



Week 7
8 March, 2021

LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

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

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Payment Reminders

Event	Class	Activity Date	Cost	Closing Date For Payments
Voluntary School Contributions	All	2021	Various	2 April
Colour Run	All	26 March	\$5.00 (siblings \$2)	17 March

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

9 Mar	Rescheduled Waratah Rugby Gala Day
9 Mar	Wallsend Campus Y6 Expo - 5.30pm
12 Mar	Harmony Day
15 Mar	Collaborative Conferences Begin
16 Mar	P&C AGM Meeting 6.30pm
19 Mar	High School EOI Forms 2022 Due Back
24 Mar	Wallsend Campus Aspire/CAPA Applications Close Today
26 Mar	Cross Country & Colour Run
1 Apr	Last Day Term 1
2 Apr	Good Friday

Principal Message

Welcome to week 7 Wallsend Learning Community. On this being International Women's Day, I would like to start by recognising all the wonderful women that make up our Learning Community. You are the glue and strength that make our world turn and we thank you for everything that you do!

Today is also the first day back that we can invite parents and carers back onto our site. This means that during pick-up and drop off you can now come into school grounds. Please remember to still use the QR code to check-in and social distance at 1.5m at all times.

Kiss and Drop will no longer need to operate under the new recommendations. I know this has been a convenient way to pick-up and drop off, however it does come with significant logistical issues and requires a number of staff to supervise. We feel that this time could be better spent organising for learning, marking work etc. at the start and finish of each day.

Next week is Harmony Week celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We will have a special day on Friday to recognise this week. Thank you to the parents who will be coming in to share their cultural knowledge from their 'home countries.' I know this is a day/week that many of our students really look forward to each year and it's always great to get to know about other's experiences, culture and knowledge.

Attendance of students has been amazing! Today we had over 97% (6 students absent) of our students attend school. It is so exciting to see full classes and I can already see these high expectations having a positive impact on the engagement within our classrooms. When students regularly attend, their engagement levels rise and provide a consistent platform in which to succeed at school. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Transition to high school is beginning with sessions on Wallsend College's Aspire and CAPA programs happening this week. I highly recommend parents/carers give considerable thought around applying for these programs as we have heard fantastic feedback.

Collaborative Conferences are on next week. I encourage everyone to make an appointment to participate. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress.

Thank you
Proud Principal
Mr Ricki Metcalfe
Proud Principal

Wrigglers 2021

Registrations are now open for our 2021 Wrigglers Program.

This year our program will commence on Tuesday 4 May and finish on Tuesday 14 September. This will be run in the school library and will run from 9.15am to 11.15am. Orientation will be in Term 4.

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2022 - please call into the office and register your child and collect an enrolment pack.

This needs to be **fully completed and handed into the office prior** to your child commencing the program.

Please Note: Only children who are eligible to attend Wallsend Public School can attend this program.



We look forward to meeting you and your child.

School and Community Charter

NSW Public Schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning.

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

If you would like to know more about the charter follow the link below. You can also access the link on our school website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>

Attendance – Attendance - Every Minute- Every Day - Matters

Students learn new things at school every day. We have been having great success with improving our attendance. Congratulations Wallsend community.

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. We monitor attendance closely as per the NSW DoE policy. You can find a link to the policy on our school website or by following this link <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>.

Teachers at Wallsend are instructed to phone home if an absence is unexplained after two days and they must record the act of phoning or contacting the parent/carer. We know that children do get sick and when they are sick they need to rest and recover at home. In the event that your child is sick can you please contact the school to let us know or reply to the SMS that will be sent on the day. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school within seven days.

As a community we are working together to improve regular attendance at school to ensure that every child achieves their educational best.

Complaints, compliments and suggestions

We are committed to working with parents, carers, students and families to ensure all students are happy and thrive at school. If you have a question, issue, complaint, feedback or compliment about our school, we'd like to know.

Start by talking to the class teacher. The teacher knows your child best and can offer support. If the class teacher is unable to help, approach the stage supervisor who will offer any assistance they can give. If you would like further discussion you can then contact our school principal.

For more information regarding complaints, compliments and suggestions visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions>.

Wallsend Campus Aspire & CAPA Program Visit

On Wednesday 10 March at 12:10pm Callaghan College Wallsend Campus representatives will visit our school with a group of students to demonstrate some work and talk to our Year 6 students regarding the Aspire and CAPA Programs and how to apply for the programs in 2022.

Selective High School Placement Tests

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to: Callaghan College Wallsend Campus Macquarie St, WALLSEND, NSW, 2287

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

Wallsend Public School - Adopted Knights

On Monday 22 March from 9am to 10am our school's two "Adopted Knights", Gehamat Shibasaki and Pasami Saulo will be visiting every classroom.



Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Kyle S	Maliya R	Jacob S	Ruqaiya S
Liam P	Chloe J	Grace J	Rosalee S
Aya A	Jaxson B	Kaelen F	Kevin Z
Francesca V	Miriama P	Michael O	Serena F
Myra G	Max P	Ruby H	Maxwell J
Archer P	Amelia S	Betty A	Zack R
Karla S	Tyson S	Ibraheem A	Kaliyah B
Leah B	Emerson L	Isabelle G	Timothy J
Declan Y	Ying Q	Ava B	Hikmat A
Bailey W	Talia W	Lucy P	Mackenzie A
Max N			Delisha G
Caleb R			

P & C News

Sub Committee Meeting

The next sub committee meeting for Wallsend Public School P&C will be held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 12.30pm in Mr Rob's room.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 March at 6.30pm in the school library.

The meeting is our AGM meeting followed by a General Meeting.

Please come along and join our school community team.

Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Harmony Day 2021 Canteen Specials!!!

Don't miss out!

This Harmony Day, Friday 12 March, the canteen will have the following special items available over the counter at lunchtime.

Carrot Sticks with Hommus - \$1.00

Apricot Bliss Ball - \$1.00

Fairy Bread - \$0.50c

Jelly Cup - \$1.50

Lollipops - \$0.20c

So bring your spare change and help us celebrate Harmony Day the Wallsend Way!

Fundraising

Colour Explosion

Our Colour Explosion sponsorship money is coming in nicely. We have raised just over \$3700 now. Amazing work everyone!

Please remember to share your children's profile's to help them reach their targets and it also helps us to reach our \$10,000 goal.

Just a reminder there is 18 days until the Colour Explosion and All Sponsorship money is **due in by Thursday 25th March**.

Entry forms also went home last week please make sure they are **back to school by 17 March** along with cash or flexischool, just mark on permission note if you have paid via flexischool.

Thank you.

Easter Raffle

Raffle ticket forms were sent home last week. We have taken a different approach to tickets this year to make them a little more cost effective.

Easter Raffle will be **drawn on Wednesday 31 March** via a livestream on the school Facebook page.

Tickets sold or unsold are **due back to the school office no later than Tuesday 30 March**.

Thank you for your support.

Any questions please email

fundraising@wps-pnc.org.auFUNDRAISING

Uniform Shop

For the remainder of the term the uniform shop will be open:

Mondays - 2.45pm to 3.15pm AND Wednesdays - 8.30am to 9.00am.

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

Thank you