

# Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING  
Term 4 Week 6 2020 Newsletter



From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

*Wonderful happenings at Wenty!*

## Student leaders – congratulations!

Recently as I look around the world and listen to the news, I see a range of less than positive leadership models and negative voting procedures. I am reminded this week that our country and future is in great hands with the young people coming through! We might even have a future Prime Minister (male or female) amongst our school Year 5 leadership team. For the families of our Year 5 candidates who stood for leadership this year, you would be very proud of your children and thank you for supporting them to this point.

It is so very important for students to experience leadership opportunities during their schooling and to learn the art of building relationships within teams. Our Year 5 students have been undergoing the annual leadership program over the last few weeks at Wentworthville, capably led by Mr Wong See and the Stage 3 team. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we needed to adapt the process of speeches and voting whilst still ensuring student voice was engaged in and all students got the opportunity to cast their vote.

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I was so very proud of the 25 Year 5 students who got to present their speech for us all to view online. Their understanding of leadership, character and the importance of being a good role model and giving back to the school community was impressive. The leadership process also provides an opportunity for the students to learn to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills. Mr Wong See facilitated the filming of each candidate's speech and then all the students viewed the link in class with their teachers and then cast their vote. Mrs Eastwood, Ms Di Chio and I have been busily counting votes and I look forward to announcing our 2021 leadership team in due course. Our captains for 2021 will be announced at our Stage 3 Presentation Assembly later in the year!

## Kindergarten Orientation

### **Kinder orientation x 3 sessions!**

This week we completed our three Kindergarten 2021 orientation visits where we met most of our incoming students for next year. At this stage we are planning on seven classes (that is 140 little people!!) and may grow even more once all the families still overseas arrive once Australian borders are open. If you have not already enrolled your child for next year, please do so as a **MATTER OF URGENCY** as your enrolment application is now considered late. You can easily go on to our [website and enrol online](#) – a new and very streamlined process.

Mrs Grant and the team conducted a most professional orientation program amidst challenging COVID restrictions. I would like to thank her and the team for all their hard work in making it all happen and to appear seamless even amidst pouring rain and searing heat conditions!

Mrs Grant and Mrs Ramsundar our P&C Uniform shop parent volunteers worked tirelessly to support our incoming families with orders and online purchases. Well done to you both.



Parents if you have neighbours with school age children moving in over the next few weeks please encourage them to get in contact with the school on 9631 8529 before Friday December 18, as this will assist me with class planning.

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## **OPPORTUNITY for families to provide me with valuable feedback and ideas at our upcoming Parent Feedback sessions**

As part of our ongoing planning for our next School Plan 2021 – 2024, I am inviting parents to join me via Zoom to talk about where we are up to with our Situational Analysis and seek feedback from you about your thoughts regarding school vision and context and what you most desire for the future for your children. Sadly due to COVID restrictions we cannot conduct these meetings face to face, but technology gives us the next best thing and that will be via Zoom.

### **The dates / times will be:**

- ◆ Monday November 30 (12.00pm -1.00pm) and
- ◆ Thursday December 3 (3.00pm - 4.00pm)

I will be sending out Zoom details via the Parent Portal over the next week. I hope you can take the time to join me and provide valuable feedback to help us make an even more authentic next phase school plan as our growing school moves into the next four year cycle!

## **Wentworthville COVID Update**

The Department of Education has continued to work with NSW Health to ease some restrictions due to COVID-19 for the remainder of Term 4. Below is a summary of how these changes will affect events scheduled throughout Term 4 at Wentworthville:

- A modified Kindergarten 2021 orientation process to occur;
- Parents are permitted on the school site for pre-scheduled meetings (only as approved by Principal);
- WPS presentation ceremonies will be held over a series of days under the COLA. Whilst the Department of Education has allowed functions of this type to go ahead, schools will need to comply with COVID-19 Safety Plans. As a result we have to limit family to one representative per award recipient and there will be a RSVP process prior to the event and a sign-in process on the day. The ceremonies will be held during the day. Further information will be sent home to parents later in the term by Ms Di Chio.
- Our Year 6 Farewell can occur at Wenty Leagues with changed operations to adhere to COVID-19 Safety Plans for the venue and for us to ensure we are in line with current restrictions.
- Our last day Year 6 assembly and end of day exit can occur within our COVID plan – more information to come from Mrs Rafidi.
- **WE STILL NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR STAGGERED DEPARTURE SCHEDULE** via Gates 1, 9 and 10.

