

Term 4, Week 7
15th November, 2021

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Principal Message

Hello and welcome to week 7 of term Wallsend Learning Community. We have a jammed packed week with only 5 weeks of schooling left in the year. It has been such a delight to observe our students settling back into face-to-face teaching and striving for excellence. There is just a lovely feel to the classrooms and playground despite all the changes that have occurred this term. I am so proud of all our students and the teachers for the efforts that have been made to maintain such a wonderful learning environment.

On Thursday we will be doing some internal **school photos**. We will attempt to the best of our ability to create class and individual photos. These will be sent via email as a digital copy for families to print out as they wish (please make sure your email address is up to date). Please remember that we are relying on our amateur photographers amongst our staff and will attempt to provide the best possible photo for everyone as a memory of the school year.

Tomorrow we begin our first face-to-face **Kinder orientation**. We are so excited to be able to finally invite our 2022 Kinders into the classrooms and meet all the new and returning parents to the best school in the world. Following orientation days will be held on Tuesdays in week 8, 9 and 11 from 9.30am-11am.

This week we will be administering **check-in assessments** for years 3-6 students. These assessment will cover a range of foundational skills and provide instant data on what our students know and where we need to teach next. These assessments have also been analysed in the past to understand how well our teaching is supporting the students. These assessments have previously demonstrated promising growth in our student cohorts and we are eager to observe where we have continued to grow through a difficult school year.

On Friday we welcome **Mr John Fleming**. John is a world renowned educator who has work with many of our local schools in the Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and Hunter area with some fabulous results. John will be administering demonstrations, while also working closely with our classroom teachers and executive to help us better improve our teaching practice. To begin with we will be focusing on 'warm-ups' - an explicit style of introducing and reintroducing foundational concepts to students to provide a solid knowledge base. The aim is to 'free up' the working load (commonly known as cognitive load in education) on the brain so students can focus on extending their knowledge with more complex problem solving.

What's the Buzz?

Since returning our classrooms have been focusing on **Bucket Filling**. I have also had the pleasure of going into many of our classrooms to deliver Bucket Filling lessons. A bucket filler is **someone who uses acts of kindness and love to make another person feel better**. This could be anything! A bucket filler could say a kind word to someone who looks sad or they could help a friend in need. Being a bucket filler can be as simple as smiling at someone! Each student is allocated a small 'bucket' where students can anonymously drop in a message to show appreciation or recognition for that person. The aim is to encourage an environment that continues to spread a strong message of kindness and recognition for others' positive acts.

Have a lovely week everyone and stay safe.

Your Proud Principal
Mr Ricki Metcalfe

Wrigglers

We are very excited that our Kindergarten Orientation Program will commence onsite for the following dates:

Tuesday - 16th November, 23rd November, 30 November and 14th December. (Please Note - there will be no session on 7th December).

Time: 9.30 to 11.00am

Entry will be via the canteen gate. Parents are unable to stay—it will be a drop off and collection zone only.

Parents/carer must sign in with QR code and then sign their child in and out.

Mask must be worn.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.



KOALA Awards

Our school had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of the announcement of the winning KOALA titles earlier this month. A group of 5 students can be seen announcing the 10 shortlisted books and then celebrating with the two Honour books and then the most popular Older Readers book for 2021. This video gives teachers and students a great insight to popular authors and some writing tips. Watch and enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/Kh9UJs42PIw>

Mrs Creasey

Teacher Librarian

Old Uniforms Wanted

Our emergency clothing stock is running extremely low and we would love to have some extra stock for those times when an accident may occur.

If anyone has any school shorts, or shirts that their child may have grown out of we would only be too happy to accept them.

Home Reading Booklets Due

Could all home reading logs please be returned to class teachers by Friday 19th November so we can organise awards for students.

Congratulations

100 Nights of Home Reading

Keegan P

Madeline L

Michael O

200 Nights of Home Reading

Maya W

250 Nights of Home Reading

Maya W

Charlotte W

Seth C

Belle B

Eliza G

P & C News

P&C Meeting

The last P & C Meeting for 2021 will be held on Tuesday night - 16th November at 6.30pm. In order to look after the safety of all members and staff this meeting will be held via zoom. A link will be sent out to all P & C members, but it is the same login details as usual.

Uniform Shop

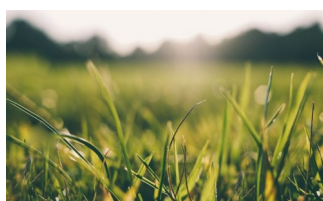
We are asking for a little patience while there is still some restrictions in place. The uniform shop and office ladies are working together to fulfil all orders but please understand it may take a little longer than normal.

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)

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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.

Summer Pack 1: \$111.00	Summer Pack 2: \$142.50	Summer Pack 3: \$135.00	Summer Pack 4: \$114.00
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

Year 6 raffle money is due back to the school office by 10am this Wednesday 17th November please. Sold and unsold tickets please with correct money. This is a great opportunity to win a signed knights jersey.



Christmas Raffle

Our P&C Christmas raffle tickets will go home very soon as well so make sure to watch out for these, with some very cool prizes to win!

Maccas Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that went through McDonald's drive thru last Wednesday. Your support was greatly appreciated.

P & C News Continued

Kite Fundraiser

Hi Everyone!

Just a gentle reminder that we are fundraising with Zoom Kites. We chose them as we think they offer a great product for your kids, friends and family. They're bright, well made and fly like a dream (sit down and drink your coffee while the kids do it!!)

We know you are all busy and so we are working hard to make purchasing one as easy as possible. It will take you two minutes online at www.zoomkites.com.au remembering to select Wallsend Public School from the drop down box.

Hurry, orders close 16/11/2021 and you can't buy these kites anywhere else.



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



Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Mahd B	Jacob S	Pravi P	Eliza G
Yousuf M	Jaxson S	Frankie V	Jahmarl G
Tulizo B	Isabelle G	Aleera G	Helena W
Hikmat A	Ivy C	Wyatt E	Sienna H
Indy H	Destinee H	Riki G	Chloe G
Kirrily G	Betty A	Bianca C	Seth K
Archy L	Mackenzie A	Ying Q	Nate M
Bianca L	Ky W	Aya A	Eliza C
Matthew B	Braylen B	Kaelen F	
	Diesel C		