

Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING
Term 4 Weeks 9 /10 2018 Newsletter



From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

I wish all our families all the very best for a wonderful holiday break. However you celebrate the Christmas period I hope you have a wonderful time spent with family and friends and I look forward to meeting up again in 2019!

To all those families and our Year 6 students who are moving on to start their High School chapter of education, we wish you all the very best.

Remember the 2019 dates:

- ★ Monday January 28 – School not open – Public Holiday
- ★ Tuesday January 29 – (NO STUDENTS) –Staff Development Day
- ★ **Wednesday January 30 – All students Years 1-6 start (including new students at their appointed time)**
- ★ Monday February 4 - All 2019 Kindergarten cohort start

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Presentation Day 2018



What a tremendously positive day we had at our annual Presentation Day. I have included part of my speech to encourage those who were not there, to be part of the day!

The students represented the school so very well and the various performances added to the whole event. Even our swimmers were able to effectively divert down Dunmore Street and join us!



Wentworthville Public School Presentation Day Principal Speech 2018 - excerpts

Welcome to our annual Presentation Day...

***Courage and opportunity** are words I have thought of often over this last year as your principal at Wentworthville Public School. The school has been growing – you just have to drive around the environs and see the housing development! This matter was brought to my mind just last holidays when six more demountables arrived on the back of several trucks into our playground, along with a big crane – each of the 24 pieces were formed together to create six functioning classrooms, such is our growth at Wentworthville! We have courageously been engaging in the multi-million dollar building upgrade which will have 31 new air conditioned classrooms, new library, new hall and canteen /Before & After school care and admin block, new special needs block, classroom refurbishment and finally a grounds upgrade once all the demountables are removed. We are changing too as a community, which is exciting as many **opportunities** will continue to come our way.*

I would like to thank the P&C, led capably by Mrs Leanne Keighley and the P&C Executive and the team of parents who volunteer their time in various capacities throughout the school – in canteen, uniform shop, in classrooms, at monthly P&C meetings, gala days on merit selection panels and as helpers at various excursions, as well as various other volunteering capacities. As a school we benefit from your partnership and I look forward to building this together into the future.

I would like to thank the staff for a tremendous year in teaching and caring for all the children at WPS as they have grappled with and implemented curriculum and sought learning experiences that seek to engage your

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*children and support them in being resilient young people who are lifelong learners. I would particularly like to thank the executive team for their leadership and management of the school during this year and their collegial support as we **lead courageously** and provide many **opportunities** for our school community.*



The administration and support staff have also worked together well to bring about a welcoming and smooth operation as the 'face of our school', particularly amidst some challenges, as we have had many departmental operational changes. Thanks to Mrs Deuis, Mrs Mandato, Mrs Sargent, Mrs Powell (who retired this term after 11 years of service), Mrs Khanlu and Mr Wiles. This team of people is a fine example of people working together, despite challenges, for the betterment of the school.

Some key K-2 highlights in 2018 include:

- *Many students improving their literacy skills, increasing their borrowing of books from the library and participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge*
- *Many students developing their numeracy skills*
- *Many incursions including Life Education, The SEAL program addressing social and emotional learning and mindfulness programs*
- *Participation in the fundamental movement program with the Sports in Schools Australia initiative,*
- *Year 2 participating in the Swim Scheme*
- *Very successful excursion experiences to the Farm, Botanic Gardens and Maritime Museum, that has meant many students have developed their educational experiences away from the formal classroom setting*
- *Our 2018 K-6 SRC leaders who have raised significant funds for charities throughout the year, a fine sign of the students caring for others in need and having a voice in decision making. A tremendous fundraising for drought relief was held earlier in the year, raising the awareness of the impact of drought in NSW and saw a special bond and partnership develop with a 12 student school – Ballimore PS, just 20 minutes out from Dubbo.*

Some key 3-6 highlights in 2018 include:

- *Many incursions including Life Education, Robotics and Interrelate*
- *Participation in the athletics program with the Sports in Schools Australia initiative and taking the opportunity to represent the school in PSSA sport*

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- *Expanding our swimming carnival event and participating in the Swim Scheme (which has some weary swimmers with us just now!)*
- *Very successful Stage 2 and 3 overnight excursion experiences that has meant many students have developed their educational experiences away from the formal classroom setting and built up resiliency skills*
- *A recent opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to represent the school at environmentalist, Ian Kiernan's state memorial service at the Opera House ...*

*Our children still need the support and encouragement of every person here to realise their true potential. We need to have the courage to support them in their endeavours. We look for your continuing support as we undertake the most significant task of educating your children for the future and achieving the Department of Education's strategic goal of having **every student known, valued and cared for in our schools** ... as we know that this **will ensure all students have bright futures!***

On behalf of the students and the staff I wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to partnering with you in 2019.

Denise Lockrey – Principal



*Happy
Holidays*

Stage Requirements for 2019

Kindergarten Equipment list 2019



- Library bag
- 2 large packets of baby wipes
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 4 good quality black whiteboard markers
- 2 large Bostik glue sticks

Stage One Equipment List 2019

Year One	Year Two
A4 128 page lined book for homework	A4 128 page lined book for homework
4 x lead pencils	4 x lead pencils
2 x erasers	2 x erasers
1 small pencil case	1 small pencil case
Retractable/twist up crayons or coloured pencils	Retractable/twist up crayons or coloured pencils
4 x glue sticks (one per term)	4 x glue sticks (one per term)
4 x black whiteboard markers (not faber castle)	4 x black whiteboard markers (not faber castle)
1 plastic envelope folder (for home reading)	1 plastic envelope folder (for home reading)
2 x boxes of tissues (for class)	1 packet textas
1 packet unscented baby wipes (for class)	1 ruler (wooden or plastic, not metal)
	2 x boxes of tissues (for class)
	1 packet unscented baby wipes (for class)



Stage Two Equipment List 2019

Equipment List: - Please replenish supplies

Please ensure your child has the following stationery for term. Replenish these items as necessary to ensure they have the equipment needed to complete tasks. Also, clearly label items belonging to your child and talk to them about returning stationery items to their pencil case after each use.

- 1x **Medium** sized pencil case
- 3x HB lead pencils
- 1x pencil eraser
- 1x red ball point pen (not felt tipped)
- 1x blue or black ball point pen (not felt tipped)- **Year 4 only**
- 1x small set of coloured pencils
- 1 x set of twistable crayons
- 1x textas
- 2x glue stick (large)
- 1x pack of highlighters
- 1x 30cm ruler with cm and mm marked (not metal or liquid filled)
- 1x barrel pencil sharpener
- 1x pair of scissors
- 1x box of tissues
- 1x library bag
- 1x USB (optional)
- Dictionary (optional)
- Thesaurus (optional)
- Homework book – A4 size exercise book or as directed by teacher

These supplies will need to be replenished at different stages of the year, as they are used up, misplaced or broken.



Stage Three Equipment List 2019

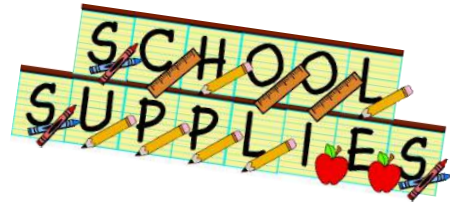
- 1x **Medium** sized pencil case
- 3x HB lead pencils
- 1x pencil eraser
- 1x red ball point pen (not felt tipped)
- 1x blue or black ball point pen (not felt tipped)
- 1x small set of coloured pencils or crayons
- 2x glue stick (large)
- 1x pack of highlighters
- 1x 30cm ruler with cm and mm marked (not metal or liquid filled)
- 1x barrel pencil sharpener
- 1x pair of scissors
- 1x box of tissues
- 1x library bag
- 1x USB (optional – as per instructions of the teacher)
- Homework book – as per instructions of the teacher
- Personal dictionary and thesaurus (optional)



