

Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING

Term 4 Week 5 2018 Newsletter



From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

Drought Relief visit to Ballimore!

What an honour and privilege Ms Bolton and I had to represent the school last week in our trip to Ballimore PS to personally give the generous donations from our school community to the students and families.

We set off from school on the Monday with the car loaded and went via Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange and then into Dubbo overnight. The school gave us a great cheer and wave as we departed bound for Ballimore.



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We met up with Mrs Kylie Turnbull the Ballimore PS principal on the Monday evening and then went out again on the Tuesday to meet up with the students (all 12 students) and their wonderful community.



The students shared their experiences and we shared some of Wentworthville's context.

All the students had prepared a wonderful booklet which is now in the library for all the students to enjoy. We heard a lovely rendition of their school song and enjoyed a morning tea with many of the families. It was a tremendous partnership, one in which Mrs Turnbull and I believe can grow in the future.

I was deeply moved by the resilience of the families amidst such challenging times on the land and speaking with one sheep farming father, it was evident, that even if all the dams were filled today with water, it will take some years to really recover from this drought period. His son Tom, was ever so generous in gifting me some of the wool from his farm and I will be sharing it with classes soon!



How gorgeous!

Enjoy the photos from our wonderful trip in support of a great rural community in Ballimore. Well done Wentworthville!



Student leader speeches for 2019

I was so proud to hear 37 courageous students stand before the school and deliver their student leader speeches this week for consideration as leaders for 2019. They spoke about leadership and the qualities and opportunities of leaders. Many spoke of the importance of being:

- ◆ respectful
- ◆ a role model
- ◆ optimistic
- ◆ reliable
- ◆ trustworthy
- ◆ honest
- ◆ kind
- ◆ humble and having a 'can do' attitude.



I was so impressed many of the speakers acknowledged others and thanked people for the opportunities they already had in their schooling and was particularly impressed by one candidate who acknowledged the words of Michelle Obama '...Always stay true to yourself'.

These 37 young people certainly have bright futures! We wish them well in the process. Thank you to Mrs Mohanaraj and Mr Warren and the Stage 3 team for preparing the students so well.



Men of Wenty – Community Opportunity on Friday November 23

Men of Wenty please join Mr Wiles in gardening /weeding the big Yandina garden 9-11am on Friday November 23, just after morning assembly! He has gloves and tools and containers for the weeds. Gentlemen please come along and help the maintenance of our grounds and our special Yandina area.

PLEASE
join us

We look forward to you coming!

Cool refreshments to be provided! ☺

Denise Lockrey –Principal



- ★ Gala Day note
- ★ Special Needs Christmas Party – small group

Presentation Day 2018

Presentation Day will be held on **Tuesday December 11 2018** at the Red Gum Centre in Wentworthville.

K-2 10-11

3-6 12 -1.30pm

All families welcome.



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.



Principal Awards

Weeks 3 & 4 Term 4



Name	Class	Name	Class
Atulith	3M	Araaina	KBM
Hannah	3/4G	Ayaan	KBM
Huatong	3C	Suchita	KBM
Anna	3/4G	Ria	KBM
Bhanu	4R	Kaira	KBM
Lorenzo	3C	Aaron	KBM
Kabir	3C	Aagaaz	KN
Nandini	3/4G	Saadgi	KK
Adhithya	1G	Mishel	KM
Bala	2G	Jason	KM
Sehraj	1B	Nathan	KA
Alexis	K-2G	Suha	KA
Lennox	1M	Anandi	KM
Rachit	1W	Hayzen	2R
Shreya	1W	Shuban	1M
Kaven	K-2G	Krishnendu	1W
Mohamad	1M	Hersh	2/3H
Huatong	3C	Sharveya	K-2G
Syon	3C	Sanat	1KS
Leena	4R	Levin	2R
Shruthi	3C	Riley	3/4G
Huatong	3C	Lakshmi	3/4G
Ceres	5/G	Gauraang	3C
Atharva	5/6N	Riley	3/4G
Rohan	5/6N	Jheel	5/6G
Krish	5/6G	***	***



Year Six Gala Day and Raffle

Tuesday 20th November 11:35 am to 1:55pm

What is Gala Day? Gala day is an opportunity for Year 6 students to organise a fun event for the Wentworthville community. Below is some information about the day.

When is Gala Day? Gala day will be held Tuesday 20th November, 2018. The event will start at 11:35am and conclude at 1:35pm. This will be followed by the Gala day raffle, drawn at 1:45pm.

Who can attend Gala Day? Wentworthville P.S. students along with family and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy the activities at Gala day whilst supporting our Year 6 students.