Thank you parents for your patience and understanding of maintaining social distance and having your signs each day as it helps us move through the number of students departing the school in a smooth manner.

More broadly, thank you for your ongoing support. As always, maximising the health and safety of the staff, students and community of WPS is a priority.

## School Development Days 2021

The Department of Education has informed schools regarding a change to beginning of 2021 school year start dates. In support of a smooth start to the 2021 school year and to ensure that schools are able to give time to high impact professional learning for staff, the following amendments to School Development Days (SDDs) will take effect from the beginning of the 2021 school year.



- ◆ School Development Days Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January
- ◆ Wentworthville students return Friday 29 January 2021 (Years 1 - 6).
- ◆ All Kindergarten 2021 students will have their Best Start interview times during – Friday January 29, Monday February 1 and Tuesday February 2.
- ◆ All children start Kindergarten for 2021 as a cohort on Wednesday February 3



## Birthdays during COVID 19

Birthdays are always a special celebration. During COVID 19 we cannot have birthday cakes, cupcakes, chocolates, lollies or other items to share. This is to ensure the health and safety of your child at school and to prevent contamination.

Birthdays may be acknowledged at school with a special message or singing of Happy Birthday in the classroom. Just a reminder that school uniform should be worn each school day and that includes birthdays. We ask that party clothes are left at home for family celebrations. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



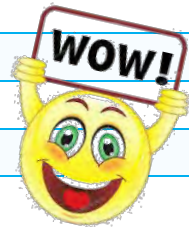
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# PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations!

Name	Class	Name	Class
Nevaan	KD	Ishaan	KD
Abtin	KD	Ali	KD
Mehreen	KC	Joban	KC
Aadhya	KC	Neha	KC
Shanaya	KA	Veedshitha	KD
Manha	2C	Viviana	1K
Yanthi	2H	Samara	K-6C
Anya	1K	Yuktha	2M
Vissakanan	2M	***	***

AWESOME



★ Year 6 Farewell – Year 6



# Building update!



**G Block –November 13 concrete pour!**



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



**Up and up and up we go!!!!**



**H Block –** entrance areas and our fancy back doors of hall that lead out to COLA. We are on track to have the Hall handed over to us for the beginning of the school year in 2021. Very exciting!



# Presentation Day 2020



Presentation Day will look a little different this year due to COVID 19 guidelines in schools. Presentation Day will be held under the COLA over a week in grade or stage assemblies where certificates, medallions, trophies will be handed out to various students.

Unfortunately no parents will be able to attend. To enable families to have an opportunity to see their child receive an award the school has engaged a photographer to photograph students receiving awards. The photos will be available to parents via a secure code to purchase photos through the photographer. Hopefully next year we will be able to have our Presentation Day in our new hall. We appreciate your understanding with the varied procedures to Presentation Day this year.

## The days for each assembly are:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December Kindergarten - 9.30am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 - 9.30am  
Year 2 - 11.40am

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December Stage 3 - 9.30am  
Stage 2 - 11.40am



**WE ARE TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW FOR  
KINDERGARTEN 2021**



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Would you like to find out more information about our School or enrol your child to attend?  
For further information, please visit our school website <https://wentwthvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or call our office school office on 9631 8529. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.

# 1K



Aarush, Ahana and Aashritha created a robot.



Sarathak and Ahmed made a shovel. Jyotsnasree, Siona and Aadya (pictured right) made a tower.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CLASS

1K has been working hard during Science for their Science projects. From robots to cars students were creative in making new things using recycling materials. The investigation process took a few lessons and students were able to share with the class what they made, how they made it, the purpose and what they learnt from the project. Look how amazing our projects turned out! Well done 1K students!





