



Term 4, Week 6  
8th November, 2021

LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

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

WALLSEND WHISPER

## Principal Message

Hello and welcome Wallsend Learning Community to Week 6 of Term 4.

In light of unfortunately having to cancel our **school photos** we are organising to take photos of students and classes internally. We are hoping to provide a digital copy that you will be able to print out yourself at no cost to you. This will occur on Thursday 18 November. Please have your child prepared for photos on this day.

In exciting news, **Kinder Transition** will now be able to go ahead face-to-face. This will occur from 9.30am-11am Tuesday 16 November. Each child will be allowed 1 vaccinated parent to drop them off just inside the gate. All parents onsite will be required to show proof of vaccination before entering. If this is unable to occur we will happily support drop off at the school gate. Entry will occur from Martindale St gate near the school canteen.

Over the next couple of weeks, students in years 3-6 will participate in the **Check-in assessments**. These assessments will provide an immediate result in foundation learning outcomes for our students. This data will be closely monitored to support future learning directions and help us best support our students.

This week we commemorate **Remembrance Day**. This special day of significance will be both discussed in class and as a special ceremony from students' classrooms. We thank the service men and women who have sacrificed so much so we can live in such a privileged society.

## Academic Watch:

An area of focus at WPS has been to deliver quality **Explicit Instruction**. This is 1 of 8 main focus areas outlined in the *What Works Best* Department of Education document in which the below document has been taken from.

### Key points

- Explicit teaching practices involve teachers clearly explaining to students why they are learning something, how it connects to what they already know, what they are expected to do, how to do it and what it looks like when they have succeeded. Students are given opportunities and time to check their understanding, ask questions and receive clear, effective feedback.
- Students who experience explicit teaching practices make greater learning gains than students who do not experience these practices.
- Explicit teaching recognises that learning is a cumulative and systematic process.
- Explicit teaching helps students develop sophisticated and well organised ways of thinking, understanding and doing.

### Why it matters

The evidence shows that students who experience explicit teaching practices perform better than students who do not. Explicit teaching can benefit all students (that is, across all year groups and ability levels) when learning new or complex concepts and skills. Explicit teaching reduces the cognitive burden of learning new and complex concepts and skills, and helps students develop deep understanding.

### What the evidence says

The term 'direct instruction' is often used interchangeably with explicit instruction or teaching. When this paper refers to explicit teaching, it refers to the set of teaching practices that Hattie summarises as follows:

“The teacher decides the learning intentions and success criteria, makes them transparent to the students, demonstrates them by modelling, evaluates if they understand what they have been told by checking for understanding, and retelling them what they have been told by tying it all together with closure.”

— (Hattie 2009, p. 206).

The evidence base for the effectiveness of explicit teaching is extensive and longstanding (for instance, see Archer & Hughes 2011; Brophy & Good 2008). Hattie's (2009) synthesis of four meta-analyses found the average effect size of explicit teaching on student achievement is 0.59.

Your Proud Principal

Mr Ricki Metcalfe

## Wrigglers

Our Wrigglers program will continue via zoom on **Tuesday 9th November, 2021 at 10.30am.**

This will be followed by an information session by Mr Metcalfe at **11.10am** on the same log in details. Mr Metcalfe is happy to answer any questions you may have.

An email was sent to all families today outlining the onsite Kindergarten Orientation program commencing on **16th November at 9.30am.**



## School Banking

### School Banking Updating from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch



### Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Rosalee S	Jordan B	Elaynah C	Chloe J
Amelia S	Thomas B	Charlotte W	Maya W
Ky B	Lilliana G	Moussa A	Molly N
Axel L	Serena F	Jack C	Madeline L
Maliya R	Nehemiah F	Tanner P	Lexi K
Rosie N	Claire G	Miles J	Kirra B
Benoit B	Matthew B	Kevin Z	Joshua H
Amina A	Shevvi J	Macaylah W	Emily H
	Ava B	Hussain S	

## Congratulations

### 100 Nights of Home Reading

Frankie V      Molly N

### 250 Nights of Home Reading

Lilliana G      Nehemiah F      Iris B

## P & C News

### Sub Committee Meeting

The next meeting of Wallsend Public School Sub Committee's will be held on **Tuesday 9th November at 12.30pm via zoom** on the usual link. An electronic link will also be sent out.

P & C Federation has advised everyone to update their zoom app prior to joining.

### P&C Meeting

The next Wallsend Public School P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th November at 6.30pm.

### Uniform Shop

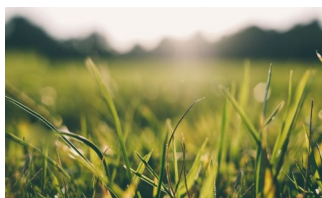
We are asking for a little patience while there is still some restrictions in place. The uniform shop and office ladies are working together to fulfil all orders but please understand it may take a little longer than normal.

### Kindy Orientation / Wrigglers

Uniform shop is now taking uniform orders for children starting Kindergarten in 2022.

For children starting Kindy in 2022 you can now set up your uniform online account through Flexischools either through the app or via their website <https://www.flexischools.com.au>

When prompted for a class please select kindergarten 2022.



#### [Home - Flexischools](https://www.flexischools.com.au)

Flexischools - Simplifying School Life. Pay for a range of school activities, lunch, uniforms, fees and more. All online, all in the one place.  
[www.flexischools.com.au](https://www.flexischools.com.au)

The Uniform Shop is very excited to announce the arrival of UNIFORM PACKS! The packs are available in sizes 4-16 only and provide enough uniforms for 3 days. By buying uniforms in a pack you will save between \$6.00- \$10.00 depending on the pack.

The Summer Packs are now available for order via FLEXISCHOOLS.

<b>Summer Pack 1:</b> <b>\$111.00</b>	<b>Summer Pack 2:</b> <b>\$142.50</b>	<b>Summer Pack 3:</b> <b>\$135.00</b>	<b>Summer Pack 4: \$114.00</b>
3x Short Sleeve Polos 3x Shorts (unisex)	3x Short Sleeve Polos 3x Sports Skorts	2x Short Sleeve Polos 2x Sports Skorts 1x Dress	2x Short Sleeve Polos 2x Shorts (unisex) 1x Dress

### Year 6 Fundraiser

Tickets were sent home last week for the Year 6 raffle to assist with their gift to the school.

Prize is a signed Knights jersey—\$2.00 per ticket.

Tickets need to be returned by 17th November to be drawn on the 19th November.



## P & C News Continued

### Kite Fundraiser

This is the last week of our kite fundraiser. Orders close on **16th November, 2021**.

Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase a kite. They make excellent Christmas or birthday presents or just have a kite for some good exercise and fun outdoors.

Go online to [zoomkites.com.au](http://zoomkites.com.au) and order under Wallsend Public School.



### Zoom Kites - a new way to fundraise

We're getting kids back outside and raising money for school sand clubs - find out how you too can raise funds for your cause.

[Zoomkites.com.au](http://Zoomkites.com.au)



### Maccas Family Fun Night

**When:** Wednesday 10th November

**Where:** Wallsend Maccas

**Drive through only.**

**You're invited to visit our Drive thru at**

**McDonald's Restaurant:**  
**Wallsend - Drive Thru**

**Date:**  
**Wednesday 10th November**

**Time:**  
**6pm - 7pm**

McDonald's will donate 10% of overall Drive thru sales in this time frame back to your organisation

Download the mymaccas app to order and pay ahead

or Tap and Go

Contact Free