How Gala Day works:

- Students purchase tokens prior to and on the day of Gala day to play games
- Students use the tokens to play over 30 different games run by Year 6 students
- Activities include **3 jumping castles**, face painting, henna art drawing competitions, an obstacle course, soccer shootout, footy passing and plenty of water activities
- We have **giant size** board games including giant jenga, giant connect four and giant dominos
- This year we will have a disco running during the Gala day in the hall
- Year six students and local community companies provide prizes for students to win at each stall
- Best off all, you are guaranteed to win prizes at each activity you play
- To play games students purchase 'Gala day' tokens
- Tokens are **50c each or 5 for \$2**
- Activities cost **one or two tokens per game**, the jumping castle will cost **3 tokens per turn**. Students purchase tokens to play the activities. All money raised through playing games on the day goes towards the Year 6 Farewell and the Year 6 gift to the school, benefiting all students at Wentworthville P.S.



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How many tokens does my child need? We recommend each student purchase around **\$10** worth of tokens; as this is a two-hour event allowing students to play for the whole two hours.

When can I purchase tokens? You can purchase tokens in the morning from **8:25am till 8:55am, starting on Monday 12th November, 2018**. Just look for the **Gala Day token counter** located in the morning playground area. You can also purchase tokens on the day and during Gala Day.

Year Six Gala Day Raffle

Tuesday 20th November 1.45pm

The Gala Day raffle will be drawn at 1:45pm (Conclusion of Gala day).

How to enter: You will receive tickets into the raffle through purchasing Gala Day tokens.

Any student who purchases **\$5** worth of Gala Day tokens will receive one raffle ticket, if you purchase \$10 you will receive 3 raffle tickets (maximum is 3 raffle tickets per person).

1st prize: Family fun pack: \$100 vouchers for Wenty Leagues, \$100 voucher for Toongabbie Bowling Club and a family pass to Parramatta Speedway.

2nd prize: Adventure pack: \$60 voucher to Outback Jacks, family pass to the Power House Museum and 2 adult passes to 'The Edge Rock Climbing' Castle Hill.

3rd prize: Summer pack: Bluetooth headphone speakers, car detailing pack, Event movie tickets and 2 family passes to Lollipop's Playland and Café Castle Hill.

Thank you in advance for your support of Gala Day. The students and staff hope to see you all on Tuesday 20th November 2018, starting at 11:35am. If you have any questions about Gala Day, please speak to Mr Warren.

Sponsors of Gala day





Year 3 - Digital Tech results 2018	Class	Award	Year 4 - Digital Tech results 2018	Class	Award
Vrishab	2/3H	Participation	Devni	3/4G	Participation
Arjun	3/4G	Distinction	Anna	3/4G	Credit
Harshavardhan	3/4G	Credit	Rupika	3/4G	Participation
Hannah	3/4G	Distinction	Shubham	4B	Distinction
Manasvi	3/4G	Participation	Prisha	4B	Participation
Keval	3/4G	Distinction	Tavishi	4B	Credit
Ross	3/4G	High Distinction	Ishaan	4B	Credit
Madhulekha	3/4G	Participation	Garv	4B	Merit
Anita	3/4G	Participation	Aarav	4B	Participation
Susmit	3/4G	Participation	Sloka	4B	Participation
Naomi	3C	Participation	Sountharikan	4B	High Distinction
Steve	3C	Participation	Zac	4R	Credit
Huatong	3C	Participation	Monica	4R	High Distinction
Sanil	3C	Participation	Rohan	4R	Participation
Shanmitha	3C	Merit	Gokul	4R	Credit
Ragavan	3C	Credit	Aurchisha	4R	Distinction
Gauraang	3C	Participation	Leena	4R	Credit
Zia	3C	Participation	Kanvi	4R	Participation
Priyanshi	3C	Participation	Sohom	4R	Distinction
Rouba	3C	Participation	Chaitanya	4R	Participation
Sarthaksinh	3C	Participation	Shreyas	4R	Credit
Syon	3C	Credit	Sashank	4R	Participation
Reyansh	3C	Participation			
Arani	3C	Participation			
Jessica	3C	Participation			
AmirthaVarshini	3C	Distinction			
Surya	3C	Participation			
Harshika	3M	Participation			
Guneet	3M	Credit			
Jasman	3M	Participation			
Jessica	3M	Merit			
Antara	3M	Distinction			
Atulith	3M	Distinction			
Kavir	3M	Participation			
Sidharth	3M	Participation			
Swastika	3M	Participation			
Ananya	3M	Participation			
Karthikeyan	3M	Participation			
Abhijay	3M	Participation			
Rithwik	3M	Participation			
Vansh	3M	Credit			
Tanvi	3M	Participation			





