



Week 2  
1 February, 2021

**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
Swimming Carnival	8yrs & above	8 Feb	\$5.00	4 Feb 2021

**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

3 Feb	Kindergarten commences
4 Feb	Kindergarten Photos
4 Feb	Money Due for Swimming Carnival
8 Feb	Swimming Carnival
9 Feb	P&C Sub Committee Meeting 12.30pm
15 Feb	Book Club Orders Close
16 Feb	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
18 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival

### Principal Message

Weeeeeelcoooooome back Wallsend Learning Community! It was so lovely to have our students back learning on Friday ready to go. Our staff have hit the ground running, setting high expectations for themselves and our students. We aim to provide the best possible learning experience everyday, knowing that EVERYDAY MATTERS.

We are in the process of finalising our school plan for the next 4 years. Our school vision will be ***Together We Are Stronger; Relentlessly striving for personal excellence through high expectations.***

**Strategic Direction 1 - Student Growth and Attainment.** This will focus on developing all students personal best, particularly in the areas of numeracy and reading.

**Strategic Direction 2 - Enhanced pedagogy and programming development.** This will focus on ongoing development of teachers, particularly strengthening collaborative and quality practice.

**Strategic Direction 3 - Embedded high expectation culture.** This will encompass everything we do, continuing to build the very best culture that aims to deliver the very best educational outcomes for students.

Next week we have our annual swimming carnival for years 3-6 and some of our strong year 2 swimmers. This day will have some changes compared to previous years. In particular we aim to incorporate activities for all swimming abilities. This means all students will be engaged for longer periods of time. Spectators will be allowed into the venue but will need to maintain social distancing and remain in allocated spaces. Please read the permission/information note carefully for details about the day and return the permission note promptly. You may also recognise that the cost of this event is cheaper than previous years. This is due to the school subsidising part of the cost. With these changes, we hope to see 100% attendance and all students are engaged in a day that is fun for everyone. It is certainly great to get back into some events that incorporate our community too!

By now you would have realised that we have been able to form classes quickly. We have been able to maintain the majority of our staff and consistency across grades, with the exception of Mrs O'Donnell (working at Wilcannia PS for 12 months) and Mrs Dobbie (maternity leave). We also welcome Miss Rose to our intervention team 'High Impact Team' and Miss Georgia Melliger on Wednesdays in the office.

**Classes are as follows;**

KL- Ms Lemmon (Early Stage 1 supervisor)

KM- Mrs Merry

1/2C- Mrs Cummings

1/2D- Mr Dedman & Mrs Hakansson (Friday)

2/3S- Miss Summerville

3/4S- Mrs Sykes (Stage 2 supervisor)

3/4L- Mrs Smith

3/6J- Mrs Jeston & Mrs Mellen (SLSO)

4/5C- Mrs Crane

5/6H- Mr Harrison

5/6M- Mrs McNicol

**Other team members include;**

Mr Folpp (Stage 3 Supervisor & Wellbeing)

Mrs Langholz (Stage 1 Supervisor & Instructional Leader K-2)

Mrs Brown (Support staff supervisor & Instructional Leader 3-6)

Miss Smurthwaite (Learning and Support Teacher) Mrs Woodbridge & Miss Rose (High Impact Team - Interventionists)

Mrs Hannah (RFF teacher)

Mr Newham (Aboriginal Education Mentor)

Mr Rob Branham (School Chaplain)

Mrs Kay Dunford (School Admin Manager)

Mrs Kim Melliger (School Admin Officer)

Miss Georgia Melliger (School Admin Officer—Wednesday)

Mrs Montefiore (School Counsellor)

Mrs Gilchrist (Community Liaison Officer)

Mr Swinburn (General Assistant)

Mrs Stewardson (SLSO)

Mrs Ward (SLSO)

As always my office is open for support and discussion. I really value the place our school has in the wider community and love working closely with our parent body.

I look forward to catching up with everyone as we deliver another successful year of education for our students.

