



**Payment Reminders**

Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments
Zone Swimming	Selected Students	18 Feb	\$5.00	Tues 16 Feb

**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**

- 15 Feb Book Club Orders Close
- 15 Feb Home Reading Commences
- 16 Feb P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- 18 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival
- 18 Feb Rugby Gala Day - 9.30am (selected students)
- 18 Feb Sport in School Basketball Yrs 1-6 (Every Thursday)
- 24 Feb Parent Information Sessions
- 15 Mar Harmony Week

**Principal Message**

Hello Wallsend Learning Community and welcome to week 4. Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the change of date for teacher/parent orientation. This will occur next Wednesday 24 February (not 17 February). Sorry for any inconvenience!

**ATTENDANCE every minute every day MATTERS**

School Goal	Current Attendance
93%	89.6%

As per our Strategic Direction 3, *High Expectation Culture*, we have a strong focus on attendance. Research clearly shows a strong link between regular attendance and success in education and future employment. Our school is currently attending 89.6% of the time, which is well below this time last year and our expectations at Wallsend PS. We need your help and really want to raise the bar this year. We would like each child to reach at least 92% attendance (no more than 4 days per term absent) but would really like to reach our goal of 93%. We feel that this is an achievable goal with many of our students attending 100% each term unless they are ill. If you require support in lifting your child's attendance, we are more than happy to help. We are very serious about reaching higher levels of attendance and engaging our students EVERY single day.

**Swimming Carnival**

What a tremendous day we had at last week's swimming carnival. Thank you once again to Mrs Brown and Mrs McNicol in organising such an engaging and organised event. Good luck to all our zone participants this Thursday representing our school!

**Upcoming events**

In the next fortnight we have NRL Stars joining us for the Inspire program, rugby gala day, aerobics starting, parent info sessions, parliament, concert band beginning and so much learning to crack on with in every other minute of the day. We love that our school is full of so many opportunities and seeing the children enjoy schooling is such an awesome reward for all the organisation involved.

**Home Reading and General Permission note**

Today we are starting our Home Reading Program and seek your assistance in promoting this at home. This reading time allows your child to 'show off' what they have done at school and should be a time to enjoy the skill of reading. Please try to enjoy this experience and the fact you take an interest in your child's reading will have a positive impact on your child's learning overall. We are also sending home the general permission note today, which will allow us to do a variety of activities without having to send multiple notes home for regular events. Please send back as soon as possible.

Thank you  
Proud Principal  
Ricki Metcalfe

### Central Student and Parent Portal

Please look out for an envelope being sent home today to our new students and families. Please take the time to read the information and sign up for the Portal and App as soon as possible. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

### 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 1 April, it would be very much appreciated.

### Head Lice

Several children have presented with head lice. Control of such a problem can only be achieved through the co-operation of **all** parents. Untreated hair can cause distress and ongoing financial burden to many families. All parents are asked to check their child's hair tonight for eggs or lice and treat accordingly.

#### Head Lice Prevention Spray

15 drops Eucalyptus Oil

15 drops Tea Tree Oil

20 drops Thyme Oil

Mix with water in a spray bottle and use daily.



### Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Jack F	Keegan P	Ryder P	Kiarna L
Emily J	Aidan W	Taylah M	Ruby B
Callen C	Tamika K	Keisha R	Aiden W
Abhineeth B	Charlotte W	Sofia Kiseleva	Thomas B
Nehemiah F	Tanner P	Iris B	Evelyn S
Max N	Aiden B	Jasmine G	Hannah M
Aleera G	Tulizo B	Aisha P	Rosalee N
Isla W	Emily H	Jakyren M	Hasib A
Braylen B	Eliza C	Mazen A	Camilla L
Bella L	Ava F	Alexis G	Kaidyn C
Dakota O	Ayesha J	Ashleigh M	

## **P&C News**

Our first P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16 February at 6.30pm in the school library.**

Our COVID safe plan will be in place requiring both a QR sign in and site sign in.

Please come along and hear how you can be a part of this great team.

### **School Banking**

School Banking will start this Tuesday 16 February. Once you have registered your child, please send your child's book in every week with it filled out correctly along with correct money in your banking envelope on our banking day which will be every Tuesday.

Books are to be placed at the front office with the office ladies by 9.30am Tuesday mornings for my collection. All books will be handed back to the class teachers at the end of the day to come home for the following week.

Thank you for supporting our school banking program.

Casey

School Banking Coordinator

### **Fundraising**

Our first fundraiser is locked in for Friday 26 March 2021. We are very excited to let you know we will be hosting a Colour Explosion Fundraiser this year.

More information will start to come home soon, along with sponsorship forms. Let's start the 2021 off with a big bang and make this a great first fundraiser.

Thank you for your support.

Casey

Fundraising Coordinator

### **Uniform Shop**

Week 4 opening hours are:

**Monday 15 Feb 2.45pm to 3.15pm.**

AND

**Wednesday 17 Feb 8.30am to 9.00am.**

Flexischools is the preferred method of payment and we deliver the order to your child's class. Cash sales only onsite.

Thank you

Deb

Uniform Coordinator

## Community News



### White Sox Baseball Club

whitesoxnewcastle.com.au



#### 2021 SEASON

Preseason training  
"come and try" days  
Sunday mornings 9:00am  
starting February 28th

Tball and baseball for  
all ages 4 and up.

Active kids vouchers  
accepted.



Plattsburg Park Baseball Field  
Hope Street, Wallsend  
*Home of White Sox Baseball Club*

### Maryland Wallsend

#### Netball Club



Maryland Wallsend Netball Club  
need more players for the fol-  
lowing ages to fill teams for the 2021 netball sea-  
son.

Players turning 8 years, 9 years and 12 years in  
2021.

Please contact

Linda 0425 311 666

or

Kim 0421 778 556

### Good for Kids good for life

#### GET SET FOR HEALTHY SNACKS!

Healthy snacks are important to keep kids' energy levels up  
and meet their nutritional needs.

Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese,  
yoghurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

Some tips to make choosing healthy snacks easy:

- Include a vegetable and fruit snack each day.
- Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge and pantry  
e.g. vegetables and fruit, pikelets, popcorn, yoghurt and  
cheese.
- Cut up vegetables and fruit so they are easier to grab  
for snacks during the week.
- Get your kids to help prepare snacks.
- Add vegetables into homemade snacks (muffins,  
scones and slices).
- Show your kids you enjoy eating healthy snacks.



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



**JOIN NOW**

## NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT**

**ACTIVE KIDS**

**CREATIVE KIDS**

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