



Week 9
22 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
Year 6 Shirt	Yr 6	2021	\$28.00	31 March
Voluntary School Contributions	All	2021	Various	2 April
Canberra Excursion	Years 5 & 6	July 28 to July 30	\$50.00 Deposit	23 April

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

- 22 Mar 'Adopted Knights' Visiting
 - 22 Mar Cyber Safety/Bullying Presentation Yrs 3-6 2.10pm
 - 23 Mar Children's University Launch 8.30am
 - 24 Mar Wallsend Campus Aspire/CAPA Applications Close Today
 - 26 Mar Cross Country & Colour Run
 - 29 Mar Paralympic Talks
 - 29 Mar Yarn Up 2.30pm
 - 1 Apr Easter Hat Parade, 2pm
 - 2 Apr Good Friday
- Term 2**
- 19 April Staff Return
 - 20 April Students K-6 Return

Principal Message

Hello and welcome to the second last week of the term (wow, it has really flown). Thank you to everyone who participated in Collaborative Conferencing last week. Teacher feedback overwhelmingly supported the proactive process and felt that in all it assists our students moving forward. Research on parent involvement in education strongly demonstrates high levels of impact on student outcomes and sets higher expectations for learning and work ethic. I am so proud of our learning community as a whole team!

Today we start our 'Adopt a Knight' program. Our two Knight's players are keen to get in and support learning directly in the classroom. We look forward to working with them!

We also have our Cyber Safety talks for parents and 3-6 students. Here is some basic tips...

Guidelines for keeping your kids safe

1. Learn everything you can about the **Internet**.
2. Set standards for what your **kids** can and cannot do **online**.
3. **Teach** your **kids** to keep personal information private.
4. **Teach** your **kids** to use social networking sites safely.
5. Encourage your **kids** to come to you if they encounter a problem.

As a parent and Principal, I can not stress enough how big this issue has become in our society. I strongly suggest working closely with your children at a young age to scaffold their learning when using any platforms. Society is such an open forum and technology is ever evolving. Keep all devices in an open space to share and monitor. Most of all however, educate your child just like you would of any other dangers. Doing this together sets a strong platform for future 'hurdles.'

Cross Country and Colour Explosion

We are still hopeful that the sunshine will come out enough to hold our Cross Country and Colour Explosion event this Friday. Any postponement will be communicated as early as possible so please stay tuned to announcements. We look forward to seeing our community there as it is such a fun day for everybody!

Have a great (dry) 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.



Children's University

The Children's University launch will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 23 March at 8.30am in the library. It is just an information session and parents are welcome to attend.



NAPLAN Online 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 21 May 2021**.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.



Stewart House Donation Drive 2021

In the next week, Stewart House envelopes will be coming home with your child/ren where you can donate \$2 or more to this charity that assists school children in need.

For as little as \$2, you go into the draw to win a prize of a \$4,000 gift voucher. The money raised helps to fund the ongoing program they run from Stewart House which is based in Sydney. This is where students from a variety of schools in NSW and the ACT have the opportunity to be nominated to attend a week-long trip to Sydney to participate in this wonderful initiative which focuses on balancing health and educational programs for those students.

These envelopes with the enclosed money are due back to the school office by the: Friday the 14 May, 2021 (week 4 of Term 2, 2021). Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to make a cashless online payment.



Thank you for your support,
Miss Smurthwaite

Environmental News!

This week will see the start of the WPS Return and Earn Collection – bottles, cans, poppers. We are starting off with a competition to see the class that can donate the most bottles/cans/poppers. The winning class will receive a prize. The competition will run from Tuesday 21 March through to Friday 23 April (Term 2 Week 1). All proceeds will go to Year 6.

If any parents would like to donate glass bottles to the Return & Earn Collection, please contact Mrs Brown so that she can collect the bottles and store safely.

Following this competition, we are going to continue to Return and Earn, teaching our students to recycle where possible. Year 6 will keep you up to date on the funds they raise!

We have huge plans to minimise our environmental impact by expanding our recycling programs, revamping our compost and vegie gardens. Watch this space!

Parent Helpers – Afternoon Reading

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to help with reading in our afternoon session. It is never too late to become a helper. If you would like to help, please see Mrs Brown.