Support Unit Equipment List 2019

All children in the Support Unit 2019 will require the following items:

- 2 plastic button wallet folders
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 4 large glue sticks
- A library bag
- 2 packs of baby wipes
- 1 hand sanitiser
- 4 whiteboard markers (any colour)
- 1 roll of paper towel
- A pencil case
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils/ twistable crayons
- 4 lead pencils
- x2 A4 exercise books (communication books)
- x2 exercise books (homework)
- a sharpener
- child safe scissors
- 1 pkt post it notes (Years 3-6)
- 1 pkt highlighters (Years 3-6)
- 2 blue & red pens (Yrs 5 & 6 only)





Special Children's
CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On 5th December 2018, the Support Unit and students from across the school attended the Children's Special Christmas Party. The Special Children's Christmas Parties are the biggest events of their kind in Australia. Their goal is simple: To put smiles on these children's faces for at least one day this year!



Thank you to all the family members that attended. They had a wonderful time with lots of laughter, food, presents and fun.

Ms Moorhouse
(Rel) Assistant Principal Support

ART NEWS



The Art Group worked on portraits of influential people this semester. We printed off our selected images and worked on our sketching skills focusing on proportion, line and shading. Have a look at some of the amazing portraits created by years 3-6 students in the Art Group.

Mrs Hatter





AMAZING!



Diwali Art - Art Group

The art group viewed and created some Rangoli patterns during Diwali time.

We looked at different types of line art and line drawings. Students followed instructions to create intricate designs.



Principal Awards

Week 9 Term 4

Name	Class	Name	Class
Vraj Dalal	K-2C	Vihaan	2/3H
Omkar Firke	KL	Sarah	1M
Zamin Syed	KN	Tanay	2G
Mahim Patel	KM	Sehraj	1B
Ayaan Upal	KK	Mohammed	2R
Athira Ashokkumar	KK	Yubi	2R
Gurtaj Singh	KK	Neal	2G
Vidya Tilakaratnam	KK	Ajay	1W
Grishmith Avula	KK	Parthiv	2/3H
Aaheli Mal	KM	Kunal	2R
Sarvesh Pathiyath Shiju	KN	Virat	2R
Thisha Srisena	KM	Nirthikashree	1G
Dhijasana Nandakumar	KBM	Suvikha	1KS
Omkar Firke	KL	Lakshmi	1W
Aadrinanda	1KS	Ashmita	1W
Aria G	2G	Veeshan	1W
Hadi	K-2C	Manav	2R
Joel	2R	Abhinav	2R
Vihaan	1G	Gauri	2R
Aadrinanda	1kS	Parmeet	4R
Aria G	2G	Chloe	3M
Hadi K-	K-2C	Jessica	3M
Ragavan	3C	Alize	3/4G
Nirdosh	2/3H	Sashank	4R
Garv x4	4B	Gokul	4R
Chaitanya	4R	Vincy	3M
Shanmitha	3C	Hidursh	1KS
Tanush	3M	Jennifer	1W
Swastika	3M	***	***





In the line by Five to Nine



Congratulations to the following students who received a prize for being in the line by 5 to 9

Week 7 Term 4

Kindergarten: Eleigh Gristwood Walker KL

Year 1: Atharva Garg 1W

Year 2: Syeda Fatima 2R

Year 3: Arani Satha Ananthan 3C

Year 4: Anna Alfred 3/4G

Year 5: Gurleen Kaur 5/6M

Year 6 Abhinav Harishankar 5/6M

Week 8 Term 4

Kindergarten: Deethya Chalapati KN

Year 1: Shambavi Muthukumaran 1B

Year 2: Harini Saravanan 2R

Year 3: Priyanshi Kiri 3C

Year 4: Sohom Sarker 4R

Year 5: Shobhika jegadesh Kumar 5/6M

Year 6: Lakshmi Chandrashekara 5/6N

In the line by Five to Nine



Congratulations to the following students who received a prize for being in the line by 5 to 9

