

Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING

Term 4 Week 7 2018 Newsletter



From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

Ian Kiernan State Memorial Service



It was an honour to take 64 students and 5 staff to the State Memorial on Friday November 16 for Ian Kiernan AO at the Drama Theatre at the Sydney Opera House.



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Our students were excellent in representing our school and it was a terrific gesture to the future environmental ambassadors, to have children, the future of our land being represented. The Clean Up Australia organisation and the Kiernan family were appreciative of our involvement.



Presentation Day 2018

Please join us at The Redgum Centre on **Tuesday December 11 2018** to celebrate student achievement throughout the year. The children will need to have a completed permission note to walk / to from the venue to participate on the day.



K-2 Commences at 10.00am

3-6 Commences at 12 noon

I look forward to seeing you there.

**But Wait...
THERE'S
MORE!**



Picnic tables have arrived

Thank you to our wonderful dads who helped Mr Wiles in assembling our new picnic tables and green stackable chairs. The children are enjoying them already! My favourite colour are the purple ones!



Assembly....



Enjoyment of use!

Some more 'testers' ...



The last one to be assembled...

THANK YOU!

Denise Lockrey
Principal



- ★ Presentation Day - Walking note - all students

Principal Awards

Weeks 5 & 6 Term 4



Name	Class	Name	Class
Kaetharani	KK	Nishka	1W
Satvika	KK	Harmanpreet 1M 2 awards	1M
Laith	KBM	Shadan	K-2G
Brianna	KBM	Reda	K-2G
Vince	KBM	Zain	1KS
Vivaan	KA	Brandon	1M
Satvik	KM	Eesha	2G
Riana	KA	Aarush	2R
Gowri	KN	Gijen	2G
Eleigh	KL	Sneha	K-2G
Aadhya	KL	Shrihan	K-2G
Saanwe	KL	Aria	2G
Naren	KL	Rhea	2G
Shreyas Firke	KL	Mahati	1KS
Callum Grant	KL	Sountharikan	4B
Tanishka Kakorla	KL	Steve	3C
Pranta Misha	5/6M	Zac	4R
Jessica Wei	5/6N	Noah	4B
Lucas Danh	3-6B	Zac	4R
Deeya Vincent	5/6M	***	***



Uniform Review Committee Feedback



The black and grey polo shirt!!



This was deemed to be the most popular option in the results of our recent survey. We surveyed parents, students and teachers.

- ◆ 65% of parents surveyed chose it as their first option.
- ◆ 50% of students surveyed chose it as their first option.
- ◆ 47% of teachers and staff surveyed chose it as their first option.

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete these surveys. We really valued your input.

We have ordered the new boys uniform shirts and look forward to them arriving at school and being available for you to purchase early next year.

Catherine Grant – Uniform Review Committee Chairperson

THANKS FOR VOTING!

PBL

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 5 Term 4

Kindergarten: Prabhjot Singh KK

Year 1: Sai Kushal Chelluri 1B

Year 2: Syeda Fatima 2R

Year 3: Sidharth Saravanan 3M

Year 4: Aurchisha Kundu 4R

Year 5: Muhammed Nawab 5/6WS

Year 6: Tanvika Jayalakshmi 5/6WS

Week 6 Term 4

Kindergarten: Sri Thakshi Mallampati KA

Year 1: Afraz Iqbal 1W

Year 2: Thakur Amanraj 2G

Year 3: Jaelle Fonua 3M

Year 4: Eymen Pinar 3/4G

Year 5: Abhay Srivatsa 5/6WS

Year 6: Vandana Sateesha 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

Christmas Stall

This Friday 30th November is the Christmas Stall – so please remember to send money with your child/ children to purchase a special gift for someone in their family. Posters are in the notice boards for perusal to select gifts from at the stall this Friday.

Our **next meeting** is on **Wednesday 5th of December at 6.00pm** in the School Staff Room. Please come along and find out more about what your P&C does for your school.



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place in February 2019. 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



Wentworthville Public School - Term 4 2018 as at November 29

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
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>Xenontech</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 <u>Last day for students</u> 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
<p>Holidays until Monday January 28, 2019</p> <p>Staff Development Day Tuesday January 29, 2019 (No students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students Return (Years 1-6) Wednesday January 30, 2019 • Kindergarten Start as a cohort – Monday February 4, 2019 (week 2) 						



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.





Epping Christmas Pool Party

Saturday 8 December 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Epping Aquatic Centre - 26 Stanley Road, Epping



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Technology holiday guide for parents

by Martine Oglethorpe

As holidays approach, the role that screens and devices will play becomes an increasing concern for parents. Days when kids are usually tied up with school and activities make way for many an idle hour and, as such, parents fear those hours will be spent largely engaged with a screen or gaming console. While there is certainly no harm in some well-balanced screen time and developmentally appropriate online activities, we must remember that, as parents, we have an important role in helping our kids manage and balance that screen time. Here are a few things we can do:

Understand the battle

It is important parents know the beast they are dealing with. It is easy to shout from another room to get off a screen or whinge to our friends that 'kids of today' are all addicted to their phones, but we need to recognise the pull that many of these devices have. The social networks are designed to keep us liking, commenting and sharing. The games cajole us into having 'just one more' turn at being the last man standing. These technologies tempt us to reach just one more level, or to scroll for just a few minutes more. Our brains experience a dopamine release and a sense of insufficiency when we use a device. There is always something else to do or something else to scroll through, or one more YouTube video to watch. So our kids are up against it when trying to control their time on a device. We need to help them with that.

Get outside

We can complain that kids never go outside and play anymore, but sometimes we have to physically get out there with them or offer opportunities in which being outside and active play are appealing. We have to work a little harder at this today because we are competing with a device that answers many of our kids' perceived needs. We need them to know that their needs are greater and more varied than what their screens can offer.

Have some rules

Despite their apparent dislike of rules around technology, kids will (one day) appreciate having boundaries to help them manage their screen time. Rules can be established regarding time limits, devices in bedrooms, device-free meal times, etc. Whatever you decide is important, be sure that you have those discussions with your kids. And any discussion around rules or consequences should happen away from the screens so they are clear on the expectations. (Talking about their screen-time habits while they are just about to be the last man standing on Fortnite is probably not going to make for engaging conversation.)

One console on one television outside the bedroom

Having only one television that is connected to a gaming console or to Netflix is a good way of ensuring that the

parenting *ideas

device gets shared and one child doesn't monopolise the screen. And leave consoles out of bedrooms where the appeal of just one more quick game can very quickly rob them of important sleep time.

Role model

Make sure you are showing your kids how you want them to be. Have times when the devices are put away and you give full attention to the people around you. Don't answer calls or emails at the dinner table. Don't fall asleep with a device landing on your forehead. Take time to get outside and do things active and in nature. Don't ever use a phone while driving. Use the Screen Time feature on iOS products to monitor just how you are using your technology and whether you could be making some changes. Kids learn more from what we do than what we say.

We know the technology isn't going anywhere, and we know there are many wonderful benefits that screens provide. But ensure that holidays and downtime hours can be filled with many different experiences and in ways that leave your kids in control, even if you have to work a little harder to give them that.



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