

Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING

Term 1 Week 2 2020 Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!



2020

From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Welcome back to our new school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families who are joining us at Wentworthville Public School for the first time. We hope that during 2020 and your time with us you will have the time to join in many of our school activities and partner with us as we educate your child. I will be submitting the school numbers for 2020 this week and we are hoping to have over 720 students enrolled at WPS! With all the building being conducted throughout the community we expect to grow further throughout the year.

Kindergarten arrived on Monday despite the rain!



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



It was terrific to meet so many of our new Kindergarten families on Monday and the students were so very settled. The Kindergarten staff and support teachers have been working well to ensure a smooth start to their schooling at Wentworthville.

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Wentworthville PS 2020 class structure

29 mainstream classes and 3 MC support unit classes for students with disabilities. We are continuing to monitor movement in and out of the school. At this stage this is the structure we are working with.

Executive Staff

Principal

Mrs Denise Lockrey

Deputy Principal / Year 2 Supervisor

Mrs Tania Di Chio

Relieving Deputy Principal / Year 1 Supervisor

Mrs Tareena Eastwood

Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal

Mrs Gina Grant

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Assistant Principal

Mr Gareth Warren

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Assistant Principal

Mrs Clare Rafidi

Support Classes - Relieving Assistant Principal Support

Ms Mandy Moorhouse



CLASS	NAME
KG	Mrs Gina Grant
KA	Ms Arosha Bamunuarachchige
KU	Miss Miethushana Useelananthan
KC	Mrs Elizabeth Connolly Borg
KL	Ms Bruna Lisciotto
KD	Ms Clara Sanchez (M-Th) / Kirrilly Dabinett (F)
1S	Mrs Darshana Shah
1R	Ms Rebecca Smith
1D	Miss Rebecca Drewery
1K	Miss Jasleen Kaur
1P	Ms Patricia Martelli
1A	Mrs Adriana Ripper
2H	Mr Mark Hobor
2L	Mrs Lyndy McMahan
2A	Miss Alicia Marchant
2C	Miss Marie Chamoun
2M	Mr Stuart Middleton
3S	Mrs Renu Sachdeva
3M	Mrs Shalini Mohanaraj
3K	Mr Bradley Kranenburg
3/4W	Mr Luke Williams
4O	Miss Alana O'Sullivan
4G	Mrs Shiler Goran
4L	Ms Jenny Lee
5/6R	Mrs Clare Rafidi
5/6W	Mr Michael Wong-See
5/6B	Mrs Fiona Boersma
5/6G	Mr Mitchell Gilson
5/6N	Ms Jocelyn Ly
K-6C	Ms Shantelle Camilleri
K-6M	Ms Brittany McDermid
K-6G	Mrs Noni Gladden



2020

Support Staff	
RFF Support	Ms Mandy Moorhouse
QTSS	Mr James Sharp
T/Lib	Mrs Melinda Hall
ICT RFF	Mr Gareth Warren
EALD Lit/Num	Mrs Terry Kouros
LAST	Mrs Chandra Singh
EAL/D	Mrs Amanda Smit (Th Fr)
SFLM	Mrs Anu Paul
EAL/D Lib RFF	Mrs Rayan Zeidan (Wed and Fri)
EAL/D	Ms Angela Janmaat (5days)
EAL/D	Mrs Navjot Gill (5 days)
EAL/D	Mr Mike Matheson (5 days)
EAL/D	Mrs Deena Kamoda (5 days)
NAP	Mrs Meeta Saxena (5 days)
EAL/D	Mrs Caroline Hatter (Mon Tues Wed)
RFF	Mrs Joka Gojkovic
RFF	Mrs Sharon Ezzy
School Psychologist	Janice Lam (Tues,Wed, Fri)
SPE	Ms Jasmine Bozic
Community Engagement Officer	Ms Helen Huynh (community Liaison officer) Monday and Tuesday
ADMIN SUPPORT	
SAM	Mrs Lynn Deuis (5days)
SAO	Mrs Leslei Sargent (5days)
SAO	Mrs Nancy Khanlu (5days)
SAO	Mrs Sue Fong
GA	Mr Mark Wiles
Permanent SLSO	Mrs Denice Bates, Mrs Sue English
TEMP SLSO	Mrs Mary Vijila Justin Paulraj 5 days Mrs Helen Brticevic 5 days Mrs Helen Paine Mon and Tuesday) Ms Judy Abdallah (Wed, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Neenu Philip Mon - Thurs



