

Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING

Term 4 Week 4 2019 Newsletter



From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Last week we met many of our Kindergarten 2020 families at the Parent Information Sessions. Mrs Grant and the staff did a great job in providing much needed information about the school to support incoming families. The three orientation sessions occurring in November will give us a great opportunity in meeting our little people coming in for next year and assist in forming 2020 Kindergarten classes. If you know of families who have not yet enrolled for school next year, can you please remind them to do so as their application are now overdue. This will help us immensely with our forward planning.

Finally - 3rd time it all happened!!! Our annual Athletics carnival **finally occurred** after two false starts with bad weather throughout the year! Well done all the staff and students and families that came and made the albeit hot day, very worthwhile. A lot of activity and energy was utilised on the day and a lot of smiles on faces occurred. Thank you to the teachers who organised the day and ensured smooth operation – 3 times! Thanks also to Pendle Hill HS who enabled us to utilise their facilities.



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Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

Building update!

As you are aware, it's all happening! The Builder- Grindley Constructions are working behind the hoardings getting the site ready for heavy works construction in coming weeks / months for both construction of our new hall (H Block) and new 3 story - 30 classrooms / new library etc (G Block). Thank you to all the community who have coped very well with the closing of a number of entrance gates. We now operate for entry / exit to the school from Gate 1 (Fullagar Road) and Gate 9 (Monash Street).

Special thanks to our families who utilise OshCLub –Before / After school facility. We understand the change of access to the current hall via Monash Street Gate 7 has been different, but we appreciate your ability to cope with this change. The Osh team are very happy with the new facilities and are always available to answer any questions our families may have who utilise this service. Before / After school facility will move into the new hall area when it is completed and the space is handed over.

Some photos of happenings in the last few weeks - these ones show the hoarding going up for the new hall near Yandina!



Opportunity next week –

Come next Thursday November 14 for a Community Information Booth on school site to hear more about the building project. at 2.30pm - 3.30pm at the silver table near COLA /Bubbler area. Come along if you wish to hear more or have questions. Our project Managers MACE will be available to talk with you.



Remember – any important operational matters I need to communicate with you will be on an **orange note** – so keep an eye out for those over the coming year!

Enrolments for 2020 - URGENT FOR PLANNING!

**ENROL
NOW!**

Please note we are taking enrolments K-6 **now** for 2020. As we continue to grow as a school and as more and more units come on line within our school boundary, I need to monitor and manage the number of enrolments for the school very closely. **If you have a child due to commence 2020 in Kindergarten please communicate to this to the front office staff and commence the necessary paperwork.** If you know of friends, family or neighbours who are enrolling I seek your assistance by asking them to present at the office and enrol their children for 2020. Number monitoring for 2020 is critical to ensure I have sufficient staff ready to teach day one next year!!! ☺



2021 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Year 7, 2021 Selective High School placement test will be held on Thursday 12th March 2020.



Selective High Schools are a strategy used by the Department of Education to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students transitioning from Year 6 into high school.

Application for 2021, Year 7 Enrolment in a Selective High School opened online on Tuesday 8th October 2019 and **closes on Monday 11th November, 2019.**

Please ensure any applications are completed online by the closing date as **late applications for Year 7 Selective High Schools 2021 will not be accepted.** Please use the link below to access the online application process. <https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application>

Denise Lockrey – Principal





2020 Forward Planning

Forward planning for 2020 and class placement for 2020

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. In order to allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know that **they won't be returning** to the school next year, to confirm these details as soon as possible. I have included a slip at the end of the newsletter for you to complete and send back to the front office if this scenario applies to you. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation with this matter.

Class placement for 2020 is a complex task that staff invest a lot of time and effort. Parents are welcome to provide written information to Mrs Lockrey (The Principal) **by Friday November 1, 2019** if there are specific needs you think should be taken into consideration about your child /children when considering class placements in 2020. Any information which is delivered to Mrs Lockrey after this date will unfortunately not be able to be considered in class placements for 2020. Consideration to social and emotional needs, academic ability and behaviour can be considered, but no guarantees can be made as staff make determinations which are in the best interest of all attempting to achieve a balance in each class. It is a difficult task which teachers way up very carefully. Parent requests for changes of their child's class will not be considered in 2020 as this is a school management decision and we commit considerable time in formulating the structure for the following year.

