



Week 10
29 March, 2021

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Payment Reminders

Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments
Year 6 Shirt	Yr 6	2021	\$28.00	31 March
Voluntary School Contributions	All	2021	Various	2 April
Canberra Excursion	Years 5 & 6	July 28 to July 30	\$50.00 Deposit	23 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

29 Mar	Paralympic Talks
29 Mar	Yarn Up 2.30pm
1 Apr	Easter Hat Parade K-6, 2pm.
2 Apr	Good Friday
Term 2	
19 Apr	Staff Return
20 Apr	Students K-6 Return
20 Apr	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
22 Apr	Cross Country and Colour Run
23 Apr	ANZAC Ceremony 2.10pm
23 Apr	Return & Earn Competition Finishes
30 Apr	Zone Cross Country

Principal Message

Hello and welcome to week 10. We are really looking forward to finishing off the term strongly and enjoying a well earned break. I would like to extend a huge thank you for your support.

What's been happening

Unfortunately, we had to postpone last week's cross-country and Colour Explosion. This will now occur on the first Thursday back April 22. We look forward to having a successful (and dry) community day. Our students in year 3 & 5 participated in practices for NAPLAN last week. This assessment is now completely online and gave students an opportunity to understand how to apply their knowledge. These students will do the formal NAPLAN assessments early next term. On Thursday we look forward to people joining us for the Easter Hat Parade. This year we are encouraging students of all ages to make a hat for the parade, finishing off the term in a fun, positive way.

Pick up and drop off

It has come very apparently that many of our parents/community members are not signing in using the QR codes when entering our site. Please ensure that this is done each time you pick-up and drop-off or any other time you need to enter our school grounds. Additionally, I am asking that people do not queue up on Brook Street for pick up as this stops people from travelling freely along this street. Please also take care around the pedestrian crossing, especially around pick up and drop off times.

I wish everyone a safe and happy break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday April 20.

Thank you

Proud Principal

Mr Ricki Metcalfe





Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will held this **Thursday 1 April from 2pm**. All students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 have been invited to decorate an Easter hat at home and have it ready for the parade.

The hats are to be brought to school on the **Thursday 1 April** morning clearly marked with name.

We cannot wait to see all the egg-citing hats that everyone creates.



ANZAC Dawn Service

Due to the stringent COVID requirements ruling at the time and the health and safety of our Veterans, Wallsend RSL Sub-Branch will NOT be holding a march or Dawn Service in Federal Park this year.

All the Sub-Branch Members are extremely disappointed that we are not commemorating ANZAC Day with your students this year.

We strongly recommend that you "light up the Dawn" which was an idea originated in the Australian community last year and was supported across the country. A year of great challenge and change.

As the sun rises above the horizon stand united in your driveway or balcony, in uniforms or pyjamas, wearing medals, poppies and sprigs of rosemary to let Australian veterans know that their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Hopefully we can all celebrate the ANZAC tradition together next year.

Kind regards

Kevin Thomson

Honorary Secretary



Wrigglers 2021

Registrations are now open for our 2021 Wrigglers Program.

This year our program will commence on Tuesday 4 May and finish on Tuesday 14 September. This will be run in the school library and will run from 9.15am to 11.15am. Orientation will be in Term 4.

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2022 - please call into the office and register your child and collect an enrolment pack.

This needs to be **fully completed and handed into the office prior** to your child commencing the program.

Please Note: Only children who are eligible to attend Wallsend Public School can attend this program.



Stewart House Donation Drive 2021

Last week, Stewart House envelopes were sent home with your child/ren where you could donate \$2 or more to this charity that assists school children in need.

For as little as \$2, you go into the draw to win a prize of a \$4,000 gift voucher. The money raised helps to fund the ongoing program they run from Stewart House which is based in Sydney. This is where students from a variety of schools in NSW and the ACT have the opportunity to be nominated to attend a week-long trip to Sydney to participate in this wonderful initiative which focuses on balancing health and educational programs for those students.

These envelopes with the enclosed money are due back to the school office by Friday 14 May, 2021 (week 4 of Term 2, 2021). Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to make a cashless online payment.



Thank you for your support,
Miss Smurthwaite

P & C News

Thank you to all our school community for your wonderful support in Term 1.
Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to a great Term 2.

P & C Meeting

The next WPS P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th April at 6.30pm in the library. Next term we will be trialling holding our P & C Meetings in different formats to give all our school community the opportunity to attend. The first meeting of the term will be a face to face meeting, the 2nd meeting will be a hybrid meeting (a combination of face to face and zoom) and the 3rd meeting will be via zoom. We will evaluate the feedback at the end of the trial.

