.

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

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.—Benjamin Franklin



Positive Behaviour for Learning News

Thank you to 1W for reminding everyone to be a 'sun hero' by wearing a school hat when outdoors. We really enjoyed your presentation!






Our Focus for this week is:

**Be Werrington Wise:
Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.**

Congratulations to those students who have received Fast Track awards for their efforts in following these expectations. Don't forget that Privilege Day is on Wednesday! All students may wear appropriate mufti clothing with enclosed shoes. Please bring your recess and a drink bottle and if you have achieved level 3 or 4 you will be served pizza for lunch. We look forward to celebrating your achievements.

★ ★ Privilege Day, Term 3 ★ ★

Level 3 & 4	Pizza Party  <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Pizza* Lollies* Glow sticks* Music 
Levels 1 & 2	Quiet Classroom Activities in the Library 



Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Learner





Stage 3
AP
Awards

Fast
Track
Award
Winners

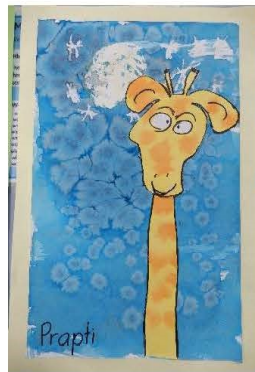


Two Winning Art Entries from WPS

The Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange is an exhibition opportunity for all NSW public school students in Years K-12 and is held annually. It encourages students to participate in international friendship and cultural exchange activities, which in turn promotes the further development of sister city relationships.

Werrington Public School was invited to nominate four outstanding K-6 student artworks that would be suitable for consideration for the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange.

The four artworks that were nominated were Wild Thing by Penny Tshien 2BF, Gerald Giraffe by Prapti Tiwari 1W, Colourful Cat by Kaide Cannata 2BF and Leo Seahorse by Kirra Marshall 1W.



The selected artworks are exhibited in Nagoya, Japan along with works by students in Nagoya, Sydney, Los Angeles, Reims, Turin, Mexico City and Ninjing.



The winning entries from Werrington Public School winging their way to Japan are Colourful Cat by Kaide Cannata 2BF and Gerald Giraffe by Prapti Tiwari 1W.

Congratulations to both of you!

The school will receive an exchange of artwork from the exhibition in Nagoya, and both students will receive a certificate celebrating the selection of their artwork.



1W stories about trees

Trees are important because they give us rain. Trees give us oxygen and air so we can breathe.

Kirra

Trees are important. We need trees because they give us oxygen. Trees give us rain for our water to drink and I like the trees because trees are good.

Tahlireah

Trees are important because they give us dappled shade. It cools us down. It gives us rain and it gives us oxygen. It gives us fresh water that comes from the clouds.

Evelyn



Anxiety and depression in children and adolescents



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



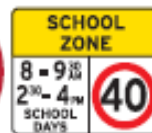
MOBILE PHONES

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!