✂.....

2019 Leaving slip

Dear Mrs Lockrey,

My child/ children will not be returning to Wentworthville Public School in 2020.

We are moving to..... and will be going to
.....School in 2020.

Student Names:

1. Class in 2019.....
2. Class in 2019.....
3. Class in 2019.....
4. Class in 2019.....

Please return to office as soon as possible to assist in our forward planning.

Thank you for your assistance. Mrs Lockrey

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Name	Class	Name	Class
Santhosh	KS	Aaheli	1L
Kamran	KS	Sivadharshini	2K
Thomas	KD	Suvikha	2K
Fergus	KD	Samanvi	1KG
Krithi	KD	Dev	2K
Zoya	KD	Aagaaz	1P
Om	KD	Vihaan	1L
Saisha	KD	Nishka	2R
Sahejvir	KC	Mouthika	2S
Dilara	KG	Anjaney	1D
Yubi	3W	Shloka	2S
Meghana	4L	Mishel	1KG
Kunal	3M	Rutvi	2N
Atulith	4L	Swara	2N
Jasman	4R	Nived	2S
Anthony	4R	Araaina	1D
Hrehaan	3C	Hajar	3-6G
Hadi	K-3C	Lucas	3-6G
Susmit	4R	Tavishi	5/6M
Olivia	4R	Shubh	5/6B
Sasha	3C	Tanvi	4R
Hasini	3M	Priyanshi	1L



Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition

Wentworthville Public School entered the Hills Public Speaking Competition this year. Students were required to give deliver a prepared and impromptu speech. After a tough in-school competition, Shriyan was selected to represent Year 1 and Ashvik was selected to represent Year 2. Both students were excellent representatives of our school and we are pleased to announce that Ashvik won the Year 2 competition for the region.



Congratulations

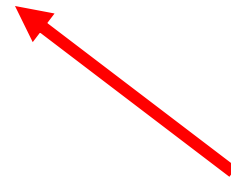


Presentation Day will be on **Tuesday 10th December** at the Redgum Centre in Lane Street.

Years K-2 - 10.00am

Years 3-6 - 12.00pm

All families welcome!



- ★ Year 6 Farewell - Stage 3 students
- ★ Year 2 to Year 3 Transition - all Year 2

1L Project Based Learning



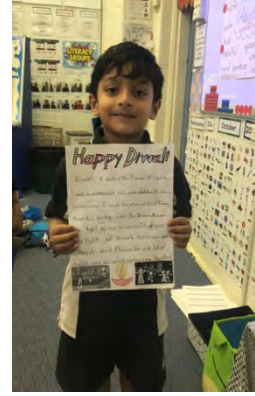
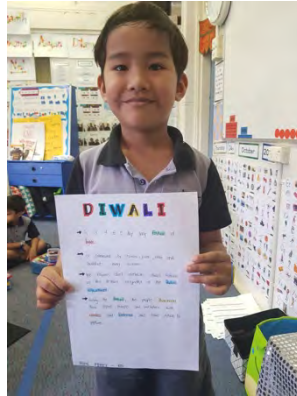
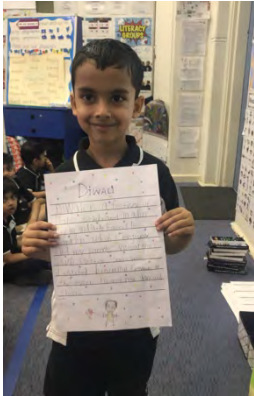
1L were given the task of creating a movie using moviemaker in collaboration with 3W. Students conducted research and worked collaboratively to create characters and scripts that would engage their audience. This involved a number of practice sessions, providing opportunities for students to build on the four Cs: Creativity, Collaboration, Critical thinking, and Communication.



What's been happening in KG??

We have been learning about public speaking.

Each week we have a different topic to present to the class. We are trying to use a good speaking voice, stand still and make eye contact with the audience. The audience is then trying to think of questions relevant to the topic to ask the speaker.



