



Week 8  
15 March, 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
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	
15 Mar	Collaborative Conferences Begin
16 Mar	P&C AGM Meeting 6.30pm
19 Mar	High School EOI Forms 2022 Due Back
22 Mar	'Adopted Knights' Visiting
22 Mar	Cyber Safety/Bullying Presentation Yrs 3-6
24 Mar	Wallsend Campus Aspire/CAPA Applications Close Today
23 Mar	Children's University Launch 8.30am
26 Mar	Cross Country & Colour Run
1 Apr	Easter Hat Parade
2 Apr	Good Friday

## Principal Message

Heeeeeelllllo and welcome to week 8 Wallsend Learning Community. This week we celebrate **Harmony Week**; Celebrating the wonderful cultures that make our society so rich and fortunate. What a fantastic day we had last Friday celebrating this special week. Thank you so much to all our volunteers and staff who made it happen. The smiles from the children were definitely worth all the organisation and the knowledge provided was priceless.

## Colour Explosion Fundraiser

I am so proud of the efforts so far from our generous community in raising funds for our school. It was such a wonderful event last year and with COVID guidelines starting to ease, we look forward to sharing this day with our fantastic community.

## Collaborative Conferences

Thank you to everyone who is taking the time to participate in the Collaborative Conferences with classroom teachers. Our teachers really value being able to communicate your child's progress. It is so important that education reaches to the home environment and beyond, setting our children up for lifelong learning and success.

## What's happening @ WPS?

Congratulations to Noah Cizzio and Izayah Gordan for their representation at the Hunter Rugby League tryouts. Congratulations to Izayah who will now participate in the State Rugby League competition. A tremendous achievement!!! Next week we have our Adopt a Knight program and our local Youth Liaison Officer coming in to talk with students and parents around Cyber Safety.

Have a wonderful week!

Proud Principal  
Mr Ricki Metcalfe

## 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.



## Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

Once again all students at Wallsend P.S. are encouraged to have a go at the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). As parents this is a fantastic opportunity to encourage and develop your child's reading. The PRC books in our Library are identified with a PRC sticker to make it easier for students to locate and borrow each week. Students have till 20 August to read and enter their books.



**For K-2 classes**, teachers will be reading PRC books in Library and the classroom, keeping a log and entering the 30 books for each child.

Parents can also support at home if they wish.

**For Yr 3-6 classes**, students will be completing the Challenge independently. Students have a reading log of their own in the Library and are encouraged to read one book a week-talk about the book/characters/favourite part and get it signed off. Students are required to enter their 20 books online. Lessons in Library will show students how to enter their books through their Student Portal.

**Don't forget these PRC books can also be used when recording nights for the Home Reading Program.**

Any questions see

*Mrs Creasey (PRC Co-Ordinator)*

## Book Club Issue 2

Book Club Issue #2 - flyers have been given out. You might like to give a book this Easter- a gift that lasts! Take a look through the flyer for plenty of great priced books.

Orders are due **Friday 26th March**. Please place your order online through LOOP ordering. Follow the instructions on the order form.

See Mrs Creasey for any assistance.



## P & C News

### Our P&C needs you!

The effectiveness of our P&C depends on people who are prepared to get involved and take an active interest in their child's schooling. The P&C is a great way to get to know what is happening in the school and get to know other parents.

Several of our committee members have had changing circumstances and are unable to be involved in 2021. We are looking for new people to come on board. Full training is given to all new members. You don't have to take on a position to be a P&C member.

Parents and community members are asked to nominate for positions that they are prepared to undertake as part of the Wallsend Public School's Parents and Citizens Association for 2021.

Forms are available from the front office.

Expressions of interest nomination form should be returned in an envelope to Ricki Metcalfe (acting as returning officer) before **16 March, 2021**. P&C members may also nominate on the night of the AGM.

Parents and community members can self-nominate for a position.

Please contact any member of the P & C for more information.

**When:** 16 March, 2021

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Where:** School Library

### Colour Explosion Pre-Order Lunch Order

This year we have very simple pre-packaged lunch options for students and parents, that would like to pre-order for Friday 26 at the Colour Explosion fun run. Pre-Orders can ONLY be made online through the flexischool app. Parents are asked to order under their child's name as well, if they are wishing to pre-order. There will be limited stock available on the day.

Pre-Order lunches are for Years 3-6 ONLY

K- 2 will have normal lunch at school with the normal canteen available for them.

### Colour Explosion

Our Colour Explosion sponsorship money is coming in nicely. There isn't long left now!

We have raised just over \$4500, amazing work everyone! Please remember to share your children's profiles to help them reach their targets and it also helps us to reach our \$10,000 goal.

All sponsorship money is due in by Thursday 25 March.

Entry forms and money are due back in to the school office by 17 March along with correct cash or flexischool invoice number. Thankyou.

### Volunteers Needed for Colour Explosion

Volunteer opportunities for "Colour Explosion Fun Run" are now open. Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: [volunteersignup.org/A9EPC](https://volunteersignup.org/A9EPC)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Casey Maliszewski

[wpsfundraisingpnc@gmail.com](mailto:wpsfundraisingpnc@gmail.com)

### Easter Raffle

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

Make sure **ALL** tickets sold or unsold are **returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 30 March**.

Any questions please email [fundraising@wps-pnc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@wps-pnc.org.au)

### Uniform Shop

Please note the uniform shop will be closed Monday 22nd March to allow parents/carers the opportunity to attend the cyber safety/bullying presentation that will be in the school hall.

The uniform shop will re open Wednesday 24 March.