



Week 3
11 February, 2019

LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY
The Wallsend Way: Successful learners show respect, take responsibility and make safe choices.

WALLSEND WHISPER

Payment Reminders

| Event | Class | Activity Date | Cost | Closing Date For Payments |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------|---|
| School Photographs | K-6 | 1 March | Various | 1 March (Bring envelope on day of photo) |
| School Voluntary Contributions | K-6 | N/A | Various | 12 April |

Please Note: No payments for excursions or incursions will be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements are made with the Office. All notes and money must be returned to the Office in an envelope with your child's name, class and activity. EFTPOS is available at the Office. If you have not received a note for any activity, these are available from the Office or the school's website.

Diary and Deadlines

- 13 Feb Debating Workshop
- 14 Feb NRL Cyber Safety Talk Yrs 3-6
- 18 Feb Meet with Youth Support Worker at 9.30am in Library
- 18 Feb Assembly 1pm
- 19 Feb Parent Information Sessions (except 3S and 3/4H)
- 21 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival
- March**
- 1 Mar School Photographs
- 8 Mar Athletics Carnival
- 12 Mar Parent Information Session for 3S and 3/4H
- 28 Mar Road Safety Visit K-6
- 29 Mar School Cross Country
- 13 Apr Last Day Term 1

First Week: Our first week in our classes for 2019 went smoothly. Classes have settled well and quality teaching and learning is off to a good start. I encourage you to come along to parent information sessions for further information on class programs and to meet your child's teacher. See details further in newsletter.

School Photographs: School photos will be held on Friday 1 March, and will be taken by Newcastle School Portraits. All students will be bringing home a school photograph envelope today **which needs to be returned to the photographer on the day the photos are taken.** If you would like a family photo taken, special family envelopes are available from the school officer foyer.

School uniforms, including white socks and black shoes, should be worn. The P&C uniform shop is well stocked should you need a dress or school shirt. Please see the P&C section in the newsletter for uniform shop hours.

School Maintenance: Unfortunately we are unable to use the basketball court at the moment due to a damaged light making the area unsafe. The issue has been logged in Department of Education Maintenance. The extreme heat has not been kind to the field where 2018 efforts to remediate has not been as successful as hoped. Further work will happen on Friday. Access to the field is limited at this time.

School Voluntary Contributions

Invoices will be sent home this week for payment of School Voluntary Contributions. The funds are used to purchase books, including plastic book bags, paint, paper, cardboard, counters and a great deal of other resources used every day to support teaching and learning in the classes. There is no change to the contribution this year and prices are as follows:

1 student = \$40

2 students = \$60

3 or more students = \$75

If you are able to pay all or some of this contribution by 6 July, it would be very much appreciated.

Sandra Colman
Principal

Parent Information Sessions - Tuesday 19 February

Welcome to the 2019 school year. The staff at Wallsend Public School are looking forward to working with you to make this a very successful, productive and happy year for your child. We will be holding parent information sessions for Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage 3 on **Tuesday 19 February**.

Stage Two information session will be held in week 7 on Tuesday 12 March.

The parent information sessions times are as follows:

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| 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm | KM and KC | KC Kindergarten classroom C Block |
| 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm | 3/6J | 3/6J classroom G Block |
| 4.10 pm – 4.40 pm | 1/2D, 1/2M, 1/2O and 1/2S | 1/2S classroom A Block |
| 4.50 pm – 5.20 pm | 4/5D, 5/6P and 6H | 5/6P classroom B Block |

3 Way Conference

Wallsend Public School will be holding 3 way conferences with students, parents and teachers in the next few weeks. Classroom teachers will be sending home interview dates and times in the next week.

What is a 3 Way Conference?

A 3-Way Conference actively involves parents, students and teachers in reflecting on student progress and setting future goals/targets.

A 3-Way Conference acknowledges the most important participants in the learning process - student, teacher and parent.

How are 3 Way Conferences different from parent teacher interviews?

3 Way Conferences involve the student in the discussion about their growth/progress as a learner.

The student can provide information to clarify what they have learnt, what are the next steps in their learning and what progress they are making towards this.

Why 3 Way Conferences?

- They provide a student voice to discussions about performance and progress.
- They place the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process.
- They strengthen the home-school partnership and allow children to see their parents and teacher working together for them.

How do 3 Way conferences work?