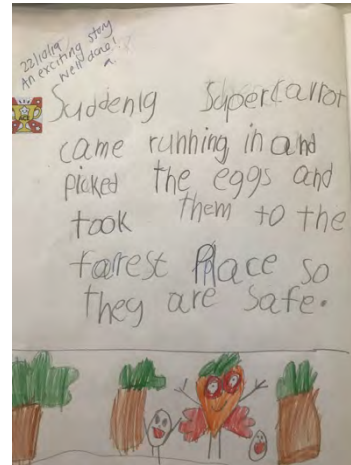
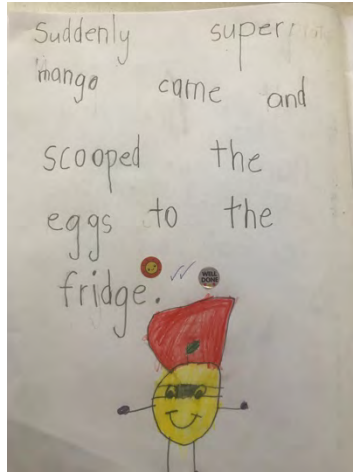
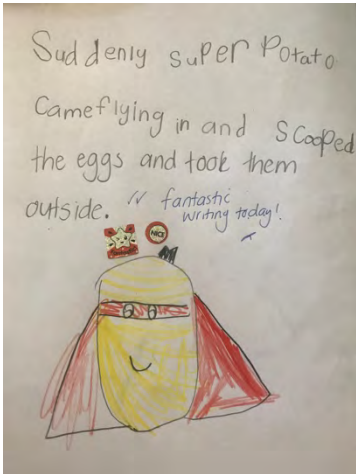
Sports and Fitness

We love playing outside games with the class and are learning a range of skills to keep us fit and healthy. Our focus this semester has been on balance, catch, leap and sprint run.



Writing

We have been working so hard this year on learning letter formations, phonemes and how to blend them together to make words. We are now enjoying writing in the classroom on a range of different topics using our knowledge and skills.



Parents Visit to KG Classroom

At the end of Term 3, we welcomed the parents of KG into the classroom and we did some fun activities with them. We had a great time collaboratively working with each other. We made bridges and paper hats.



Stage 3 Celebration of learning



Nat Amooore Visit – Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire

What an amazing author visit from Nat Amooore who is the author of “Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire.” The students created a fantastic display and enjoyed her entertaining performance. We even had a visit from Senior Constable Elie El-Jammal.









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P and C Community Gala Day Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 5th December 2019

6/11/2019

Dear Parents/Careers

The Wentworthville Public School P and C committee are very kindly supporting the Year Six students with their Gala day. The P and C will be running a **Sausage Sizzle** and **bottle of water combo** prior to the start of Gala day for students of Wentworthville P.S. All money raised from the sausage sizzle will go towards the Year Six gift for the school. The Gala day sausage sizzle will be ready from 10.30am to 11.05am for all K-6 students.

We will be pre-ordering the sausages and bread so please ensure that you get your order in on time. We will be selling the sausage sizzle with a bottle of water as a combo for the cost of just \$5.

Simply complete the order form below with full payment, in a **sealed envelope** and place in the 'Sausage sizzle box' located in the school office by **8:55am** Tuesday 26th November, 2019.

Please note: We will only be accepting cash payments for the sausage sizzle orders. No online POP payments. Please fill in one order form per child.


Denise Lockrey

Principal


Gareth Warren

Assistant Principal

Cut off and return to the 'Sausage sizzle' box located in the office by Tuesday 26th November 2019

Gala Day Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 5th December 2019
Cash only payments
Please fill in one order form per child

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

I would like to order (please tick sausage type and indicate number required)

- Halal beef sausages (How many _____)
- Chicken sausages (How many _____)
- Vegetarian sausages (How many _____)

Total amount of sausage sizzles + water combos (How many _____)

Total payment of \$_____ is enclosed. \$5 per combo

Signed: _____



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**Parent Meeting/Workshop Schedule
Term 4 - 2019**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wentworthville Public School would like to invite parents to participate in the following meetings and workshops. The details are as follows:

Dates	Venue	Time	Topic
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Monday 21 October 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	NAPLAN - Understanding Your Child's Report
Monday 28 October 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	Selective High School Placement Test Workshop
Monday 4 November 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	Helping Your Child with Shapes and Objects
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Monday 18 November 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	Transition to High School
Monday 25 November 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	Schooling in NSW
Monday 2 December 2019	TBA	TBA	End of Year Celebration

Helen Huynh, Community Liaison Officer will be at Wentworthville Public School on Monday every week, from 8.30am to 3.30pm. She is available for any discussion our parents would like to have about community engagement and services that she can provide to support our parents in any way.

Please indicate on the slip below if you are interested in participating in the information session and return the slip to the School Office by Monday 14 October 2019.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and workshops.

Yours sincerely,



Denise Lockrey
Principal

Helen Huynh
Community Liaison Officer



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Interpreter required Yes No Language: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____ Contact phone number: _____

Wentworthville Public School- Term 4 2019 as at 8.11.19

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
	October 7 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
4	November 4	November 5 School Tour 10am	November 6 Year 5 Interrelate Session 2 <i>Newsletter</i> P&C Mtg 6pm	November 7 Athletics Carnival No 3 Rescheduled event at Pendle Hill HS <i>Xenontech</i>	November 8 Summer PSSA	November 9 & 10
5	November 11 Swimming Scheme – Week 1-> Remembrance Day Ceremony	November 12	November 13 Year 5 Interrelate Session 1	November 14 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 9.30-10.45am <i>Xenontech</i>	November 15 Summer PSSA	November 16 & 17
6	November 18 Swimming Scheme – Week 2->	November 19	November 20 Year 5 Interrelate Session 3 <i>Newsletter</i> SLSO Network Mtg.@WPS 3.30 - 4.45pm	November 21 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 9.30-10.45am <i>Xenontech</i>	November 22 Summer PSSA	November 23 & 24
7	November 25	November 26 Kindergarten Orientation Session 3 1-2.15pm	November 27 Teaching Staff Twilight Session at WPS	November 28 Stage 3 2-3pm Film Premier (Parents invited) Stage 3 classrooms <i>Xenontech</i>	November 29 Happy Club Visit	November 30 Dec 1

8	December 2	December 3 High School Orientation Day Yr 6 to Yr 7 SRC Event SRE Christmas Assembly	December 4 <i>Newsletter</i> Rosehill Special Christmas Party P&C Mtg 6pm	December 5 Community Gala Day Middle Session 11.30- 2pm Gala day Disco <i>Xenontech</i>	December 6 School Tour 2pm	December 7 & 8
	December 9 Yr 6 Farewell at Wenty Leagues	December 10 Presentation Day K-2 3-6	December 11	December 12 HAL Network Mtg @ WPS <i>Xenontech</i>	December 13 P&C Christmas Satll	December 14 & 15
10	December 16	December 17	December 18 Last Day of school year for Students Year 6 Clap Out Assembly 2pm <i>Newsletter</i>	December 19 No Students Staff Development Day 4 <i>Xenontech</i>	December 20 No Students Staff Development Day 45	December 21 & 22
	Holidays					

Term 1, 2020

- **Staff Development Day Tuesday January 28 –NO STUDENTS**
- **Wednesday January 29 –All students Years 1 -6 and new enrolments arrive (summer uniform)**
- **Kindergarten Best Start Days –Wednesday January 29, Thursday January 30 and Friday January 31**
 - **All Kindergarten cohort commence Monday February 3, 2020**



The simplest way

... to use spring vegetables.

Fruit and vegetables are tastiest and cheapest when they are in season.



During Spring, mandarins, pineapples, berries, asparagus, cucumber, green beans, zucchini, mushrooms and peas are all in season.

Here are some fruit and veg filled, spring ideas:

- [Green frittata](#)
- [Fattoush salad](#)
- [Moroccan lentil salad](#)
- [Tofu Korma](#)
- [Zucchini and turmeric salmon patties](#)
- [Healthy banana split pots](#)
- [Yoghurt rice pudding](#)
- [Frozen fruit puree](#)

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The simplest way

... to know when sun protection is required.

