



Term 2, Week 1
30 April, 2019

LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

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

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Payment Reminders

Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	Stage 3	7-9 August	\$350.00 Approx	\$50 Deposit Due by 1 May

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. Payments can also be made through the 'Make a Payment' tab on the school website. Permission note must be returned to school, if you use this option.

Diary and Deadlines

- 3 May Zone Cross Country
- 8 May Aboriginal Student Camp
- 10 May Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 2pm
- 14 May NAPLAN Testing Begins
- 15 May P&C Family Fun Night at McDonalds
- 18 May Federal Election
- 25 May Aerobics State Qualifer

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I have advised Callaghan Director, Josie Bailey, of my intention to take extended leave from the commencement of Term 2 after which I am retiring. This will bring to a close a career of 37 years in Education of which the latter 32 have been with the NSW Department of Education. Mrs Kate Quinnell will assume the role of Relieving Principal.

I consider it an honour and a privilege to have been entrusted with the responsibility of educating children and it is a role I have approached with enthusiasm and passion. It has brought me great joy to see what can be achieved.

I have been fortunate in my career to have been able to undertake a variety of roles that have benefitted my schools and students.

As I reflect on my career, I am proud of my achievements and contribution to Public Education. The Department of Education has recognised this and being awarded an Assistant Director General Award for my "Outstanding Contributions to Teaching" has been a personal highlight.

I thank the students, staff and community of Wallsend Public School for their confidence in my leadership in a time of reform in Public Education.

During my tenure as Principal, the overall academics for students has improved and this has been reflected in our NAPLAN results. The improvement within our Aboriginal students' performance continues to impress me.

Student wellbeing initiatives have been consolidated and support initiatives have been developed to meet individual needs. We were one of the first local schools to modernise our technology, providing Wi-Fi throughout the school and, more importantly, equity of access to all students. We now have a talented school band and an energetic Aerobics program.

Our school has embraced diversity within our multi-cultural community.

Our Wrigglers Readiness for School program is very much seen as a positive by the local community. As a result of this and other initiatives listed above, we now have a constant stream of enquiries for enrolment and excellent retention of students.

My successor will start from a solid base and I would wish them all the best in the Principal role.

Finally, to all students, I thank you for greeting me with your friendly smiles, trying your best and for being fine ambassadors for our school. Remember, you are a Wallsendian and with that comes the expectation of being a "Successful learner who shows respect, takes responsibility and makes safe choices". I shall miss you.

Sandra Colman
Principal
Wallsend Public School

Easter Winners

Thank you to all school families and friends who attended our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1. The parade once again proved to be an enjoyable community event. Colouring in competition winners:



Early Stage 1

- 1st Charlotte Spokes
- 2nd Michael O'Shea
- 3rd Grace Norton

Stage 1

- 1st Jaxson Bailey
- 2nd Maya Wallace
- 3rd Betty Anderson and Abdel Elshiekh

Stage 2

- 1st Nalah Smith
- 2nd Ava Figgis
- 3rd Jasmine Heynatz

Stage 3

- 1st Makayla Parkinson
- 2nd Macy Hodges
- 3rd Adrian Pearce

Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA winners:

Most creative

- 1st Tahlia Hopton
- 2nd Ella Malisewski
- 3rd Oliva Bull (McClelland) and William Nicoll

Most creative using recycled materials

- 1st Jordan Blythe
- 2nd Karla Summers-Miller
- 3rd Ruby Hensel

Congratulations to all winners. The high quality of all entries made it very difficult for the mystery judge to choose the winners.

ANZAC Day Service

Wallsend Public School held our own ANZAC Day Service today. Thank you to all who attended including Sharon Claydon, Sonia Honery, LACW Nicole Sandeman (RAAF) and Kye Jeffries (Bugler). The students should be commended for their outstanding behaviour at this special event. Thanks to Mr Harrison for organising.

We would also like to thank the staff, parents and students who attended the Wallsend Community ANZAC Day Service on behalf of Wallsend Public School.



Get ready to
Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back again! Last year we collected over 16,000 stickers at WPS and we traded the stickers for some great sporting resources. **It's simple to participate.** From Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 25 June 2019 if you or your friends/relatives shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, via team members at the self service checkout or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (or just put them in the box in the office and we can put them on the sheet for you). You will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Let's get collecting!

Community News

Got It! Parenting Tip of The Week

Start every family meal with each family member sharing a happy moment that they have had during the day or week. This can be as simple as “My teacher thought I did a great job at my homework”. Provide lots of praise for sharing these ideas and feelings.



Students are reminded they need to tap on and off every time going to and from school.

Transport for NSW provides students with **free** school travel

In return, we ask that you tap on and tap off every time when travelling on public transport to and from school.



Tap on and tap off your
School Opal card every time



It is a condition of the School Pass Terms and the Student Code of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.