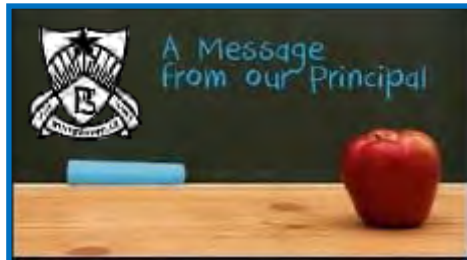


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QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING

Term 4 Week 6 2019 Newsletter

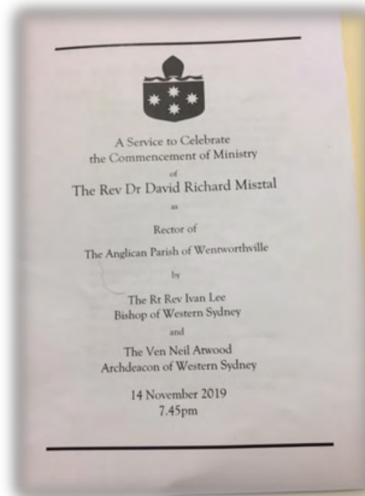


From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

Community Event

I received a lovely invitation as the Principal to attend Wentworthville Anglican Church celebration of the induction of The Rev Dr David Misztal on 14th November to the church. We value the ministry work the parish conducts with various roles, with particular SRE service to our school. We wish David and his wife Christy all the very best as they settle in to the great community of Wentworthville!



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Student Portal: <http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au>

Remembrance Day



On Sunday November 10 Mrs Eastwood and her children and our wonderful leaders and their families represented our school by attending the Remembrance Day service at Merrylands. Our leaders prepared a wonderful speech and delivered it beautifully about what Remembrance Day means to them.



They kindly shared their message with all the school at assembly on the Monday after the event.
Well done leaders!



Thank you Morning Tea - Tuesday December 3



We value all the assistance we get throughout the year from our parents and community. On Tuesday December 3 at 10.30am the staff will be catering for a thank you morning tea for our wonderful parents and citizens who contribute and support us throughout the year. It is a small way we can say a BIG THANK YOU to you all. Please put the date in the diary and we hope you can join us on the day! A note will be coming home this week.



Building update!



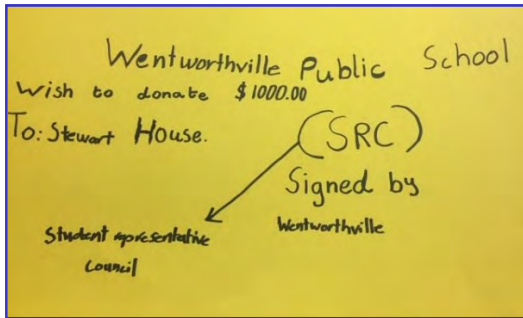
Demolition preparation and building of new temporary ramp for A Block access to hall area



Our recent Information Booth to keep parents up to date!



Wonderful SRC supporting Stewart House!



The wonderful SRC at Wentworthville PS held a disco in Term 3 and the funds raised from this disco came to \$1000. What a huge effort and the funds are going to an excellent charity that supports students from all around the state of NSW. Thank you to the students and families who participated in the disco and supported Stewart House. Special thanks to the SRC organising and supervising teachers who made the evening happen!



Denise Lockrey – Principal



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!



- ★ Presentation Day—walking to Redgum Centre note (all students)
- ★ Thank you Morning Tea invite



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

Congratulations!



Name	Class	Name	Class
Dhaanvika	KG	Misheeta	2N
Ahana	KG	Afaaq	2R
Induma	KA	Tejaswin	2R
Avyan	KG	Vincy	2N
Ruthvikaa	KC	Soumili	2K
Elyas	KM	Dhruva	2N
Samanyu	K-3C	Sahana	2S
Shloka	3M	Advaith	2K
Rucha	3C	Hasan	2N
Guneet	4G	Saarth	1G
Shloka	3M	Hidursh	2K
Batool	3M	Khushi	2R
Vihaan	2/3H	Dev	2K
Sadaf	3M	Saadgi	1KG
Deng	4L	Jonathan	2N
Joahan	4L	Vihaan	2D
Rouba	4L	Naunihal	1L
Tulika	5/6M	Dhanika	1KG
Rupika	5/6M	***	***
Jheel	5/6B	***	***



