



Term 3, Week 4
2 August, 2021

LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

Together We Are Stronger; Relentlessly striving for personal excellence through high expectations

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Principal Message

Hello Wallsend Learning Community to Week 4 of Term. This week we wish our zone athletics students all the very best of luck. Who knows, we may even have some future Olympians ready for 2032 in Brisbane. We also have our Book Fair previewing for students wishing to purchase a variety of quality texts and other items.

Our students and staff continue to deliver quality teaching and learning through these flexible times. It has been wonderful to see our students spelling skills in our annual Spelling Bee and overcoming the challenges of public speaking. These activities complement curricula learning in class and provide opportunities to challenge our students. We are always aiming to extend students and place them in a 'zone' of learning that is challenging yet continually supportive.

A major focus for teaching and learning in 2021/2022 for WPS is explicit teaching.

How does explicit teaching work?

1. A teacher decides on a learning intention for a class and sets specific, transparent success criteria. These criteria are shared with students and explained in detail.
2. The teacher clearly shows students what to do and how to do it through physical demonstration.
3. The teacher periodically checks for student understanding. At the end of a lesson, a teacher will revisit what was covered to summarise understanding and learning.
4. In the context of an ongoing task or assessment, students are provided with all the information they need to complete this independently.

Benefits of explicit teaching in the classroom

Fast-tracked performance

Explicit teaching is effective in fast-tracking student performance. Explicit teaching aims to move beyond rote learning and to attempt to sequence learning for students.

Increased flexibility

Explicit teaching can be done in real time or with video content, an excellent option for students to then revisit beyond the classroom. This content can be created from scratch and tailored to specific students or groups.

Clear expectations

Explicit teaching is a useful teaching strategy for making sure all students are clear about the criteria. Part of the process is setting the scene for each lesson or session, recapping previously taught information and stating aims and objectives moving forward.

Systematic and sequential

Explicit teaching is always systematic and sequential. By directly supporting guided practice using a series of steps, it's ideal for teaching practical hands-on skills, rather than more abstract concepts.

Have a wonderful and safe week everyone!

Your Proud Principal
Mr Ricki Metcalfe

Diary and Deadlines

- 2 Aug Scholastic Book Fair
- 3 Aug Book Fair Previewing
- 3 Aug Zone Athletics Carnival
- 4 Aug Wallsend Campus Taster Lessons Yr6
- 4, 5 & 6 Aug Book Fair Open
- 9 Aug Teeth N Smiles visiting this week
- 10 Aug School Photo Day—Postponed to 14 Sept
- 12 Aug ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
- 13 Aug Netball Gala Day

BOOK FAIR is here!

On Tuesday students will have a visit with their class to view the books and write their wish lists. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents and families into the school to view and purchase with their children. Don't be discouraged as a digital order can be made from our own Book Fair after viewing the books by following the link on the school website and selecting the Events tab.

<https://wallsend-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>

The official opening for the Fair will be **Wednesday** morning at **8.45am** when students may come with cash or an online payment receipt with the books they have selected. These will be given to the students to take home on the day. Other sales times include: before school on **Thursday** and **Friday** as well as after school till **3.45pm** on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. The Book Fair will be packed up on Friday afternoon and sent back to Scholastic.

As a school we will benefit from the sale of every book by being able to take a commission in either books or cash. Our goal for 2021 is to make **\$3,000 worth of sales!** We hope you can help us get there!



P & C News

Thompson's Pie Drive

Our Thompson's Pie Drive finishes 8 August 2021. All orders are placed online using the link here and please remember you MUST add the SCHOOL CODE WPS0721 as well. All orders must be over \$50 and will get delivered straight to you in a few days after payment is finalised.

Website: <https://thompsonspies.com.au/order-online/>

Your code is: **WPS0721**



Mango Fundraiser

We need your help!

Order forms will be coming home soon for our Mango Fundraiser where you can buy a tray of mangos for \$24.00. In order for this to go ahead we need 65 trays to be ordered. Please talk to your friends, neighbours, relatives and work colleagues about this great special. Orders will be delivered late November early December.



Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day stall pre order sale is up and running through flexi schools. A note is being sent home with more details about payment options. Gift vouchers have two price options this year of \$5 & \$10 voucher. All pre order sales close 26 August.

Uniform Shop

Keep a look out later this term for details of the release of our much anticipated new look skirts.

In the meantime please remember that while restrictions are in place the uniform shop will only be accepting orders via Flexischools or cash orders left at the school office. All orders will be delivered to the students.

Wrigglers

Our Wrigglers program is on tomorrow, Tuesday 3 August.

In order to comply with COVID safety requirements the sign in table and QR code will be at the canteen gate.

Parents/carers are asked to wear a mask. Mrs Merry will take the children to the library.

Pick up will be from the same area. Mrs Merry will bring the children back up from the library from 11.05am

If parents could drop off close to 9.15am that would be appreciated.





Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Keegan P	Claire G	Madeline L	Yousuf M
Abdullah A	Callen C	Jasmine H	Abhinav B
Ying Q	Emily B	Leon B	Jasmine G
Isabelle G	Mia L	Katelyn S	Aisha P
Sidney B	Ivy C	Wyatt E	Evie Q
Andres L	Sleiman A	Maya W	Charlotte W
Oliver F	Prakav P	Rosalee S	Emily J
Ruqaiya S	Joshua H	Audrey B	Nate M
Ashleigh M	Iris B	Evelyn S	Charlotte N
Joshua L	Alierrah B	Charlotte W	Delisha G
William N	Isabelle S		Kylah Muldoon

Community News

PLAY TOUCH FOOTY!
JUNIOR COMP REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



Girls & Boys
 7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s
 Teams or Individual



CUBS Program
 4 to 6 yrs of age

\$100 Rego includes:
 - official referee,
 - Affiliation with Touch Football Australia,
 - Sports Cover Insurance,
 - reversible playing singlet or boot bag

CUBS Program - \$60 inc shirt & ball



WE'RE COVID SAFE

Tuesday Evenings
 R1 - 24 Aug
 R2 - 31 Aug
 R3 - 7 Sept (CUBS Start)
 R4 - 14 Sept
 R5 - 5 Oct
 R6 - 12 Oct
 R7 - 19 Oct
 R8 - 26 Oct
 R9 - 2 Nov
 R10 - 9 Nov
 Semi & GFS- 16 Nov

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER BY 16 AUG

WWW.WALLSENDTOUCH.COM.AU

PIC-COLLAGE



Belmont softball **Come and Try Softball Day**

Inviting males and females from ages 4 and up to an introduction of T-Ball and Softball

A range of games and drills based around the skills of hitting, catching, throwing and base running will be run by our accredited coaches. Get your family and friends together and come and have some fun.

WHERE: Lumsden Oval, Maude Street, Belmont (behind Cahill Oval)
WHEN: Saturday 7 August 2021, 2pm to 4pm **AND/OR** Sunday 12 September 2021, 10am to 12pm
COST: FREE
FREE: Zooper Dooper, bag of lollies and bottle of water for juniors

Register online now through the website at:
<http://belmontsoftballclub.weebly.com>
 (If you have any issues please contact us on the number below or send us an email)

Register before 22 August and receive the early bird fee, saving \$50.

FOLLOW US! For more information contact Kim 0411 281 154
 Email: softballbelmont@gmail.com

Facebook & Instagram



Aussie Spirit Softball Team going for gold in Tokyo.

Community News



Ritchies IGA are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our school, but also all our school community.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our school will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our school.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