Year 5 - Digital Tech results 2018	Class	Award	Year 6 - Digital Tech results 2018	Class	Award
Ra'eed	3-6B	Credit	Ansh	5/6G	Participation
Ashika	5/6G	Participation	Phoenix	5/6N	Distinction
Jheel	5/6G	Credit	Rameem	5/6N	Participation
Ceres	5/6G	Credit	Girindran	5/6M	Participation
Rohan	5/6N	Credit	Kevin	5/6M	Credit
Krish	5/6G	Participation	Rayyaan	5/6N	Merit
Diya	5/6G	Credit	Vandana	5/6M	Participation
Nabil	5/6G	Credit	Parakram	5/6M	Participation
Venushan	5/6N	Participation	Jay	5/6WS	Credit
Krishika	5/6G	Participation	Aiden	5/6WS	Credit
Vaidehi	5/6M	Participation	Dhikshitha	5/6N	Credit
Aryan	5/6M	Credit	Jai	5/6WS	Participation
Shaheel	5/6M	Credit			
Dakshina	5/6M	Participation			
Shobhika	5/6M	Participation			
Hari	5/6M	Distinction			
Deshawn	5/6WS	Participation			
Devashri	5/6WS	Participation			
Aditi	5/6WS	Credit			
Nicholas	5/6WS	Merit			
Samya	5/6WS	Participation			
Riya	5/6WS	Participation			
Jiah	5/6WS	Participation			
Abhay	5/6WS	Participation			

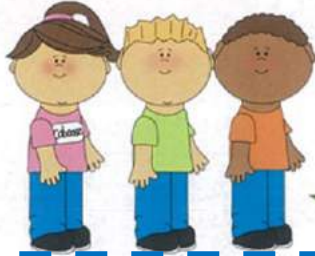


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I am respectful in the Canteen Area

Line up in four lines behind the green stars

Say please and thank you.



I am safe in the playground

Sticks and stones stay on the ground



Walk on hard surfaces

Yellow lines are not for walking on

I am safe in the playground

I walk in two straight lines with my class.



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



well done!

Week 4 Term 4

Kindergarten: Vihaan Vuppala KL

Year 1: Ishi Joshi 1G

Year 2: Yubi Garg 2R

Year 3: Kriti Kamsali 3/4G

Year 4: Tanishka Darbar 4B

Year 5: Krishika Vannakumar 5/6G

Year 6 Pranat Mishra 5/6M

Travelling or taking holidays during the school term

Since 2015 family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the exemption from school procedures. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

Parents are required to complete the application for extended leave, which is available from the school office and website. This form must be submitted at the front office prior to travel for principal consideration.

The principal will not accept a reason for travel during the school term if it is not in the best interests of the student. Educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application.

Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

If the principal considers that the travel is appropriate during the school term, the principal will inform the parent if the application is accepted. The absences will then be recorded as 'L' - Leave. The absences will be recorded on your child's report.

All travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket must be attached to the application.

The principal may decline an application for Extended Leave -Travel and the parent will be informed of this in writing. The absence will then be recorded as unjustified and will appear on your child's report.

If you have any questions about applying for Extended Leave - Travel please contact the front office.





News from the P&C President

Colour-Thon, Walkathon

Following on from the previous newsletter a correction to the amount of money raised for Colour-thon brings the final figure after expenses to **\$2,560.38** - so great effort everyone!



Hope you are all thinking very hard about what future focused resources you would like purchased for the school out of these funds. It would be appreciated if your suggestions be submitted to your teacher to be passed along to the P&C Executive Committee to determine the final items for purchase from the funds.

Hope you are enjoying your prizes which you have earned as part of this event.

For your diaries:

Christmas Stall

Friday 30th November is the P&C organised Christmas Stall – an opportunity for students to purchase a special gift for someone special in their lives. Posters will be around the school over the next week, so have a look and decide what you would like to buy at the stall.

Our **last meeting** for 2018 is Wednesday 5th December 2018 - in the School Staff Room. Please come along and find out more about what your P&C does for your school. If you are interested in becoming part of the P&C please come along to the next meeting or the February 2019 meeting to pay your membership to be able to vote in the executive committee and sub-committee at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held in March 2019.

