



Week 2, Term 4
19 October, 2020

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

WALLSEND WHISPER

Principal Message

Hello and welcome to Term 2 Wallsend Learning Community. The school has hit the ground running and we are all keen to finish the year off in style!

What a fun day Friday was and a great way to celebrate reading. The skill of reading is such an important one to educate ourselves, become critical thinkers or just for pure relaxation. Our Author and Illustrator visits were also well received by the students who got a first hand look at how to create quality reading books. A huge thank you to Mrs Creasey who always does an amazing job at organising these events and for advocating literature. It was so exciting to see them so engaged in the process and I am sure we had many students walk away inspired by this experience.

Our Team has finally completed the largest review of our school progress in its history. This self-analysed review marked us against the School Excellence Framework and will be used to support where we would like to improve as a school in the next 4 years. We will also be using surveys completed by the community, staff and students to ensure Wallsend PS continues to be the best school in the world. Thank you to the Executive Team who have worked tirelessly to reflect genuinely, to set goals that are brave and of a high standard.

Last week I notified our community about the ongoing problems our children may face when using social media. The following **advice for parents** assists in limiting students' exposure to harmful online content:

- Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure content is age-appropriate.
- Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure.
- Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps.
- Encourage your child to talk to you about anything upsetting they view online.
- Visit www.esafety.gov.au for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues.

Thank you

Proud Principal

Mr Ricki Metcalfe

Wallsend RSL Sub-Branch - Remembrance Day

It is with deep regret that we advise that Wallsend RSL Sub-Branch will not be holding a Remembrance Day Service to celebrate the end of World War II this year in the interest of public welfare and safety due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

These regulations may change prior to 11 November 2020 however due to the number of parties involved and in the interest of the safety and welfare of all concerned the decision was taken to cancel Remembrance Day 2020

At 1100hrs on 11 November 2020 we should still all pause for a minute's silence to remember those who have served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations for this nation.

Intention to Apply for Year 7 Placement in a Selective High School in 2022

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 11 March 2021**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available from September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting

The next meeting of the Wallsend Public P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom and all are very welcome to join us.

If you would like assistance to be able to use zoom or would like the zoom log in details - please contact the school.

CRAZY CAMEL CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Our Crazy Camel Calendar order forms were sent home last week. You should all have received them by now, check your child's bag just in case.

These calendars make great Christmas presents for Grandparents or special people in your family. Completed Order forms and correct money need to be back at school no later than Friday 30th October please.

Looking forward to seeing some amazing artwork again this year.

Thankyou for your support.

Casey

Any questions please email

fundraising@wps-pnc.org.au



Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Bianca Callaghan	Thomas Smith	Akalkirat Gill	Kaiylee White
Mazen Al Qsiem	Tyler Cotter	Xavier Campbell-Davies	Tynan Lorrie
Clayton Dennis	Zara Johnson	Joshua Lott	Evie Hartill-Law
Mason Hopton	Adam Piggott	Malak Alaamari	Aaron Halse
Brayden Cook	Ivy Childs	Maya Wallace	Francesca Vandenberg
Ryder Paton	Muneeb Ahmed	Jaxson Baker-Dimitrievski	Tom Blundell-Strinic
Amina Al Ouaid	Phoebe Fuller	Grace Norton	Tyrus Hardy
Ky Baker	Emerson Lolohea	Braydon Reed	Bradley Mangnall
Hussain Shojaei	Kaliyah Baker-Dimitrievski	Jordan Blyth	Faith Hobby-Sievers
Leilani Tairi	Chloe Grantham	Talia Williams	Peyton O'Loughlan
Liam Parish	Alierrah Bates		Madison Lochrin
Beau Hall-Hurst	Kohen Richards		Clayton Young
	Rehmat Athwal		

Home Reading Awards

50 Nights	100 Nights	150 Nights	200 Nights	250 Nights
Kylah Muldoon		Ruby Bailey Maya Wallace	Maya Wallace Henry Jeffress Tahlia Hopton Miles Jeffress	Tahlia Hopton

Updated Term 4 Calendar

27 Oct	Year 6 Passport to Success
28 Oct	Children's University Graduation
30 Oct	'Halloween Movie Day" Fundraiser by Stage 3
2 Nov	Start Smart Money Program K-6
3 Nov	Kinder Orientation Session 1, 9.30am to 11am
9 Nov	NAIDOC Week
10 Nov	Kinder Orientation Session 2, 9.30am to 11am
16 Nov	Interrelate Year 6
17 Nov	Kinder Orientation Session 3, 9.30am to 11am
18 Nov	Times Table Challenge K-6
24 Nov	Kinder Orientation Session 4, 9.30am to 11am
1 Dec	Kinder Orientation Final Session 9.30am to 11am
8 Dec	Celebration of Success 9.30am to 11am
9 Dec	Stage 1 Procedure / Games Day
10 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
14 Dec	Principal's Platinum Event
16 Dec	Students Last Day for 2020

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.



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The Coastal Valleys [Region](#) Girl Guides have vacancies for Girls aged from 5 – 14 years of age

We meet in all areas so if you would like to come along and Try it for 2 weeks free of charge you can phone our Membership Advisor Sandra Herbert on 0418 160 402 or e-mail HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com for more information