Saisha, Anya and Avani created a boat (pictured left). Trija, Sarv and Aaradhya created a dinner plate solution for keeping cutlery, plates and the option to keep food warm by putting the lid on top.



Tianna, Aasrith (absent) and Hithesh created some cars (pictured left). Kundana, Sharvi and Samir made a train (pictured right).

# From the Literacy Boost and Learning and Support Team

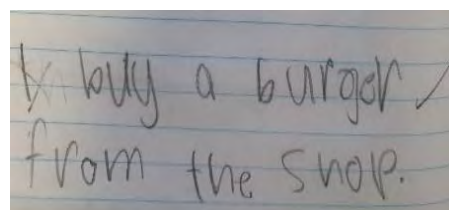
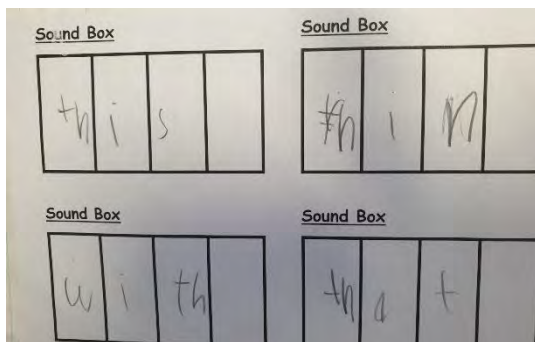
## Busy students at work during Literacy Boost - Phonics Groups



Students have been busy during Literacy Boost sessions this term. They have engaged in a range of activities to support their understanding of the individual sounds (phonemes) letters make.

They are also learning how to use this knowledge to say words. Students are developing their skills in broadening their automatic recognition of the Magic 100 words which is assisting them with their reading and writing, as is learning rhyming words through understanding the different word families.

They have also been busy using sound boxes as a tool to apply their growing phonemic awareness skills into spelling. They are really enjoying using the toobaloo to help them hear the different phonemes which together make up words.



# 4G

4G students have been busy being engineers and creating their own shelters as part of their science projects. They have been working very hard to design and plan for a shelter. Using these plans they have started creating a 3D version of the shelter using a program called CoSpace. We are all very excited to see the completed projects.



**WOW!**



**GOOD WORK!**



**Wentworthville Public School P&C Association**  
**Uniform Shop Order Form**  
 Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays from 8.30am to 9.30am  
 Please email completed form to:  
[Wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

<b>Student Name</b>	
<b>Student Class</b>	
<b>Parent Contact Number</b>	
<b>Parent Email Address</b>	

**Size Guides in Centimetres**

<b>Hats:</b>	XS/S	S/M	M/L
	53-55	55-57	57-59

**Polo Shirts, Short and Jumpers/Jackets**

	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Chest(cm)	60	64	68	72	76	80	86	90	95	100	105	110	115
Waist(cm)	56	58	60	64	68	72	76	82	87	92	97	102	107

**Girls Dresses And Skirts**

	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22		
Height(cm)	108	120	130	140	150	160	165	170	170	170		
Chest(cm)	60	64	68	74	80	86	90	95	100	105		
Waist(cm)	56	58	60	62	64	66	70	75	80	85		

**Uniform Items**

	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
<b>Girls</b>				
Summer Dress - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22			\$40.00	
Skivvy - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18			\$20.00	
Winter Skirt - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18			\$40.00	
<b>Boys - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,S,M,L,XL,2XL</b>				
Summer Short Sleeve Grey Polo Shirt			\$25.00	
Winter Long Sleeve Grey Polo Shirt			\$30.00	
<b>Unisex Items</b>				
Sports Polo Shirt - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,S,M,L,XL,2XL			\$25.00	
Sports Shorts - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL			\$20.00	
Zip up Jacket - Sizes 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22			\$35.00	
Jumper - Sizes 14,16			\$20.00	
Wide Brimmed Hat - Sizes XS-S, S-M, M-L			\$10.00	
Library Bag			\$12.00	
Sunglasses - Sizes XS, S, M, L			\$15.00	
<b>Total</b>				

**For sizes larger than what is listed please contact the school.**

**We are making the payment process easier for our school community.**

**Due to Bank and Eftpos issues there is no credit card facilities available any longer.**

**To replace this facility we are introducing Direct Deposit**

If you prefer to pay cash you may do so by placing the **EXACT** amount of cash (as no change will be available) into an envelope with you order and place it in the box at the front office. Please ensure the envelope has your child's name and class on it and that it is sealed before placing it into the order box at the front office.

