



Week 9, Term 4
7 December, 2020

LEARNING RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY
The Wallsend Way: Successful learners show respect, take responsibility and make safe choices.

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Principal Message

Hello Wallsend Learning Community to our last newsletter for 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their fantastic support through a challenging, yet rewarding year. This week and last week has been a time to reflect on the achievements of our students. They have shown such resilience through a time that would seem very unusual and has stopped many of the activities they would be normally doing. Today is Platinum Rewards Day, where I can celebrate with students who have shown exemplary behaviour for the whole year. Well done to all those students!

Tomorrow is our Celebration of Success and I look forward to sharing this experience with award recipients and two of their guests. **For those attending, please remember to congregate (social distancing of course) early at the Martindale St gate. Please check your allocated time depending on the class your child is in. Unfortunately you will only be able to stay for the allocated time as we have very limited numbers for each stage of this presentation. We can only take guests who have RSVP'd as this has had to be a very organised event to maintain COVID guidelines. As you arrive you will be required to sign a COVID registered note before waiting to be seated.**



Just a reminder to please support our P&C Christmas Raffle. Thank you to our dedicated P&C members for continuing to organise and support our school.

This week is also our Year 6 Farewell. We look forward to celebrating your child's years of Primary schooling. We are so proud of their achievements and wish them all the very best for the next stage of their education and life journey. A clap out for Year 6 will be organised on the final day of this year, so please look out for details of how you can be involved.

Finally, I look forward to spending the last 8 days with all our wonderful students. Each and every day I have been extremely humbled to be the Principal of the world's greatest school. To my staff, thank you for the incredible job that you have done through what has been a challenging year. You have all stayed very positive and always prioritised students' wellbeing.

Please enjoy the Christmas holidays and stay safe!

Proud Principal

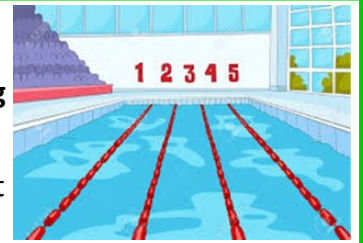
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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021

Our **2021** Swimming Carnival (**years 3-6**) will be held at **Wallsend Swimming Centre** on **Monday 8th of February 2021**.

A permission note will be sent home at the start of Term 1, be sure to look out for this and please return it promptly.



P&C NEWS

Fundraising

Our Thompson's Pie Online Fundraiser is still currently running, you can order any of their products to be delivered straight to your home with just a minimum spend of \$50.

Our last date for orders is Saturday 12th December.

Please make sure to use our school code when ordering. **Our code is WPS1120 .**

Christmas Raffle

All raffle tickets and money should have been bought in to the office by today, if not can you please make sure they are handed in by **9.30am Tuesday 8th December please.**

The raffle will be a **live draw from school on Wednesday 9th December.**

Prizes will need to be collected from the school office.

Uniform Shop

This week is the last week of the year that the uniform shop will be open due to the end of year stocktake.

Today Monday 7th December is the last day for 2020 to place Flexischool UNIFORM orders. **Online orders close at 3pm.**

Cash orders need to be in the office by midday **Tuesday 8th December.**

Uniform shop will open on Wednesday 27th January 2021, so keep an eye out on the school Facebook page for opening hours.

School Banking News

Just a reminder School banking has now finished for 2020. Thankyou to everyone who has banked with us through this strange year.

Canteen News

Canteen Special - Week 9 only!

Mini Pies will be available from Monday 7th December for \$1.50 each.

Team your Mini Pie with a Cheese Roll for \$3.50.

OR, a Mini Pie and a Cheese & Vegemite Scroll for \$4.00.

Available while stocks last!

Please also note that we will be running stock low at this time of year. Items will be taken off Flexischools as we sell out.

Thank you all for your support during this interesting year.

Regards,

Maree and the Canteen Volunteers.

Updated Term 4 Calendar

7 Dec	Platinum Day
8 Dec	Celebration of Success 9.30am to 11am
9 Dec	P&C Christmas Raffle Drawn
10 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
14 Dec	Student Receive Reports
14 Dec	Indigenous Camp (selected students)
15 Dec	Indigenous Camp (selected students)
16 Dec	Indigenous Camp (selected students)
16 Dec	Students Last Day for 2020
17 Dec	Staff Development Day
18 Dec	Staff Development Day

Term 1 2021

27 Jan	Staff Development Day
28 Jan	Staff Development Day
29 Jan	Students Year 1 to Year 6 Return
29 Jan	Best Start Testing for Kindergarten
1 Feb	Best Start Testing for Kindergarten
2 Feb	Best Start Testing for Kindergarten
3 Feb	Kindergarten Students Commence
4 Feb	Kindergarten My First Day Photographs
8 Feb	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6



There will be timetable changes to some school services to improve reliability. Parents and students will need to check their trip to and from school.

You can check your trip at newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services/

