Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

P&C Supporting Autism Awareness Blue Day – April 2

It was terrific to see so many students and staff dressed in blue for Autism Awareness Day on April 2! The P&C conducted a mufti gold coin collection day in support of Autism Awareness – a most worthy cause. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a disorder with a broad range of conditions associated with the diagnosis. Individuals can be challenged with:

- Social skills,
- Verbal and written communication
- Displaying repetitive behaviours

Whilst more common in boys than girls, it is vital that we all increase our understanding and acceptance of...
people with Autism and support of families that live with Autism on a daily basis.

I am proud to be the principal of a school that supports students and families who have a disability. Many students are enrolled in our school who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and are catered for extremely well.

Cross Country

It was so pleasing to see so many students participating in our first offsite whole school, K-6 Cross Country event. As we grow as a school, needing a space that can accommodate all the necessary requirements of various terrain in a Cross Country event was best met at Pendle Hill High School this year.

I thank Pendle Hill HS and the organising committee. Special thanks to Mr Williams, Mrs Goran and Ms Camilleri for their excellent coordination of the event and ensuring all went smoothly. I was interested to see a few of our teachers consider themselves worthy participants too! Enjoy the photos.

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We celebrated Harmony Day on Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} March with a whole school assembly. It was wonderful to see students dressed in either their cultural dress or the colour orange to celebrate this occasion. Each class presented information about the country of origin that they had researched and we were treated to performances by the K-2 choir, 3-6 Choir and the Bollywood Dance Group. Thank you to all the parents who attended the parade and to the P&C for organising the BBQ on the day. It was a fantastic day for all.

\textit{The Harmony Day Team}
### Principal Awards

#### Weeks 5 - 9 Term 1 2019

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### Principal Book Awards

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1M National Day of Action Against Bullying

BULLYING. NO WAY!
TAKE A STAND TOGETHER
1P celebrated the diversity of cultures at Wentworthville Public School on Harmony Day, creating a poster about China and dressing up in our traditional cultural dress.

1P and 1G have been busy learning about multiplication and division during maths groups. We have been practising our skip counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s as well as describing the position of items and following simple directions using left and right.
3W students, working in groups of three, represented one country in the South East Asia region to participate in a market, importing and exporting a range of key services and products. Each group (i) Researched the services and products imported and exported by their country (ii) Designed a comprehensive set of exporting cards, in preparation for trade (iii) Engaged in negotiations with neighbouring countries (ix) Executed trade deals, exchanging their exports for imports deemed useful and valuable.
KL - NEWS

KL have been learning about repeated patterns in our Mathematics lessons. Students were able to recognise, describe and draw continue repeated patterns of objects while working in pairs and independently.
Congratulations to the five Wentworthville Public School students who represented our school at the Wentworthville/Seven Hills District PSSA Summer Zone Sports Trials this term. These students qualified due to their outstanding individual and teamwork attributes displayed during Summer PSSA, as well as their sporting journeys external to school.

A special mention to Krish Mehta, who was selected to attend the Western Sydney Cricket Trials, Saravjot Saggu for his qualification at the NSW Tennis Trials and Ali Elmasri for his selection in the Wentworthville/Seven Hills Touch Football team.

Mr Williams
On Thursday 11th April (Term 1 Week 11) Class photos, single photos and sibling photos will be taken. Girls are to be dressed in Summer dress uniform, white socks and black school shoes and boys are to be dressed in grey pants, school shirt, grey socks and black school shoes.

In Term 2, Week 4, Monday 20th May, the Sporting groups and special groups will be taken. This is when the whole school photos will be taken as well. Students are to wear sports uniform – for sporting groups or winter uniform for other groups.

Money envelopes and how to pay

Money envelopes have been sent home and instructions on how to pay is on the envelope. PLEASE PAY THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER DIRECTLY at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au Do not pay through our school system. All envelopes MUST be brought in on the day of the photos Thursday 11th April, Term 1, Week 11 either empty with an online payment receipt number or cash in the envelope. Your teacher will only collect empty envelopes with receipt numbers up until photo day. They will not collect cash.

How to pay

Go to the photographer’s website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the “Click here for online payments” button and follow the on-screen instructions. Or you can call them direct 96749824 and they will take your credit card payment over the phone.

Sibling photos

If you would like sibling photos, you can pick up an envelope at the school office. These photos will be taken on Thursday 11th April (Term 1 Week 11). Please bring in the Sibling photo envelope on the day.

Thank you

Ms Moorhouse
We have a number of students at our school with Anaphylaxis. The school requests families not to place nut products in their child’s lunch box to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at our school. This includes, nuts, Peanut Butter, Nutella, muesli bars containing nuts or any other food or drink containing nut products. Any items brought to school to celebrate a child’s birthday must also be free of nuts. Students are encouraged not to share food or drink bottles to minimise any risk. We ask families to assist with these guidelines.

Just a reminder that if your child has asthma or anaphylaxis then a completed Action Plan must be submitted to the school along with the medication mentioned on the action plan.

**No asthma medication or EpiPens may be kept in student bags.**

Action plans and medications are securely stored in the school office and administered by trained staff where necessary. If your child requires short term medication then a form needs to be filled out at the office with relevant details. Students receiving daily medication due to a condition will have an individual health care plan completed in consultation with parents. If your child attends after school care then you will need to liaise with the centre regarding collection and storage of medication. See the front office if you have further enquiries regarding this.
One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure they attend school every day and arrive on time. The correlation between school attendance and school achievement is well documented.
Research shows that the more time a child spends at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Conversely, late arrival at school through the primary years has been shown to relate to absences during secondary school and reduced success in learning.