Week 9 Term 4

Kindergarten: Harijaap Singh Rathaur KA

Year 1: Vihaan Thapliyal 1G

Year 2: Charlotte Vella 2R

Year 3: Lucas Nakat 2/3H

Year 4: Monica Chiong 4R

Year 5: Ceres Hayer 5/6G

Year 6 Rameen Zaidi 5/6N





Just a reminder that all students should have a school hat every day. Students are required to wear their school hat when out in the playground. Any student without a hat will be required to play under the COLA or sit quietly in the weather shed. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.





News from the P&C President

The P&C Christmas Stall was held on Friday 30th November. We hope all students who purchased gifts have put them away safely ready to give to the special person that they purchased for.



A very special thank you to all the helpers on the day, and especially Tara & Bob.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY



The current P&C Committee are putting the wheels in motion for the first fundraiser of 2019 – a **State Election Sausage Sizzle**.

When – Saturday 23 March 2019

If you would be interested in assisting or know someone within the school community who would like to help, please contact the President at wentworthvillepandc@gmail.com.

The **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will be taking place on 6 February 2019 in the school Staff Room. Please come along and find out more about what your P&C does for your school. This meeting will see the change of the P&C Committee for 2019/2020.



If you would like to be a part of the committee as an executive member or sub-committee leader then come along to the February 2019 meeting to join as a financial member. This membership costs \$2.00 which covers voting rights at the AGM and every general meeting thereafter for the 2019/2020 year.

Our financial year runs from February to February, and voting rights commence one month after payment of the joining fee.

To be eligible to stand and vote at the AGM membership payment must be received in person at the February 2019 meeting. Payments cannot be made on behalf of persons not in attendance. Any payments received after the close of the February meeting will deem the payee ineligible to stand or vote at the AGM however their membership will be active after the AGM and the member can motion in the general meeting following the AGM.

Kind regards,

Leanne Keighley

President

Wentworthville Public School P&C

STATE ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Volunteer Expression of Interest

Wentworthville Public School Parents and Citizens Association are looking for volunteers to assist with their first fundraiser of 2019. This is an opportunity for families of the school community to be a part of a dynamic and involved Parents and Citizens Association and along the way make new friends. Even if you can spare as little as an hour of your time to help with cooking or serving that can be all it takes.

When is it: Saturday 23rd March 2019

Time: 7.00am

Where: Wentworthville Public School



If you are interested in being a part of the event please send your expression of interest via email to the President at wentworthvillepandc@gmail.com – Subject – State Election Sausage Sizzle.

Please ensure that your Appendix 5 has been completed and the 100 points of identification have been provided to the school office prior to the event. If you require the Appendix 5 documentation, please contact the P&C President, see the school office for a copy or download [here](#) from the school website.

Any suggestions for options at our Sausage Sizzle are greatly appreciated.

Leanne Keighley

President 2018/2019

Wentworthville Public School P&C



NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure



Artist impression of the Wentworthville Public School upgrade

Wentworthville Public School

Project update

November 2018

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government's 2018/19 Budget includes \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. A further \$160 million has also been invested as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Wentworthville Public School

A project is planned to upgrade Wentworthville Public School. The project is designed to deliver a new accessible three storey building. This will include 31 new permanent learning spaces, special program rooms and a new library.

The project will also involve updates to the existing library to create new administration and staff facilities, updates to the existing administration building to create a new special education area, refurbishment to existing buildings, the removal of existing demountables and the construction of a new hall.

Project status

The concept and schematic design process is now complete.

As this project is classified as State Significant Development, a development application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have now been submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment for assessment. You can view the detailed plans via a link provided on the project's page on our website.