Orders will still be filled only on Wednesdays and will be given directly to your child to bring home.

**Direct Deposit Instructions**

**Please deposit the total amount of your uniform order to:**

**Account Name: Wentworthville Public School Parents & Citizens Association**

**BSB: 062-268**

**Account Number: 1046 9881**

**Reference: Your Childs full name and Class**

Please attach a copy of your Payment Transfer receipt to your order and either email it to the school [Wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or place it in the box at the front office.



PARRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# *Virtual Orientation Day!*

PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND FUTURE YEAR 7 STUDENTS  
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL  
ORIENTATION DAY.

## **FEATURES OF SESSION:**

- MEET YEAR 7 ADVISOR, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AND PRINCIPAL
- TOUR THE SCHOOL - VIRTUALLY
- ASK ANY QUESTIONS

## **WHEN:**

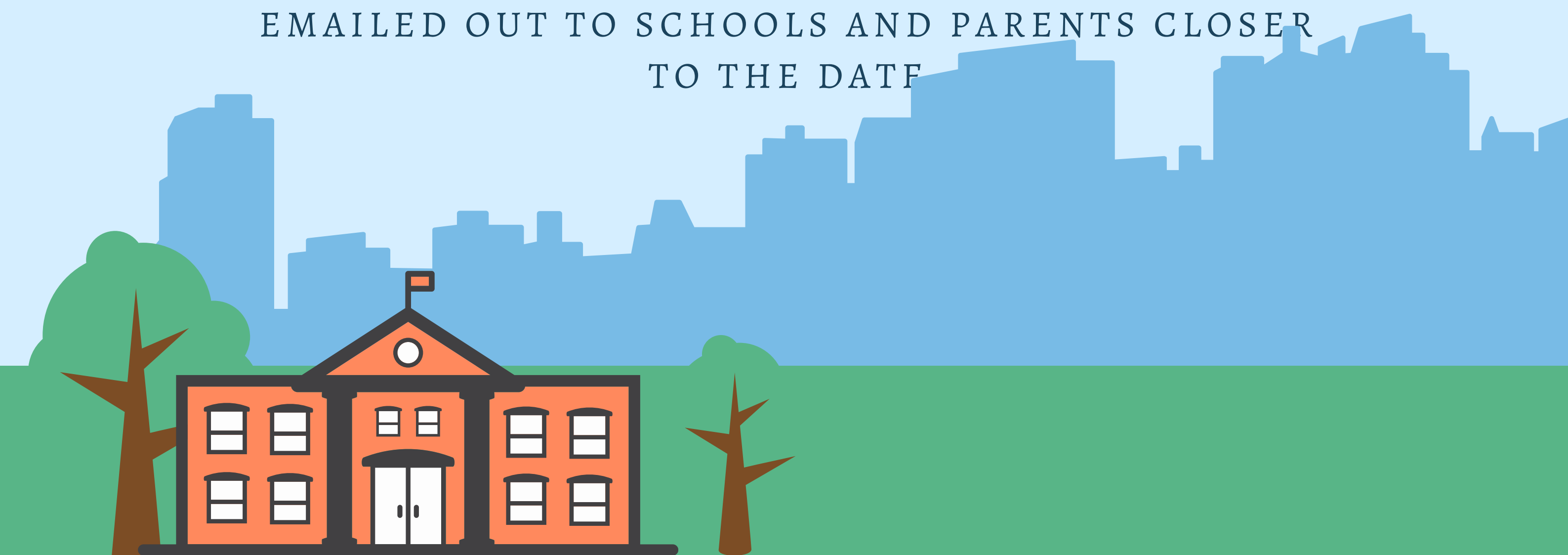
- 11:30AM ON DECEMBER 1, 2020

## **HOW:**

- ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED BY EMAIL

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS TIME, THE SESSION WILL BE RECORDED AND  
UPLOADED TO OUR GOOGLE SITE