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Formation of classes

Each year our school enrolments determine the need to form composite or multi-age classes in some years. Our approach to this is guided by:

- ◆ The number of students enrolled in a year and where they cannot be accommodated in a single year class
- ◆ When placing students into composite or multi-year classes the school gives consideration to factors about each student such as work habits, friendship groups and capacity to be an independent worker.

Careful forward planning at the end of each year occurs with staff in preparing the next year classes.

Regarding class placement, we are always happy to talk to parents, however, the placement of students into classes is not something that is changed upon parent request. It is the school's responsibility to determine class placement.



Building update!

Things are happening and parts of A Block are coming down!

We have relocated 5 classes temporarily during the separation of the tower

of A block and these classes should be back

operating as normal in a couple of weeks. This is a safety decision.

Thanks to all the staff and students of the Stage 2 classes who

are normally in A Block for their flexibility during this time.



There is something new to see every day! Mrs Di Chio and Mr Wiles and I have a weekly meeting with the Grindley Site Manager Andrew Beard to discuss various matters and the staff have a briefing Building Meeting every Monday morning.

There are some new desks in the Admin area to accommodate more Administration staff.

You will now see Mrs Deuis in the front office area and the team working together to support the smooth running of the school.



Denise Lockrey - Principal

STUDENT LEADERS 2020

CONGRATULATIONS

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Captains

Neel Patel

Neeti Patel

Student Leaders

Zac Abraham

Shreyas Thakare

Le'ole Leka

Lakshmi Rajadurai

Anna Alfred

Simona Pradhan

House Captains

Lawson Girls

Girl House Captain for Lawson 2020: Rukaiya Masri

Girl House Vice Captain for Lawson 2020: Tavishi Fotedar

Lawson Boys

Boy House Captain for Lawson 2020: Michael Olapido Iyinbor

Boy House Vice Captain for Lawson 2020: Bhanu Sharma

Gordon Girls

Girl House Captain for Gordon 2020: Monica Chiong

Girl House Vice Captain for Gordon 2020: Parmeet Kaur

Gordon Boys

Boy House Captain for Gordon 2020: Priyansh Gandhi

Boy House Vice Captain for Gordon 2020: Taysir Alam

Paterson Girls

Girl House Captain for Paterson 2020: Sanvi Medam

Girl House Vice Captain for Paterson 2020: Maryam Tahir

Paterson Boys

Boy House Captain for Paterson 2020: Madhi Moradi

Boy House Vice Captain for Paterson 2020: Balaji Suraparaju

Kendall Girls

Girl House Captain for Kendall 2020: Aurchisha Kundu

Girl House Vice Captain for Kendall 2020: Aanya Mittal

Kendall Boys

Boy House Captain for Kendall 2020: Anuruddh Yadav

Boy House Vice Captain for Kendall 2020: Sountharikan Thirukkumaran

ES1 (Kindergarten) Report

In 2020, we have enrolled about 114 kindergarten students and formed 6 classes.

May I extend a very warm welcome to all new families to the school and to also welcome back our existing families who now have another child starting big school. All students have happily and smoothly settled into Kindergarten and are becoming more familiar with school routines. The children have settled well into their classes and are keen to engage in their learning programs and focus on being a learner at WPS.



This term, some things to look forward to will be working with our buddies, Harmony Day, Clean Up Australia Day, Kindergarten Dance and Sport, School Photos, visiting the library and using the computers and iPads. This term we will begin Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Lessons. The SEL lessons give children the opportunity interact with puppet friends, whilst learning self-awareness, social awareness and social decision-making skills to build resilience and perseverance.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with our students' parents on Tuesday the 18th of February at our meet the teacher night. We will present and hand out relevant information needed for your children to have a really great start to the term.

We love having parent helpers in Kindergarten, so if you would like to be a helper please see your child's teacher to complete the 100 point identification check at the school office.