PRINCIPAL BOOK AWARDS

Weeks 1-6 Term 4 2019



Name	Class	Name	Class
Samnvi Seri	3W	Suchita Nithyanandan	1L
Nishka Mehta	2R	Gauri Anu	3M
Daniel Haidari	2K	Aadhav Pandidurai	4L
Brianna Patel	1L	Abinav Ayer	2K
Aaheli Mal	1L	Ajan Balasubramaniam	2N
Tanay Mohanta	3M	Suvikha Sri Kattamudi	2K
Shadan Alam	K-3C	Nirthika Nimalsiri	2S
Easan Hemachandran	1L	Jasman Kaur	4R

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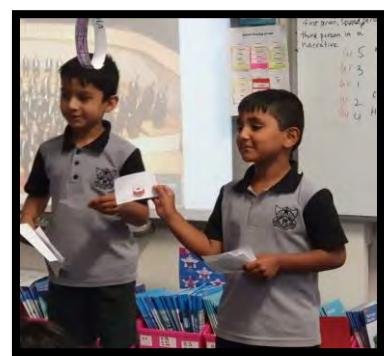
Have a look at what 3C are doing!

3C have been involved in various Project Based Learning Sessions for Science and History throughout year. They have been working collaboratively with their groups during these sessions. 3C are always very excited to go to the laptop lab during this time. They have enjoyed all the topics and projects they have worked on during the year. They were happy with the final product. At the end of each Project students will be given the opportunity to present their findings to their peers and other stages in the school.



3C have also been learning about angles this Semester and worked cooperatively to draw and measure various angles using a protector. They were engaged in this activity and helped each other within their group. They were very proud of their achievements.





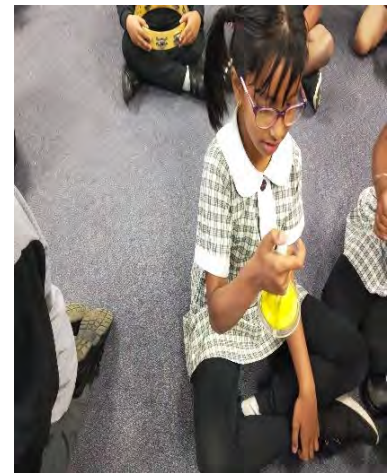
1M and 1D Team Teaching

In Term 4, 1M and 1D worked collaboratively to explore musical concepts by playing and investigating a range of percussion instruments. Students enjoyed the challenge of exploring how elements such as tempo, volume and rhythm can influence the meaning of music. The musical knowledge and skills gained assisted students in performing in a class orchestra.



Newsletter Item 2R

This semester 2R has been busy learning to play music using body percussion, percussion instruments and self-made sound sources. They enjoyed exploring different ways of making sounds on instruments or sound sources. Students discussed the different ways that sounds are produced and can be changed. They are learning how to work together while improving their hand-eye coordination.





*please
join us*



Morning Tea

To all our parent and community helpers who have volunteered their time to support our school community at Wentworthville PS We would like to invite you to our annual morning tea on:

Date: Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Wentworthville Public School Community Room

Thank you for all your support in 2019
From all the staff and students at
Wentworthville Public
School.

Please RSVP the school office on 9631 8529.
By Monday 2nd December 2019.





WENTWORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL Creative & Performing Arts Showcase

Join us for an afternoon of performances!



Thursday, 12 December 2019
Wentworthville Public School COLA
2pm- 2:50pm

In the event of wet weather, the performance afternoon will be cancelled. Notification will be made via Sentral Parent portal app.

Performance groups include:

Bollywood dance groups, Junior and Senior
Dance groups, Musical groups -Choir, Ukulele &
Recorders.