Thank you

Proud Principal

Mr Ricki Metcalfe

**Please note future weekly newsletters will be available to read via the school's website, facebook page and Sentral Parent Portal. Limited hard copies of the newsletter will be available each week at the office.**

## P&C News

Welcome back to our 2021 school year! We are looking forward to a year of supporting our students and teachers.

### **Upcoming meetings:**

Sub Committee Meeting: 9th February, 2021 at 12.30pm

P & C Meeting: 16th February, 2021 at 6.30pm

We will advise next week how and where these meetings will be held.

### **Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**

Monday 1 Feb to Friday 5 Feb : 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Flexischools is our preferred method of payment or cash only in store.

Just a reminder we also stock adult sizes in the polo shirts and unisex shorts.

### **Canteen**

Just a reminder to change your child's class on Flexischools before ordering so their lunch will go to their new classroom basket.

The Canteen is still closed at recess but an order can be placed with the students lunch order and collected at lunchtime. This will be reassessed in coming weeks.

Maree and Canteen Team

### **OOSH**

Get in early for your 2021 Enrolment to Wallsend OOSH. Only \$25 Enrolment fee for peace of mind for an entire year. Running late to get to school? Work isn't finishing up like it should? There is no need to stress if your child is already enrolled. Just give the helpful team at Wallsend OOSH a call and you can book your children in that same day.

See the office for Enrolment forms or send an email to [oosh@wps-pnc.org.au](mailto:oosh@wps-pnc.org.au) for a digital copy.

Wallsend Public School P&C Association



Our school has a great online ordering system for our **Canteen** and **Uniform Shop** called Flexischools – it's easy to place your orders online **in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.**

### 1. Download the Flexischools App

*Note:* for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



### 2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

### 3. Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Flexischools Customer Service Team on **1300 361 769**, or you can contact them via their website.

## Community News

**Register now!**

### WALLSEND WEST NEWCASTLE ARFC – THE SWANS

Located at Bill Elliott Oval, Maryland – catering for Greater Wallsend and West Newcastle (Lambton / Waratah / Mayfield)

2021 Online Registrations Now Open  
AT:  
Website: [www.wallsendwestnewcastle.sportingpulse.net](http://www.wallsendwestnewcastle.sportingpulse.net)

NAB Auskick \$100  
5 Years to 8 Years  
Includes 2020 Auskick Pack

Juniors \$130  
8 Years to 17 Years

Youth Girls \$130  
13 Years to 17 Years

\*\*\*\*\* NO WEEKLY FEES \*\*\*\*\*

For further information please Facebook search Wallsend West Newcastle ARFC OR contact Vanessa on 0415395511 or Andrew on 0417377374  
COVID Safety Plan in Operation at all times.

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AFL Sign up for junior footy [play.afl](http://play.afl)

We are a GoodSports club  
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# WE WANT YOU!

## Shortland United Junior Football Club

### Registration Dates:

\$100 Active Kids voucher redeemable, please see our facebook page or email us for more details.

11AM-1PM SUNDAY <b>31</b> JANUARY SHORTLAND HOTEL RESTAURANT AREA	11AM-1PM SUNDAY <b>7</b> FEBRUARY LOWER TUXFORD PARK SUJFC CLUB HOUSE	11AM-1PM SUNDAY <b>21</b> FEBRUARY SHORTLAND HOTEL RESTAURANT AREA	11AM-1PM SUNDAY <b>28</b> FEBRUARY LOWER TUXFORD PARK SUJFC CLUB HOUSE
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Contact [shortlandufc@newcastlefootball.net.au](mailto:shortlandufc@newcastlefootball.net.au) for more information

## EASTS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB INC

Join us for some more fun in season 2021

Pre-season training 5:30pm every Thursday @ Dangar Park, Mayfield

**Boys & Girls**  
5 to 17 years

\$130 per child 8 to 17 years or  
\$100 per child turning 5 to 7 years in 2021  
Use your active kids voucher to take \$100 off the cost of registration

Kids rugby 7 & under is tag only (no tackling)

Every child receives a free training shirt and playing short & socks with registration

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