Mrs Gina Grant
Assistant Principal – ES1



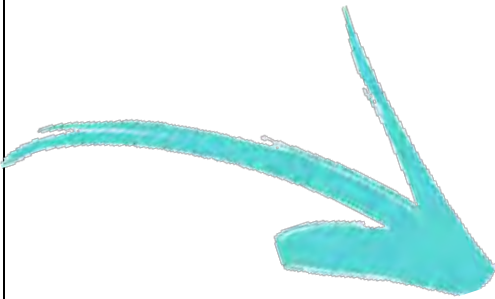
Uniforms Needed

Parents and caregivers

If you have previously worn uniforms at home that you no longer need and would like to donate them to the school, then please drop them off at the school office.

Your donation is appreciated.

Ms Moorhouse



- ★ WPS Parent Information Session and Welcome Sausage Sizzle note – all students
- ★ Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival note – Years 3-6 students
- ★ Kindergarten requirements
- ★ K-2 Got It! Program Surveys



Got It!

(Getting On Track In Time!)

Helping parents and children to work together to improve difficult behaviour.

Got It! is a new program supported by the NSW Department of Health, and the NSW Department of Education. Wentworthville Public School has been offered a place in this exciting new program.

The *Got It!* team with a small group of children in Year 1 and Year 2 and their parents, who are experiencing difficulty with disruptive behaviour at home or at school. The program will give families the opportunity to be part of a fun and supportive group that can improve family relationships and help parents deal with difficult behaviours.

Challenging and anti-social behaviour often causes problems in many areas of a child's life. It can also be stressful for their family, friends and community.

Sadly, these children can often be seen as 'naughty', rather than as children who are struggling with organising their thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

Got It! aims to give support and practical help to children and their families, and also to support the school community to help children get the most out of the opportunities available to them.

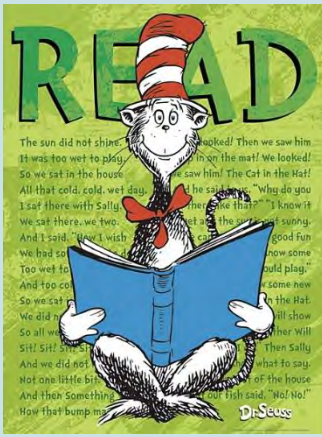
The *Got It!* team is looking forward to working with Wentworthville Public School, and would like to thank the whole school community in advance your commitment to improving the well being of children and families here at Wentworthville PS.

On February 4, 2020 Year 1 and 2 parents attended an information session led by the *Got It!* team about the *Got It!* program and emotion coaching.



All families in Year 1 and 2 will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Please help us by returning the questionnaire by **Thursday 21st February** to the class teacher. This is [available to print from the school website](#).

Please direct any specific enquiries to Ms Di Chio.



Library

Students are encouraged to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.



Information about the challenge will be put in the school newsletter.



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BOOK WEEK 2020

DATES: 22 - 28 AUGUST 2020

During Library lessons Stage 3 students will be involved in creating a 'Book Festival' to celebrate Book week. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character for the Festival.



WHITNEY and BRITNEY
CHICKEN DIVAS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
Wednesday 27 May 2020 www.alia.org.au/nss #NSS2020 #1MillionKidsReading



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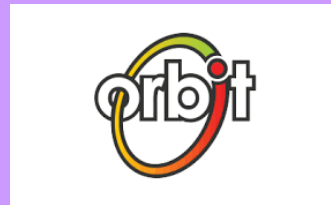
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Students engage in weekly 1-hour Library lessons with their class.

During the lessons students are encouraged to borrow and return books. The Teacher Librarian will assist students with selecting books that promote continued reading development and books of interest that foster reading for pleasure. Students require a library bag to borrow.

The Library's teaching and learning programs focus on the students' development of Information literacy skills. Students will engage in a wide range of learning experiences including author studies, research projects, creative and critical thinking tasks and reading and listening to a range of quality literature.

Students engage in library skill activities and engage in online activities using the Library catalogue website called Oliver Library.



Oliver Library is a web-based learning, teaching, information and library management tool that can be accessed through the DEC Portal. It delivers 24/7 access to your school library resources.