Kind regards,

Leanne Keighley

President

Wentworthville Public School P&C



Wentworthville Public School - Term 4 2018 as at November 14

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
5	12 November Royal Life Saving water Safety Talk – Kindergarten Stage 2 –Workshop – Just Like You. Disability Awareness Program	13 November Hilltop PS 'Junior Big Day' 10-2pm <i>Xenantech</i>	14 November 2019 Leader Speeches <i>Newsletter</i>	15 November Kindergarten Transition Session 1 9.30-10.30am <i>Halrayd beginning Teacher Network Mtg</i>	16 November PSSA -Summer	17 18 Nov
	19 November	20 November Last Day SRE Year 6 Fundraiser - Gala Day –Sessions 2 and 3 Parent Session –Otitis Media with Linda Lewis 9am	21 November 2019 Student Leaders meeting with P and DP Session 1 Stage 2 –Workshop – Just Like Youi. Disability Awareness Program 3.30pm SLSO Network Mtg	22 November Kindergarten Transition Session 2, 9.30-10.30am	23 November PSSA –Summer (last week) <i>Men of Wenty – Community Activity</i> Choir at Happy Club Visit 10am	24 25 Nov
7	26 November	27 November SRE Christmas Assembly (Hall) K-2 9.25am 3-6 9.55am Thank You Morning Tea 11am in hall <i>Xenantech</i>	28 November No K-6 Assembly. House Captains 2019 Voting Session 3 <i>Newsletter</i>	29 November Kindergarten Transition Session 3 1.30-2.30pm	30 November P&C Christmas Stall	1 2 Dec
	3 December Year 6 Farewell Wenty Leagues	4 December High School Orientation Day Year 6 students	5 December Special Needs Christmas Party event P&C Meeting 6pm <i>Newsletter</i>	6 December SRC Event School Tour 2pm	7 December Monash Pre School in hall 3.30-7.30pm	8 9 Dec

9	10 December Swimming Scheme – week 1->	11 December Presentation Day @ Redgum Centre K-2 10am 3-6 12 Noon <i>Xenontech</i>	12 December <i>Newsletter</i>	13 December <i>HAL Network Mtg</i>	14 December Semester 2 Reports home	15 16 Dec
	17 December Swimming Scheme – week 2->(3 days only M-W)	18 December Class Party Day	19 December Last day for students School Tour 10am Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2pm /Clap Out and Arch <i>Newsletter</i>	20 December SDD (No students)	21 December SDD (No students)	22 23 Dec
11	24 December	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 December	29 30 Dec
	31 December	1 January 2019	2 January 2019	3 January 2019	4 January 2019	5 6 Jan 2019
Hols	Holidays until Monday January 28, 2019					
<p>Staff Development Day Tuesday January 29, 2019 (No students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Students Return (Years 1-6) Wednesday January 30, 2019</i> • <i>Kindergarten Start as a cohort –Monday February 4, 2019 (week 2)</i> 						





Why developing empathy in your child matters

by Michael Grose

Parenting is a socialisation process during which parents develop in their children and teenagers the skills and attitudes that will enable them to fit into the different groups they encounter. These groups will exist inside the classroom, in friendship groups, during sports and leisure activities and elsewhere.

This socialisation process needs to begin from a young age.

Initially, most kids believe that their world and everyone in it revolves around them. “I want” is their mantra. Patient, firm parents will continually remind children that they need to think of others. “It’s your brother’s turn.” “Nana doesn’t feel comfortable listening to that language.” “Think about how your behaviour affects others.” These are the types of appeal to a less self-centred approach that many parents make.

The socialisation process operates on two levels. On one level its focus is on teaching and helping kids to follow social rules or conventions that exist to help them get along with each other. At a deeper level successful socialisation develops empathy in a child or young person.

Empathy – the ability to understand how another person is feeling or how they respond to a behaviour or an event – is the basis of all respectful relationships. Without empathy it’s impossible for someone to enjoy a relationship based on respect and equality. It’s easy for a person who doesn’t practise empathy to reject, bully, intimidate or hurt someone else.

Empathy learned in childhood carries on to adult life

Empathetic adults enjoy better personal relationships and experience less stress. They also make better leaders who are more likely to get the best out of people than self-centred, result-focused leaders.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that empathy, if neglected in childhood, can be difficult to develop in adulthood. In some adults it takes a traumatic event or a ‘road-to-Damascus’ moment for them to adopt an empathetic perspective.

So, rather than wait until adulthood, let’s focus on developing empathy in your children and adolescents. There is a good chance they will benefit very soon in terms of enjoying better friendships, improved wellbeing and more success at school. Here are five ideas to get you started:

parenting*ideas

1. Model empathetic behaviour. Be kind even though the person in front of you in that queue is slow.
2. Read fiction stories to kids or encourage them to read fiction. People who read fiction score highest on tests that ask them to infer other people's thoughts and emotions.
3. Praise kind and compassionate behaviours. The behaviours that parents focus on, even with teenagers, are those that tend to expand, so bring their empathetic behaviours to the fore.
4. Validate your child's feelings. When a child shares difficult stories or emotions let them know you understand, without offering solutions or advice.
5. Invite your child to walk in someone else's shoes. Occasionally ask your child a question like, "What would it be like to be feel tall like Tanya?"

Empathy is too important to wait until adulthood so make it a priority to develop a sense of 'other' in your child from an early age.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.