When children miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work, they often miss important interactions with their peers. **I have observed many students arriving late at WPS and we as a school want to change this so we can maximise your child’s learning time and improve learning outcomes.**

**Did you know?**
If students miss as little as **eight days** each school term each year, by the end of primary school they will have missed **a year of education**. Half an hour late each day equals five days absence per year.

The Department of Education has updated and strengthened its **Attendance Policy**. Please be aware that:

- Students must arrive at school **by 8.55am** or a partial absence will be recorded on the roll
- Parents must supply an explanation of their child’s whole day or partial absence within 7 days from the first day of their child’s absence period
- “Running late” or “slept in” will not be accepted as explanations of lateness and an unjustified partial absence will be recorded on the roll
- Families who wish to travel during the school term will need to complete an **“Application for Extended Leave”** obtainable from the school office.
- Absences relating to travel will be marked as “Leave” on the roll (if “leave” has been granted by the Principal) and **will contribute to the child’s total absences for the semester indicated on the end-of-semester report**

**Home School Liaison Officers** have been trained to help you with your child’s attendance. They work with school staff and communities to monitor and review attendance on a regular basis. When necessary, Home School Liaison Officers work with families to implement attendance improvement programs to ensure all students are attending school each day.

If your child is experiencing difficulty and they are not attending school on a regular basis, please contact the school on (02) 9631 8529 to discuss attendance issues.

Denise Lockrey
Principal

*Quality teaching to maximise student learning*
**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**
*A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...*

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*Give your child every chance to succeed...*  
*Every day counts!*  

- Stage 1 Australiana Pioneer Village Excursion  
- Stage 3 Homework Help Club  
- Triple P Positive Parenting Program
HARMONY DAY WRAP UP

Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} March was Harmony Day, and the P&C hosted a sausage sizzle fundraiser. A great day was had by all, thank you to all of my helpers – Thushy, (Treasurer) Santhi, (Vice President), Prachi, Catherine, Claire, Tara (Fundraising Co-ordinator and Mr Golden Tongs Bob for all of your effort in putting the day together.

Saturday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March was State Election Day and the P&C did another sausage sizzle thank you to Thushy, Mathu, Santhi, Tara, Bob & Catherine again for your help and support in putting this day together.

Thank you for your support of Blue Day for Autism Awareness on 2nd April.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th} of May – Mother’s Day High Tea – Notes to come home in week 11.

Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} of May – Mother’s Day Stall – notes will come home also in week 11, keep an eye out for the posters around the school showing the gift options for this stall.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April 2019 at 6pm in the School Staff Room. Please come along and find out more about what your P&C does for your school.

Kind regards,

Leanne Keighley
President
Wentworthville Public School P&C
Dear Parents/Carers,

Wentworthville Public School would like to invite you to participate in a parenting program – Triple P, Positive Parenting Program.

We will be holding the group program over six weeks in the Community Room (demountable room – D3) and details are as follows:

Session 1 – Positive Parenting  
Friday 12th April 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Last day Term 1)

Session 2 – Helping Children Develop 1  
Friday 3rd May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 3 – Helping Children Develop 2  
Friday 10th May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 4 – Managing Misbehaviour 1  
Friday 24th May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 5 – Managing Misbehaviour 2  
Friday 31st May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 6 – Planning Ahead  
Friday 7th June 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Triple P helps parents promote their child’s development and communication skills, manage their child’s behaviour and emotions, build a good relationship with their child and take care of themselves as a parent. This is a free 6-week program and participants must attend every week in order to receive the Triple P Level 4 Certificate.

Please indicate below if you are interested in participating and return the slip to the silver box in school office by Friday 5th April 2019. As the numbers are limited, please register your interest early to ensure you don’t miss out.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Lockrey  
Principal

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Helen Huynh  
Community Liaison Officer

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TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM 2019

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Session 3 – Helping Children Develop 2  
Friday 10th May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 4 – Managing Misbehaviour 1  
Friday 17th May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 5 – Managing Misbehaviour 2  
Friday 24th May 2019  
9.15am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Session 6 – Planning Ahead  
Friday 31st May 2019  
9.16am – 11.15am (Term 2)

Interpreter required  
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[ ] no  
Language:  

Parent/Caregiver’s Name:  

Contact phone number:  

Child/Children’s Name:  

Class:  

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The simplest way... to choose foods for the lunch box

Pick one food from each food group:

Breads & Cereals:
rich in carbohydrates, the body’s preferred source of energy – perfect for kids to play and learn all day.

Veggies & Salads:
high in fibre and packed full of vital vitamins and minerals to boost health and help maintain a healthy weight.

Meat & Alternatives:
rich in protein, iron and zinc.

Dairy:
important for growing healthy bones and teeth.

Fruit:
naturally sweet and refreshing the perfect snack for growing bodies.

For simple ideas on foods from each group visit healthylunchbox.com.au
Girls Soccer Players
Aged 9-11 Years

Wenty Saints Soccer club are after girls who are aged 9-11 and want to play soccer on Saturdays in the Parramatta area in an ALL GIRL competition

COME JOIN the FUN

Beginners welcome! Our focus will be fun, skill building and team work.

Cost $100
Season begins 6th April until end of August 2019

To register on line: https://nswcfawst.myclubmate.com.au/myDetails/

If interested please contact
Michael Sydenham ph 0422 846 308
Penny Sydenham Ph: 0411 304 318
Email: eenbellepea.yd@ymail.com
Term Planner – Term 1

Wentworthville Public School - Term 1 2019 as at 19.3.19

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Term 2

- Staff Development Day – Monday April 29 – Teachers only / no students.
- Tuesday April 30 – All students return and commence Term 2 of learning.