Focus on Reading Strategies are part of the Libraries teaching and learning Programs.

<p>Predicting</p> <p>I can use clues to guess what the text might be about or what might happen next.</p>	<p>Connecting</p> <p>I can use what I already know and connect it to new ideas from the text.</p>	<p>Summarising</p> <p>I can think about what the main idea is or what important things happened in the text.</p>
<p>Inferring</p> <p>I can think about what the text tells me and add my own ideas to make an inference.</p>	<p>Visualising</p> <p>I can create a picture in my head about what is happening in the text.</p>	<p>Questioning</p> <p>I can ask myself questions before, during and after I read.</p>

Guided Inquiry Design Process

	Invitation to Inquiry Open Minds Stimulate Curiosity
	Build background knowledge Connect to content Discovering interesting ideas
	Explore interesting ideas Look around Dip in
	Pause and ponder Identify inquiry question Decide direction
	Gather important information Go broad Go deep
	Reflect on learning Go beyond facts to make meaning Create to communicate
	Learn from each other Share learning Tell your story
	Evaluate achievement of learning goals Reflect on content Reflect on process

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-- Dr. Seuss



The library is open each day during first break.

Lunch Time Activities include;

Quiet reading

Computers

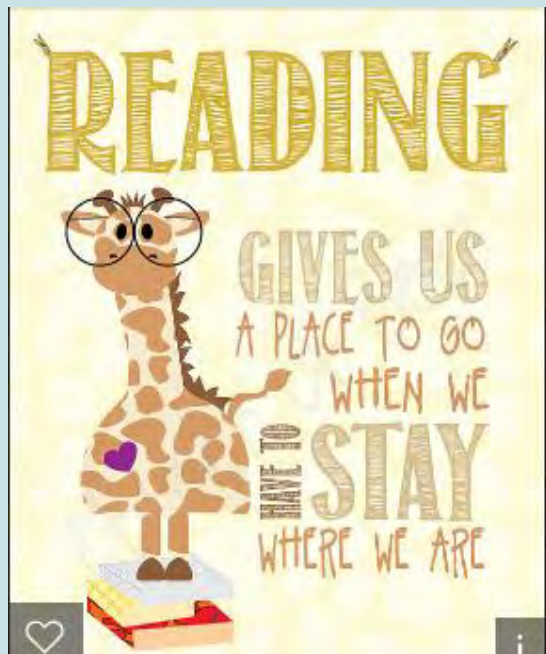
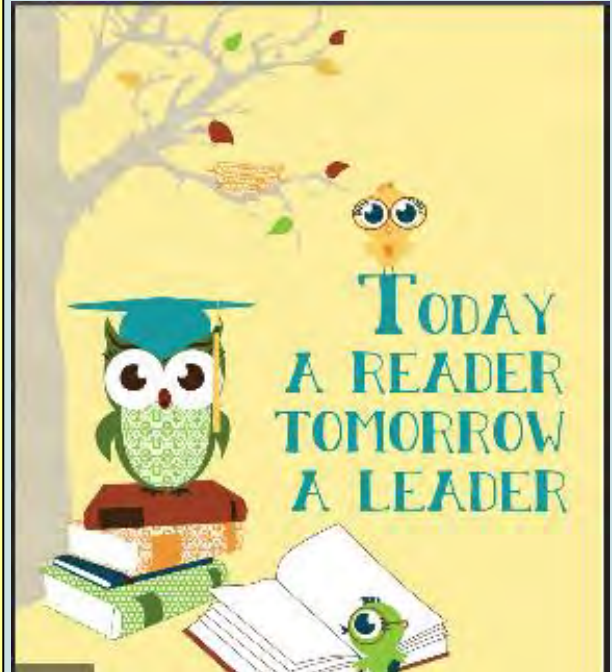
Puzzles

Drawing

Origami

Board Games

Construction activities like Lego.



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Book Club

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for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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Wentworthville Public School

Creative and Performing Arts

Creative and Performing Arts 2019-2020

Wentworthville Public School (WPS) supports the development of all students' creative and performing arts skills. WPS recognises that individual students have talents and interests in these areas and provide opportunities for growth and development in this area of students' self- development.