DETAILS TO JOIN THE ZOOM SESSION WILL BE  
EMAILED OUT TO SCHOOLS AND PARENTS CLOSER  
TO THE DATE





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  - ✓ Community spirit
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CAMP 3: 21ST & 22ND - MUIRFIELD HIGH - NORTH ROCKS

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THE YR 6 WATER BOMB SEND OFF  
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VIP PARTY 1: 21ST-MARIST BROS-WESTMEAD

VIP PARTY 2: 22ND-MUIRFIELD HIGH-NORTH ROCKS

VIP PARTY 3: 23RD-ASQUITH BOYS HIGH

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## INSIGHTS

### The power of sorry



Our boys tend to get into trouble more than our girls. There are lots of cultural and biological reasons for this but much of it boils down to the fact that boys are still soft-wired to be ‘mammoth hunters,’ ready to react to any threat.

Generally, boys have more muscle than girls and, with that, a physicality that gets them in strife. There’s also brain research that shows that, while females tend to quickly shift emotions from the brain’s limbic system to the word centres of the brain, males tend to shift them into their bodies.

This is more obvious as our boys become teens as they can be as big and strong as men, but their brains are under construction and their bodies are flooded with testosterone.

Author and counsellor Michael Gurian writes that boys tend to seek external measures of success to feel good about themselves. It is critical they maintain credibility and status in the eyes of the ‘tribe’... that’s their peers, not you.

Inevitably, all this means your son will probably make many mistakes; or hurt himself; hurt someone else; or make a very poor, thoughtless, seemingly stupid or cruel choice.

#### **React with compassion not shame**

How you react as a parent can significantly impact how your son recovers from mucking up. Your first reactions may be anger, disappointment or the urge to discipline harshly. However, there are other ways of reacting that can strengthen your bond with your son and ensure he learns from the experience through growth rather than shame.

Listen to him, guide him to see the impact of his poor choice, help him make it right, forgive him and ask him what he might do next time he’s in the same situation.

#### **Break down the old male-code**

This code told us that men don’t apologise as it’s a sign of weakness. One of the most powerful things we can teach our boys is that when we make mistakes, we own up to them and we apologise if need be. Teach your boys that saying sorry when they really mean it is a sign of courage and strength, not the opposite. It is also about taking responsibility for your actions, which is important for boys to learn. They need to see the men in their lives – particularly dads – apologise.

#### **Don’t force an apology**

Forcing a boy to apologise can be problematic. A genuine apology is very different to a forced apology. A genuine apology has a real sense of remorse attached to it. Coach your son to see the situation through the other person’s eyes. If someone has been impacted, he needs to apologise and make amends even if he didn’t intend for the consequences of his poor choice to happen. It doesn’t mean he’s wrong. It just means his choice affected someone.



## Embrace failure

To help your son better learn about failure, have conversations about things you hear in the media where boys and men have experienced failure and recovered. Steve Smith, the former captain of the Australian cricket team who was involved in a ball-tampering scandal, is a great example. He owned his mistake, publicly apologised and he went on to have a very successful return to cricket.

Your son is going to make poor decisions repeatedly until he has enough myelin in his brain to be more mindful of the choices he makes. That is just a fact of life. As parents, your job is to, day-by-day, help your son learn a culture of accountability without a need for severe punishment, shaming or ridicule.



### Maggie Dent

Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. She has written seven major books including the bestselling *Mothering Our Boys* and her 2020 release, *From Boys to Men*. Maggie is host of the ABC podcast, [Parental As Anything](#). For further details visit [maggiedent.com](http://maggiedent.com)