Telephone: 9631 8529
9631 8492

Fax: 9896 3079

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
Monday 14 October 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	Helping Your Child Build Comprehension Skills
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
Monday 11 November 2019	Community Room	9.00 am - 10.00 am	Developing Social Skills for Children
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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Term 4 - 2019**

Please tick 'Yes' below to indicate your interest to participate in any of these workshops **and return this page to the School Office by Monday 14 October 2019.**

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Interpreter required Yes No Language: _____

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

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities? What if my child has to be away from school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within **7** days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within **2** days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court
- Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and
Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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STARTING WEDNESDAY
4TH SEPTEMBER 2019
AND EVERY FOLLOWING
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IN THE COMMUNITY
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TIME: 9.30AM TILL
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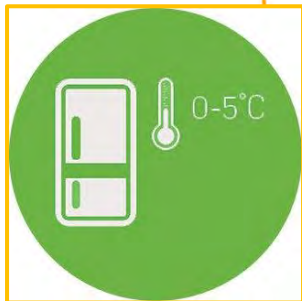


The simplest way

... to keep food safe in summer.

Foods such as meat, fish, poultry and eggs; cooked pasta, noodles and rice; and dairy items such as milk, yoghurt, custard and cheese need to be kept very cold.

- Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep food cold in the lunch box.
- Freeze items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, and home-made muffins. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.
- If preparing lunches the night before, store in the fridge or freezer.
- Don't store food in an insulated bag in the fridge, it stops the cold air reaching the food.
- For food that has just been cooked, cool it in the fridge overnight before packing.



Term 4 Planner

Wentworthville Public School - Term 4 2019 as at 20.11.19						
Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
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 SRC Event 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 SRE Christmas Assembly Thank you Morning Tea 10.30 am in the Community Room	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
9	December 9 Yr 6 Farewell at Wenty Leagues	December 10 Presentation Day K-2 3-6	December 11	December 12 HAL Network Mtg @ WPS Celebrating the Arts Event <i>Xenontech</i>	December 13 P&C Christmas Stall	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



insights

Spending time with kids: How much is enough?

by Dr Jodi Richardson



The need to spend time with their parents differs for different kids. For some, there's no end to the time they'd spend with you. However, other kids feel differently. There's no right answer.

I'm fortunate to have the flexibility that allows me to spend a great deal of time with my children. However, my nine year old daughter wants to spend more time with me. My eleven year old son, on the other hand, is content either way.

Australia ranks first

According to a recent study Australian parents rank number one among OECD countries (including most of Europe, North America, the UK and Finland) when it comes to spending time with their kids. The lion's share of this time is still invested by mums, but Australian dads are ahead of those from many other countries, averaging around 70 minutes a day with their children.

The source of misplaced parental guilt

According to research published in the Journal of Marriage and Family, not spending enough time with children is the biggest source of parental guilt in Australia.

The researchers also found that it's quality, not quantity of time children spend with parents that's important for their emotional wellbeing, achievement and behaviour for kids aged 3-11 years. The researchers concluded that volume of time doesn't matter. It's much more important how time is spent with your children when you are together. This in no way advocates for absentee parenting. It's about making the most of the family time you have and reducing feelings of stress for you if you can't be around as much as you'd like to be.

Here are some ideas to help make sure you optimise the time you spend with your kids:

- Create a tradition of one-on-one time with each of your kids around an activity that you both enjoy, such as a cafe catch up over a milkshake, shooting hoops or playing a favourite board game
- Read regularly to each other, as these are special times of connection, especially in bed at night
- Eat meals together as a family so you can all catch up and connect – this is worth its weight in gold when it comes to quality time
- Pay attention to your children, watching for cues that they're in need of extra time with you
- Adolescents benefit from spending extra time with their parents. Through interactions with their parents

teenagers can learn to make better decisions about their health, improve their academic achievement and experience better wellbeing

- Take an interest in their interests. Connect with your children through the activities that they value such as music, sport or games, even if they aren't hobbies you don't normally enjoy. Your kids will appreciate you making the effort and will respond accordingly
- Be present when you're with your kids. Research shows our minds can wander up to 47% of the time when we are with our loved ones. If you're present with our kids, you won't miss out on nearly half of that precious time.

Be mindful of the importance of unstructured time for kids. That is, time they spend playing alone or with siblings and friends. Play is essential for our kids' wellbeing and development. Play changes as our kids grow up but as long as whatever they're doing is child-led, it's play. This is the time to leave them to it.



Dr Jodi Richardson

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