WPS has many talented groups that work together to develop skills through weekly practises and provides these groups with a variety of performance opportunities within the school community and within the broader community.

Wentworthville Public School Creative and Performing Arts Groups

- ❖ *Senior Recorder and Junior Recorder Groups*
- ❖ *Senior Choir and Junior Choir*
- ❖ *Kindy Dance Group*
- ❖ *Stage 1 Dance Group*
- ❖ *Stage 2 Dance Group*
- ❖ *Stage 3 Dance Group*
- ❖ *Boys Dance Group*
- ❖ *Bollywood Stars Group*
- ❖ *Bollywood Divas Group*
- ❖ *Bollywood Juniors*
- ❖ *Art Group*
- ❖ *Drama Group*
- ❖ *Drumming Group*
- ❖ *Ukulele Group*



It is important that our talented students have a variety of opportunities to showcase their talents. Our school is working towards the goal of participating in a wider range of external performances and are actively auditioning for positions in these events.

External Performance Opportunities currently involved in:

'Celebrating the Arts' held at Riverside Theatre- our senior choir participates in the whole school choir ensemble annually, and 'The Bollywood Stars' group performed in 2018 & 2019 Festival. Three dance groups auditioned for the 2019 CTA festival.

'Festival of Instrumental Music' held at the Opera House. WPS has performed at this festival for many years. 20 talented musicians perform at this event every year.

'NSW Arts Unit Recorder camp' – 4 talented students represented Wentworthville Public School for the first time in April 2019.

'Pop up Music and Dance Festival' held at Centenary Square Parramatta. The 'Bollywood Stars' performed at this festival for Education week 2018.

'Operation Art' has seen some of our talented artists exhibit their masterpieces.

Local Community Groups- Silver Circle, Happy Club.

School performance opportunities:

A School showcase is held at the end of each year for families and local community members.

Whole school assemblies and events such as Harmony day, Anzac Day, Presentation day, Education Week and special assemblies.

Some groups will be auditioning for Wakakirri and the Schools Spectacular Event in 2020.





Just a reminder that there is a designated Kiss and Drop zone on Monash Street. Only families who have registered for a Kiss and Drop number may utilise the service and park in the designated space. Whilst the Kiss and Drop service is operating in the afternoon please cross safely across Monash street and not between cars parked in the Kiss and Drop zone. The safety of you and your child is paramount. If you would like to register for a number for the Kiss and Drop zone then follow the instructions below.

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
2. Event code: **5hjp4**
3. Complete your details as prompted

Your child will receive a laminated number within a few days of your registration. The laminated number will be placed on the front dashboard of your car as you are in the waiting bay of the Kiss and Drop zone. All Kindergarten students will receive a laminated number in the next few weeks therefore Kindergarten families don't need to register.



Kindergarten Classroom Requirements 2020

- Library Bag
- 2 large packets of baby wipes
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 4 x staedtler black whiteboard markers
- 4 x 35g Bostik Glue Sticks



Stage 1 Classroom Requirements 2020

2020 Year 1 Stationery Requirements

- A4 96 page lined book for homework (no spirals)
- Retractable/Twist up crayons or coloured pencils
- 8 x lead pencils (please keep these stocked throughout the year – 2 per term)
- 2 x erasers
- 1 small pencil case
- 4 x glue sticks (one per term – please send only 1 at the start of each term – 4 across the year)
- 4 x whiteboard markers (one per term – please send only 1 at the start of each term – 4 across the year)
- 1 x A4 plastic document wallet with button
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 2 x baby wipes (unscented)

2020 Year 2 Stationery Requirements

- A4 96 page lined book for homework (no spirals)
- Retractable/Twist up crayons or coloured pencils
- Textas
- 4 x lead pencils (please keep these stocked throughout the year)
- 2 x erasers
- 1 small pencil case
- 1 ruler (wooden or plastic, no metal)
- 4 x glue sticks (one per term – please send only 1 at the start of each term – 4 across the year)
- 4 x whiteboard markers (one per term – please send only 1 at the start of each term – 4 across the year)
- 1 x A4 plastic document wallet with button
- 1 x box of tissues
- 2 x baby wipes (unscented)



Stage 2 and 3 Classroom Requirements 2020

Please ensure your child has the following stationery for each term. Replenish these items as necessary to ensure they have the equipment needed to complete tasks. Also, clearly label items belonging to your child and talk to them about returning stationery items to their pencil case after each use.