UV is not like the sun's light which we see, or the sun's warmth which we feel. Our senses cannot detect UV so it can be damaging without us knowing.



When UV is 3 or above you need to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, and SLIDE!

Go to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au/resources to download our free resources to document your local daily sun protection times and help you implement best-practice sun protection.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



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a phone
call away**

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OPEN SCHOOL DAYS
9am - 3pm during school terms

The Learning Difficulties Parent Helpline is a
Parent / Health / Education initiative supported by NSW DEC

Helpline

provides support and advocacy to parents whose children have learning difficulties, and information to teachers, other professionals and members of the community interested in the field of learning difficulties.

- ✂ register of workshops in NSW relating to all areas of LD
- ✂ an extensive referral register to assist you in finding resources
- ✂ advice regarding the resources available within the school systems
- ✂ contact with your nearest parent support group
- ✂ booklists and websites
- ✂ handout information on LD and ADHD and co-morbid conditions
- ✂ booklets and informative articles on topics in this field

Membership brings benefits of:

- ✓ Fortnightly emails of current news and articles relating to Learning Difficulties
- ✓ Quarterly Newsletter
- ✓ A discounted entry to LDC Seminars
- ✓ A discount on LDC Resources

The LDC represents support organisations covering Learning Difficulties, Reading Disorders, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Tourette Syndrome, Dyspraxia, Anxiety Disorder, and more.

The Helpline is co-ordinated by
Learning Difficulties Coalition of NSW Inc.

PLAYGROUP



is back

AT WENTWORTHVILLE
PUBLIC SCHOOL



STARTING WEDNESDAY
4TH SEPTEMBER 2019
AND EVERY FOLLOWING
WEDNESDAY OF THE SCHOOL TERM
IN THE COMMUNITY
ROOM



TIME: 9.30AM TILL
11.30 AM



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insights



Helping your child avoid being cyberbullied

by Martine Oglethorpe

Cyberbullying of children and teenagers is one of the greatest fears facing parents today. The thought of their child being subjected to heinous words, threats to their physical safety, as well as their social and emotional wellbeing, is something no parent wants their child to experience.

Most of the bullying behaviours we now see are happening from behind a keyboard, playing out in social media feeds and gaming chat rooms. It is little wonder parents feel overwhelmed and out of their depth, especially when for most, online is an environment that is relatively unfamiliar.

So what can we do to help our kids avoid these types of behaviours, as well as give them the skills to deal with cyberbullying behaviours should they be exposed?

Remind them of all of the things they have control over

While it may not feel like it, we have a lot of control over what happens online. We can determine who we talk to, what we ignore, what we share, how we comment, who we follow, who we block or hide from our feeds. All of that, helps us determine who is allowed to play a role in our online experiences and ultimately what behaviours we accept on our feeds

Give your child time away from the screens

Everyone needs a break from screens. We want to encourage regular times when a child doesn't need to be tethered to their device. Building a wider community away from the screens helps a child or teen build their sense of self worth. Keeping devices away from the dinner table also gives them a break from being socially switched on and allows the to connect with family without a device. Removing devices at night helps their active brains to switch off, and prepare for sleep.

Role play possible responses

Discuss with your child whether whether they should respond to bullying or nasty online comments, If they do, then consider how they could respond. Consider the statements or types of people they ignore, block or report.

Regularly check the privacy settings

Every app, game and social network has a settings button that enables you to determine how positive an experience your child can have on that platform and how much control they have. Visit these settings regularly to look at the options available

While nothing is guaranteed particularly when it comes to the online world, we can certainly be taking steps to help our kids. We can give them skills, encourage positive behaviours and thinking that allow them to minimise their exposure to the bullying behaviours of others.

If your child is being cyberbullied you can also access the reporting tool at esafety.gov.au



Martine Oglethorpe

Martine Oglethorpe is an accredited speaker with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and has presented to numerous parent groups, schools and teachers. She is a speaker, counsellor and educator with a passion for building resilient kids in a digital world. Contact details: info@martineoglethorpe.com.au, themodernparent.net, facebook.com/themodernparent