Keeping you updated

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity.

Regular updates about what to expect will be provided to the school and local community throughout the project. You can also speak to us about the project via the information below or meet the project team on 29 November 2018, 2.30pm - 3:00pm at Wentworthville Public School.

For more information contact:

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Making a smooth transition to secondary school

by Michael Grose



Going to secondary school is both exciting and scary for many kids. There's excitement about new friends, teachers and ventures, but this can be overshadowed by anxiety and stress.

The sheer size of a high school building can be overwhelming to the uninitiated. The potential loss of status when moving from big fish in a small pond to tiny minnow in a large ocean can be hard to swallow for some. Add the increased number of teachers and the hormonal changes that accompany puberty and drive emotional and cognitive development and it is little wonder the first year of secondary school often sees a plateauing in learning. Most kids are flat out making new friends and getting used to how secondary school works, so learning takes a back seat for a time.

While it's easier for those who have a brother or sister already there who can pass on some tips about how to survive secondary school, many don't have that luxury. Fortunately, there are number of strategies parents can use to make the transition to secondary school easier.

1. Know the school space

Familiarity helps reduce anxiety. Most secondary schools have familiarisation programs for incoming students but it helps to reinforce with your young person where the key spaces are – such as administration, toilets, the tuck shop and drinking taps. A trip to the school during the holidays, if possible, can help reassure a nervous secondary school starter.

2. Make the leap with friends

Negotiating new friendships can be stressful so it helps to identify some friends from primary school or outside school that your child can travel with or meet up before school, at lunch breaks and during times when classes aren't scheduled. This will give them the opportunity to share and compare experiences, which is therapeutic for kids who are experiencing change.

3. Help with planning and organisation

Some students can be overwhelmed by the organisational demands of secondary school. If your child fits this category, be prepared to be on hand to coach your young person in the finer arts of being on time to class, organising work in folders, planning homework time, handing in multiple assignments and filling out forms.

4. Set up a designated study space in the home

Now that your young person has hit the big time it's important that they have a study space to call their own. Keep this outside the bedroom if possible – the bedroom is a space for sleeping and relaxing. Use any area that is reasonably quiet and well lit. Set up a desk with a computer, if possible, along with stationery items.

5. Establish a work schedule

If your child's primary school homework was given inconsistently then be prepared for a change. Most secondary schools try to coordinate homework between different teachers but there will be more times than

not when your child will come home with multiple homework assignments to complete. Build the homework habit early and choose a regular time that allows for breaks. Encourage them to work quickly so that work does not drag on and become demotivating.

6. Stay patient and positive

The social and academic demands of going to secondary school can be mentally draining for young people. Some will miss old friends and the relative comfort of primary school. It's important for parents to be patient with their young person, to expect a few behaviour blowouts and to be prepared to listen and help them process their new experiences. If your young person has negative experiences, point them in the direction of the good things that may happen during the day.

Your young person's coping mechanisms are being tested during this time. They can change on a daily basis. If stress becomes overwhelming or persistent to the point that they don't want to go to school after the initial settling-in period, consider organising some extra assistance. A year-level coordinator, school counsellor or the local doctor can be good starting points should extra assistance be needed.

Starting secondary school is one of many transitions your young person will face in life. With planning and support, your child can make a positive start to secondary school and enjoy an amazing time at their new school.

You can attend our upcoming webinar, [Preparing for High School](#), at no cost!

About the webinar

In this webinar popular parenting educator, author and secondary teacher Sharon Witt will share a bag full of practical strategies guaranteed to remove the stress and ensure a smooth transition to secondary school.

When

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM AEDT

Price

This webinar is free of charge to families at schools that have a Parenting Ideas membership. Use the voucher code below to register for the webinar valued at \$37 per person.

How parents can use the voucher

1. Click this link <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/product/webinar-preparing-for-high-school/>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the voucher code TRANSITION and click 'Apply'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 27 December 2018.
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