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WALLSEND WHISPER

Payment Reminders					
Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments	
Canberra Excursion	Years 5 & 6	July 28 to July 30	Total Cost \$350	\$50 due 7/5/21 \$50 due 21/5/21 \$50 due 4/6/21 \$50 due 18/6/21 \$100 due 16/7/21	
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Diary and Deadlines				
25/26 N	Nay Aspire Program Yr7 2022 Interviews			
26 May	Netball Gala Day			
3 Jun	Spelling Bee			
4 Jun	Netball Gala Day			
4 Jun	Stage 2/3 Mixed Soccer Team Game			
4 Jun	CAPA Program Yr7 2022 Group Audition			
5 Jun	Aerobic State Series			
10 Jun	Public Speaking Competition			
14 Jun	Public Holiday -Queens Birthday			
16 Jun	Children's University Excursion			
18 Jun	Crazy Hair Day—Stage 3 Fundraiser			
18 Jun	NAIDOC Activity Day			
21 Jun	NAIDOC Week			
25 Jun	Semester 1 Student Reports Home			

#### **Principal Message**

Office or the school's website.

Welcome to week 6 Wallsend Learning Community.

This week we have **National Sorry Day (26th May) and Reconciliation Week (27th May- 3rd June)**. National Sorry day is just one day in our national history that finally saw the Australian government acknowledge the pain, hurt and suffering of the 'Stolen Generation'. As we all know, children learn best when connections are made to the ideas, values and content being taught. This week in classes we will be using songs, stories and videos that may help our students connect with the significance of what happened, why it is important that we remember, acknowledge the mistakes made and reflect on the past and reconcile to make our future better. Mr Newham will also be talking with our students in classes about National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.

As we move into the second half of term 2 our classes continue to develop a deeper understanding of new and established concepts. Classes K-6 have had a particular focus on whole number since the beginning of year. Moving forward our classes will have a strong focus on both addition and subtraction, with an aim on extending learning through sound understanding of foundational concepts. When our students have a strong knowledge of foundational mathematics, it frees up their working memory to understand more complex mathematical problems. Our aim is that students transfer their knowledge of mathematics to real world experiences. You can support the love of maths in your home environment too.

Some tips for doing this may include;

1. Starting as early as possible with counting and sequencing with your children.

- 2. Learn through play card, dice and board games are cheap, fun and an easy way to learn.
- 3.Explore shapes in our world.
- 4. Look for patterns.
- 5. Measure everything.
- 6. Use money.

Today our attendance is sitting at 83% (well below our school target). As we move into the colder months, we start to see the season of sniffles and coughs and I know this comes with obvious complexity in the current world climate. Please remember that although we strive to have our students at school everyday to give them the best possible chance of learning, we also see the health of our children as paramount. We will be reminding students of solid hygiene practices in an attempt to minimise illness.

Have a happy and safe week everyone!

Thank you Mr Ricki Metcalfe Proud Principal

### **Students Arriving Too Early**

We have noticed that some students have been arriving from 8:30am and on some occasions even earlier and playing in unsupervised areas. We understand the challenges our families face with getting to work on time and the many daily responsibilities you face. However, by having students enter school before 8:45am your child is not supervised which creates significant supervision breaches within our school guidelines. This also impacts our dedicated OOSH service, with students often interrupting this service when arriving early. Due to these significant supervision issues we will need to ensure all gates on Martindale Street, Brooks St and Metcalfe St are closed until 8:45am.

If your child is attending OOSH the staff will be at Martindale St gate to let you in. If you are interested in enrolling your child at Wallsend OOSH I have placed their details below to assist you.

OOSH Phone: 4951 3957

OOSH Mobile: 0448 409 333

OOSH Email: oosh@wps-pnc.org.au

Thank you for your understanding and if you wish to discuss this further please contact the front office on 49559415 or email <u>wallsend-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.

#### Year 6 Transition to Year 7 2022 Wallsend Campus

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus have been advised by the Department that all incoming Year 7 students for 2022 that will be attending Wallsend Campus will need to complete a manual enrolment form, <u>not</u> the online version. Enrolment packages (including a paper Application to Enrol) will be posted to all families at the beginning of Term 3, therefore we do not require parents to complete the online enrolment.

If you have any questions please contact Wallsend Campus on 49511811.

#### **Athletics Ribbons**

Athletic carnival ribbons will be handed out over the next two Friday assemblies. This Friday 28 May will be track events and the following Friday 4 June will be Field events.

#### School Banking

School Banking is now each Wednesday. Please leave your bank books with money to be deposited at the school office.

😔 Weekly Award Recipients						
Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety			
Charlotte N	Evelyn S	Kyle S	Phoenix G			
Jasmine G	Max N	Hannah M	Leon B			
Miles J	Tyrus H	Timothy J	Katelyn S			
Madeline L	Bailey W	Hikmat A	Ivy C			
Caleb R	Layken H	Kiarna L	Jaxson S			
Isla J	Dakota O	Abhineeth B	Beau H			
Logan B	Braxton F	Emily J	Savannah H			
Tori Y	Joaquin P	Ronan P	Shay P			
Ibraheem A	Tahlia H	Muneeb A	Ruby H			
Freya K	Joshua L	Takumi G	Melody D			
Diesel C	Audrey B		Jordan Q			

## **Community News**





# **Part-Time Work**

#### Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor! Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road

Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Adamstown Public School - Glebe & Brunker Roads - 20 hours per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8am – 9am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday-Edgeworth Heights Public School - Northville Dr - 10 hours per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.15am – 9.15am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday-Wallsend South Public School - McCaffery Dr - 10 hours per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.10am – 9.10am & 2.30pm - 3.30pm, Monday to Friday-Wallsend Public School - MeCaff St - 10 hours per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.30am – 9.30am & 2.450m – 3.450m Monday to Friday.

9.30am & 2.45pm – 3.45pm, Monday to Friday. Elermore Vale Public School - Watkins Rd - 10 hours per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.15am – 9.15am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Does this sound like you?

Reliable in good or bad weathe Good communication skills ✓ Community spirit

Positive energy

If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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