- 1x Medium sized pencil case
- 3x HB lead pencils
- 1x pencil eraser
- 1x red ball point pen (not felt tipped)
- 1x blue or black ball point pen (not felt tipped) - Year 4 only
- 1x small set of coloured pencils
- 1x packet of textas
- 2x glue stick (large)
- 1x pack of highlighters
- 1x 30cm ruler with cm and mm marked (not metal or liquid filled)
- 1x barrel pencil sharpener
- 1x pair of scissors
- 1x box of tissues
- 1x library bag
- 1x USB (optional)
- Dictionary (optional)
- Thesaurus (optional)
- Homework book – A4 size exercise book or as directed by teacher

These supplies will need to be replenished at different stages of the year, as they are used up, misplaced or broken.



Support Unit Classroom Requirements 2020

- 4 boxes of tissues
- 4 large glue sticks
- A library bag
- 4 packs of baby wipes
- 2 hand sanitiser
- 4 whiteboard markers (any colour)
- 1 roll of paper towel
- A pencil case
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils/ twistable crayons
- 4 lead pencils
- a barrel sharpener
- child safe scissors
- 2 blue & red pens (Yrs 5 & 6 only)
- 1 x 30cm ruler (not Metal)

NOTE:

All students are required to bring their own equipment in a pencil case as it supports their independence and development of responsibility.

The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

healthylunchbox.com.au

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31
		Staff Development Day ☞	Students Return Years 1 - 6		
2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7
	Kindergarten Cohort starts	Got It meeting 10:30am	SiSA Year Three and Year One	PSSA Meeting at Toongabbie RSL 3:45pm	PSSA trials Week 1
		Got It parent Info Session ☞ 2pm	P&C Meeting		
			Zone Swimming Carnival		
3	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14
	Berry Leaders Camp	Berry Leaders Camp	Berry Leaders Camp		PSSA trials Week 2
			SiSA Year 4/Support Unit and Kindergarten		
4	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21
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		Parent Info Session and BBQ			
		Scripture Coordinator Meeting in Staffroom 09:30am			
		Got It meeting 10:30am			
5	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28
	Wellbeing Week	Wellbeing Week	Wellbeing Week	Wellbeing Week	Wellbeing Week
		SRE starts	SiSA Year 3 and Year 1	Swimming Carnival at Merrylands Pool (3-6)	PSSA Round 2
				Beginning Teacher Network 3:45pm meeting at WPS	
6	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6
	Women in Sports Roadshow 09am	Grip Leadership Conference	SiSA Year 4/Support Unit and Kindergarten	Zone Swimming Carnival at Blacktown	PSSA Round 3
		Got It Program Meeting 10:30am	P&C Meeting		
			SLSO Network Meeting 3:30pm		
7	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13
	Celebrating International Women's Day (8th March)		SiSA Year 2 and Stage 3	HS Selective Placement Test	PSSA Round 4
	Cricket Program Stage 3 (TBC) 09am				
8	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20
	Cricket Program Stage 3 (TBC) 09am	Got It Program Meeting 10:30am	SiSA Year 3 and Year 1	ILP Support Unit Meetings	Harmony Day (TBC) (in lieu 21st)
			ILP Support Unit Meetings		PSSA Round 5
9	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
	Cricket Program Stage 3 (TBC) 09am		SiSA Year 4/Support Unit and Kindergarten		SEAL Program Kindy - Community Room
					PSSA Round 6
10	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
	Cricket Program Stage 3 (TBC) 09am	Got It Program Whole Day Training	SiSA Year 2 and Stage 3	3 Way Goal Setting Interviews 3pm - Year 1	SEAL Program Kindy - Community Room
			P&C Meeting		PSSA Round 7

	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
11	Cricket Program Stage 3 (TBC)	Got It Program Student Observation and Staff PL		School Photos	
	Wheelchair Basketball - Year 3 (TBC)				

