

Week 5  
22 February, 2021

# LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

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

WALLSEND WHISPER

## Payment Reminders

Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments

**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

- 23 Feb Harmony Day Get Together 2.30pm
- 24 Feb Parent Information Sessions
- 4 Mar Year 6 Fundraising Day (more information to follow)
- 12 Mar Harmony Day
- 16 Mar P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- 26 Mar Cross Country & Colour Run
- 1 Apr Last Day Term 1
- 2 Apr Good Friday

## Principal Message

Hello Wallsend Learning Community, welcome to week 5. This week marks the middle of term already and we are gearing up for the parent information sessions this Wednesday. Teachers look forward to meeting up with parents and discussing the year ahead. The Martindale St and Brooke St gates will be the entries for these sessions and we ask that you go directly to your allocated classroom where you will need to sign in using the QR code and sign-on sheet. We can not hold our sausage sizzle like last year but we hope to have a community celebratory afternoon some time in the future.

Well done to our students who represented our school at the zone swimming carnival. All students represented our school with pride and respect and we look forward to our cross country carnival in just a few weeks time. On this day we will hold our "Colour Explosion" day. This was a high successful day last year and we once again look forward to sharing this day with our community (COVID guidelines enforced of course). Fundraising for this event will begin today so please read the information on this event carefully on how you can help raise money for our school.

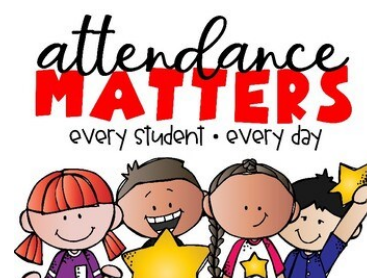
Fundraising will go towards our new playground that will be established at some point in 2021. This is a very exciting development to go along with a grant secured through NSW infrastructure to upgrade our oval area. Combined, this should bring our play spaces up to a high quality and provide our children with a lovely play environment.

## Attendance

Goal	Week 4
93%	90.3%

There has been a small improvement last week on our attendance but we are still a fair way off our goal. Please help support us in getting our attendance to a higher level. We are setting High Expectations for our students knowing that regular attendance along with engaging learning maximises impact on student outcomes.

Thank you  
Proud Principal  
Ricki Metcalfe



## PAT Testing

Students will be participating in PAT Maths assessment this week. PAT Maths is an assessment of students' skill and understanding of school mathematics. It is an online assessment that will be completed in class. This assessment gives us data to assist in individualising learning and tracking student growth. Students will also be completing PAT tests in reading in the coming weeks.



### Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Faith H-S	Mitchel C	Tahlia H	Ronan P
Leon B	Harry P	Seedra A	Emily B
Jonah P	Belle B	Charlotte N	Jasmine S
Chloe G	Blade C	William E-B	Olivia T
Miles J	Jarryd W	Katelyn S	Claire G
Audrey B	Amina A	Matthew B	Diesel C
Jahmarl G	Madeline L	Thomas S	Kaiylee W
Isla W	Phoebe F	Jakyren M	Odin M
Ivy C	Melody D	Andrew R	Alierrah B
Noah C	Adam L-B	Joshua L	Izayah G
Ella M	Bianca C	Sidney B	Dylan G
Allira S			
Braxton F			

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THAT'S SWEEPING  
THE NATION™**



**The big day is coming!** We are so excited to host our **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 12:30pm. Parents are invited to attend following the COVID safe guidelines that will be in place.

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to raise money for the upgrade and beautifying/modernising of our field and sensory garden.

On the day, make sure your child brings a white shirt for the Fun Run!

Check your Child's bag for sponsorship forms and more details

Happy Fundraising

Casey Maliszewski

P&C Fundraiser Coordinator

## P&C News

Thank you to Bunnings Wallsend for their generous donation of two large eskies to the P & C.



### Uniform Shop

Week 5 opening hours are:

**Monday 22 Feb 2.45pm to 3.15pm.**

AND

**Friday 26 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

### School Banking

Just a reminder School banking has now begun for 2021.

Thankyou to everyone who banked last week.

Please remember to have your book at the office by 9.30am every Tuesday.

### Fundraising

Our Colour Explosion sponsorship forms went home last Thursday, make sure to check your child's bag if you haven't seen it yet. Thankyou to those families that have already set up their child's online account and started fundraising. Let's make this a great event.

Thank you for your support.

### CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Special!

Starting Monday 22nd Feb.

Homemade pizzas - available to order over the counter and on Flexischools (under SPECIALS).

3 scrumptious flavours to choose from:

Cheese - \$3.00

Ham & Cheese - \$4.00

Hawaiian - \$4.50

Available while stocks last!

Any questions please email

[fundraising@wps-pnc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@wps-pnc.org.au)

## Community News



**PLAYERS  
WANTED**  
JOIN THE RED DEVILS IN 2021

**// YOUTH**

**JDL**

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**U12<sup>s</sup> / OUTFIELD**

JDL is the  
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Development  
League  
For young soccer players  
looking for coaching and  
playing at the next level.

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**U12s JDL please  
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Rob: 0418 247 502**