Health Information

It is very important that the school has the most up to date medical information for all students. If your child's medical information changes, you need to notify the office so that our record can be updated. Mrs Brown will be contacting parents of students requiring a Health Care Plan over the coming weeks. She will also be contacting the parents of students who require a review of their current plan.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will held on **Thursday 1 April from 2pm**. All students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 have been invited to decorate an Easter hat at home and have it ready for the parade. The hats are to be brought to school on the **Thursday 1 April** morning clearly marked with name. We cannot wait to see all the egg-citing hats that everyone creates.



Weekly Award Recipients



Learning	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
Joseph W	Mohammad B	Andrew G	Isabelle S
Annika H	Jasmine H	Finlay K	Lila E
Paige G	Jaxon B	Rami A	Grace N
Sophia T	Harvey D	Phoenix G	Pravi P
Evelyn S	Evie Q	Harley M	Harry P
Ky W	Mile Jeffress	Kohen R	Hussain S
Hannah M	Savannah H	Molly N	Daliah M
Tayte S	Logan B	Indy H	Seth C
Tyrus H	Takumi G	Bianca L	Xavier C
Moussa A	Matthew M	Ashleigh M	Marlee G
Henry K			
Joshua H			
Ayesha J			

P & C News

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 16th March and the following new executive were elected for 2021:

President - Ellee Jeffress

Vice President - Deb Fean

Vice President - Kirrel Wilson

Treasurer - Brendon Lott

Secretary - Maree Gilchrist

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator- Deb Fean

Fundraising Co-ordinator- Casey Maliszewski

Canteen Co-ordinator - Nat Boardman

OOSH Co-ordinators - Luke Vanderberg

Mark Norton

Jayne O'Shea

Executives - Luke Vanderberg

Mark Norton

Jayne O'Shea

Liz Sykes

Nat Boardman

Thank you everyone for taking on these positions for 2021.

Colour Explosion Pre-Order Lunch Order

Pre-Orders close at 10am Thursday 25 March please make sure you have placed your orders by then to secure your pre-orders. There will be limited quantities available at the Colour Explosion on Friday 26. Pre-Orders can ONLY be made online through the flexi school app. Parents are asked to order under their child's name as well please if they are wishing to pre-order. Orders will be collected at lunchtime from the Fundraising Canteen at Upper Reserve on Friday 26 March.

Pre-Order lunches are for Years 3-6 and 8 year old Year 2 participating in the cross country ONLY K-2 (Year 2's not participating in the cross country) will have normal lunch at school.

All Colour Explosion sponsorship money is Due no later than **Thursday 25 March 10am** to the school front office.

We have raised just over \$5800, Amazing work everyone!

A DECISION WILL BE MADE LATER IN THE WEEK AS TO WHETHER THE CROSS COUNTRY AND COLOUR EXPLOSION CAN STILL GO AHEAD.

Volunteers

We still require some more volunteers to help the colour explosion run smoothly. If you are able to help please sign up here.

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

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

Thank you for volunteering!

Casey

wpsfundraisingpnc@gmail.com

Any questions please email

fundraising@wps-pnc.org.au

Easter Raffle

Please make sure ALL Easter Raffle Tickets sold or unsold are back to the school office **No Later than Tuesday 30 March**. Easter Raffle will be **drawn on Wednesday 31 March Via Livestream** on the school Facebook page. Winners will be contacted after the draw.

SHORTLAND UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

We need players for the following teams

- U/9's
- U/11's
- U/13's
- All Age Men
- All Age Women
- O/35's

Find us on Facebook or contact Kayla on 0422422410

WE WANT YOU!



Could you become a foster carer?

Right now, many children across the Hunter and Central Coast region are urgently waiting for a safe place to call home. Wesley Dalmar will provide the training, support, and confidence you need to provide a welcome home for children in need.

Please contact our team on 1300 325 627 for a confidential conversation, or visit wesleymission.org.au



WALLSEND FC JUNIORS 2021 REGO DAYS

WALLSEND PARK CLUB HOUSE
13TH FEB
20TH FEB
10AM-1PM

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER!
Before registering don't forget to apply for your Active Kids Voucher, giving you \$100 off registration fees. www.services.nsw.gov.au/transactions/apply-active-kids-voucher
Register here at Play Football www.playfootball.com.au/

2020 REGO FEES:
Under 5-7s = \$100 Under 12-18s = \$255
Under 8-11s = \$210 All Age Men/Women = \$350

EFTPOS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB HOUSE ON THE REGO DAYS

TEAMS FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
▶ GIRLS ONLY TEAMS AVAILABLE
▶ FREE SHINPADS AND BALL AVAILABLE FOR NEW ENTRY LEVEL (5-7) PLAYERS