The teacher facilitates the conference and guides the student/parent through the process.

Throughout the conference parents and the teacher are encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback and encouragement to the student and to share their thoughts and ideas on what is being presented and on what goals or targets they think are appropriate.

In short, 3 way conferences provide a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement. They are a valuable avenue for involving parents and students in the learning process and helping parents understand the teaching, learning, assessment and reporting process. The three way conference has benefits for teachers, parents and the school.

3 Way Conferences take time (15 minutes), and to ensure that all parents and students have the opportunity to meet with their class teacher. Further information on class date and times will be sent out individually by classroom teachers.

P&C News

Upcoming Meetings

Sub Committee Tuesday 12 February 12.30pm in the Library

General Meeting Tuesday 19 February 7pm in the Library

AGM Tuesday 19 March 7pm in the Library this will be followed by our general meeting.

Canteen

To keep our canteen open as a service for our children we desperately need new volunteers especially for Wednesday's and Thursdays, without more volunteers we will have to start closing.

Keep an eye out in your children's bag this week for a sample menu for the upcoming changes. We would love any feedback you have, these can be emailed to canteen@wps.org.au.

The new menu will be coming into effect in coming weeks.

Uniform Shop

Opening hours for **this week only** - Tuesday afternoon 2.45pm to 3.15pm and Friday morning 8.50am to 9.20am.

As of next week, Monday 18 February (week 4) opening hours will be changing to the following:

Monday afternoons 2:45pm-3:20pm

Thursday mornings 8:45am-9:30am

We are out of some sizes in the Short sleeve Polo and are awaiting a delivery.

Don't forget Flexischools is a great convenient way to place your orders and have them delivered to the classroom.

Fund Raising

Do you have any suggestions for fundraising? We would love to hear them! Keep an eye out for our first fundraiser of the year.

School Banking

Just a reminder that school banking is on a Tuesday morning this year. Remember to fill in all the required details and leave at the school office no later than 9.30am.

Thank you Casey

School Banking Co-ordination

OOSH

Our OOSH operates in the hall each morning from 7am (breakfast is included up until 8am) and every afternoon until 6pm (afternoon tea is provided). Please see our OOSH Coordinator Emily or Assistant Coordinator Monique in the hall for more information or an enrolment pack. We also offer Vacation Care during school holidays.

For our existing families, a reminder that we are now digital. If you have not already, please setup your Xplor account so you can digitally sign in/out your children, as this is now a government requirement for all child care services.

Renee Stackman

Secretary

Wallsend Public School P&C Association

A message from our P&C President

Please come and meet our lovely Laura Hicks Youth Worker on 18 Feb in the library at 9.30am. Morning tea will be provided. This is a vital service provided by P&C, WPS and Department of Education. This is a amazing opportunity for WPS students, families and careers wellbeing. So come along and please ask questions as that is why Laura will be there with a executive P&C member and Principal.

Please feel free to contact me if any questions via email wps_pnc@mail.com

Joh Kaurojoki-White

WPS P&C President

Community News

Got It! Parenting Tip of The Week

When your child wants to show you something, stop what You are doing and pay attention to your child. It is important to spend frequent, small amounts of time with your child doing things that you both enjoy



BE AMBITIOUS *Free Course*

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS



Beginners Computer Course for Indigenous students.

This CS05555 TAFE Statement in Education and Employment Pathways is FREE under Community Service Obligation funding.

COURSE DETAILS

This course will include:

- Email – sending photos
- Finding information on the internet
- Working with a portable device

COURSE DURATION – 9 WEEKS

Time: 10am – 2:30pm
Day: Friday

CALL ANYTIME

Phone Michael
49 796 199 anytime

COURSE SNAPSHOT

Location: Belmont TAFE
847 Pacific Highway
BELMONT NSW 2280

Course: TAFE Statement in Education and Employment Pathways

Cost: Government Subsidized Student training program*

Note: This is a FREE course

CONTACT US TODAY!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
or for more information

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PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND OVER 2019

To continue the process of your child's Sacraments of Initiation
(*begun in Baptism*) parents are invited to attend an:

**Information Night in
St Patrick's School Hall on Monday 11 February at 7.00 pm**

This meeting will be facilitated by the Sacramental Team

To enrol your child/children please phone Wallsend Presbytery on 02 4955 9575 or email:
Wallsendshortlandparish@mn.catholic.org.au