Colour Explosion

New date for our Colour Explosion fun run will be **Thursday 22nd April 2021** at Upper Reserve with a 12.30pm start. This gives us more time to fundraise and help our school reach our target of \$10,000 so please keep sharing your child's profile.

Colour Explosion Pre-Order Lunch Order

Pre-Orders are still open to place an online order up **until Wednesday 21st April**. Please make sure you have placed your orders by then to secure your pre-orders. There will be limited quantities available at the Colour Explosion on Thursday 22nd April. Pre-Orders can ONLY be made online through the flexi school app. Parents are asked to order under their child's name as well if they are wishing to pre-order. Orders will be collected at lunchtime from the Fundraising Canteen at Upper Reserve on Thursday 22nd April. Pre-Order lunches are for Years 3-6 ONLY and eligible Year 2 (8 years old). K- 2 will have normal lunch at school.

Volunteers

We still require some more volunteers to help the colour explosion run smoothly. If you are able to help please sign up here. Volunteer opportunities for "Colour Explosion Fun Run" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/A9EPC

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering!

Easter Raffle

ALL Easter Raffle Tickets sold or unsold need to be back to the school office **by this Tuesday 30th March**. Easter Raffle will be **drawn on Wednesday 31st March Via Livestream** on the school Facebook page. Winners will be contacted after the draw.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mother's Day Stall will be on **Thursday 6th May**. All Items at the Mother's Day stall this year are set to the one price of \$10. Orders can be made through flexi school's. If you are wanting your child to get a gift for more than one Mother figure in their life you will need to order more than one voucher. Each school aged child will need their own voucher ordered under their own name and class. Cash sales will still be available on the day, please make sure to send in correct cash with your child. You are able to start placing flexi school Mother's Day Voucher Orders now.

Thanks Casey

Casey

wpsfundraisingpnc@gmail.com

Canteen

We are looking for helpers to prep food on weekday mornings from 9:10am to 10:30am. Activities will include prepping lunches and preparing our home made dishes. Please email canteen@wps-pnc.org.au or see Maree Brown in the canteen if you would like to volunteer or find our more.

School Banking

Next term School banking day will be **WEDNESDAY**. Please bring your banking books on a Wednesday morning to the office by 9:30am.

Environmental News!

WPS Return and Earn Collection – bottles, cans, poppers. We are starting off with a competition to see the class that can donate the most bottles/cans/poppers. The winning class will receive a prize. The competition will run from Tuesday 21 March through to Friday 23 April (Term 2 Week 1). All proceeds will go to Year 6. Current leaders are 3/4L, 2/3S and 5/6M.

If any parents would like to donate glass bottles to the Return & Earn Collection, please contact Mrs Brown so that she can collect the bottles and store safely.

Following this competition, we are going to continue to Return and Earn, teaching our students to recycle where possible. Year 6 will keep you up to date on the funds they raise!

We have huge plans to minimise our environmental impact by expanding our recycling programs, revamping our compost and vegie gardens. Watch this space!



Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Alierrah B	Beau H	Tasha G	Dakota O
Axel L	Yousuf M	Ivy C	Sophia T
Hasib A	Lion-Heart P	Claire G	Isla W
Katelyn S	Hikmat A	David H	Mia L
Jasmine G	Piper D	Jordan B	Aiden B
Prakav P	Taylah M	Jasmine S	Peyton P
Tanner P	Charlotte N	Seth K	Nehemiah F
Sleiman A	Maya W	Eva W	Lucy M
Caleb R	Chanel R	Abhinav B	Jaxson B
Keisha R	Shevvi J	Freya K	Angelie P
Lila E	Leilani T		Charlotte W
Tyson S	Tyler C		
Kylah M			

Community News

2021 Breakfast Club is Back!

Great news! Breakfast Club will start again on Tuesday 20 April (Week 1 -Term 2) at 8:45am – 9:05am every day. Mr Rob and his volunteers will be running the program each morning. Wallsend Baptist Church will be providing fresh spreads and bread every week for the remainder of the year. Nutrition Plus will be providing the nutritional soft chews and shakes to add to Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club does rely on voluntary contributions. Any opportunity throughout the term for students to offer loose change would be greatly appreciated.



LIMITED SPOTS

South Wallsend Junior Soccer Club

Seeking players for the following
MiniRoos & Junior age groups

- 👉 5 boys (2 spots) 👉 7 boys (1 spot)
- 👉 8 boys (3 spots) 👉 8 girls (3 spots)
- 👉 9 boys (1 spot) 👉 10 girls (6 spots)
- 👉 12 girls (1 spot) 👉 13 girls (2 spots) 👉 14 boys (3 spots)

Please contact the club by email southysoccer@gmail.com or
via our Facebook page for more information on these spots