

# Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING  
Term 1 Week 4 2021 Newsletter



## From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

I welcome all parents / carers to join us for the Parent Information catch up (sadly not face to face), but via Zoom on Tuesday March 2. There are two sessions:

- ◆ K-2 and Support Unit 3.15pm - 3.45pm and
- ◆ Years 3-6 4.00pm - 4.30pm

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## Parents and Citizens (P&C) at Wentworthville



The P&C at Wentworthville have been quiet in 2020 due to COVID and are ready to get cracking again in 2021 serving the school community!

They will be having their March meeting via Zoom – Wednesday March 3 @6.00pm – Zoom details to come over the next few weeks. This is an important meeting to be involved in for the future of P&C 2021, as the meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting is when you need to have paid your \$2 P&C Membership fee and this enables you to vote in the meetings.

Our outgoing P&C President Mrs Leanne Keighley will be providing an update from P&C over the next week, so keep an eye out for communication we send home.

The May P&C Meeting - Wednesday May 5 2021 (also via Zoom) is when a new 2021 P&C Executive team is voted for on at the AGM.

I encourage all parents to carefully think about how you can be involved at the school and consider your volunteering involvement. All positions will be vacant and need to be filled for P&C to operate effectively within the school.

## *Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!*

We have many opportunities for students at Wentworthville and many students have been working hard exhibiting their skills in recent PSSA try outs.

Congratulations to the students who were successful in gaining a position in a summer PSSA team or secured a reserve position. We hope you have an enjoyable summer PSSA season and represent our school well and value the learning and commitment that being part of a team brings. Thanks in advance to all the teachers who give up their time to train the teams for participating each Friday. Whilst not all students who tried out will gain a position in the team, it is an opportunity for families to discuss the importance of being resilient and having a go.



## STAFFING CHANGES

We have had some comings and goings of staff at Wentworthville these last two weeks:

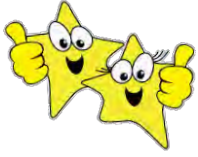
- ◆ **Mrs Amanda Smit** has been successful in gaining a transfer to the new school - Northbourne PS. This is closer to home for her and her family. Mrs Smit will be missed and we wish her well.
- ◆ **Mrs Kerry Cheeseman** has been employed in a Deputy Principal capacity for an EALD Educational Leadership role that is a resource for all of our Principal Network Girraween. Mrs Cheeseman will be based at our school and support a number of schools in our area. We have had an ongoing working partnership with Mrs Cheeseman over the last few years and we welcome her to the network!
- ◆ **Mr Gavin Thomas** –comes to Wentworthville this year as an additional school Counsellor supporting our existing service provided by Ms Janice Lam, our School psychologist. We welcome Gavin and value the important role he and Janice play in the school supporting students and families.



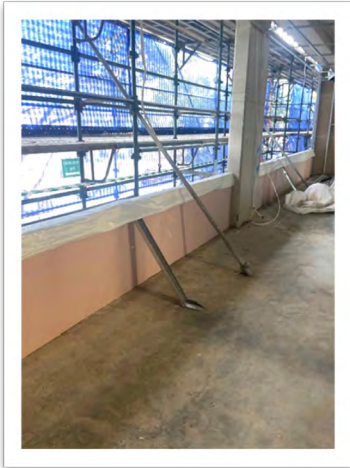
*Denise Lockrey*  
Principal



- ★ Each class received Parent Information Night Zoom details.



# Building update!

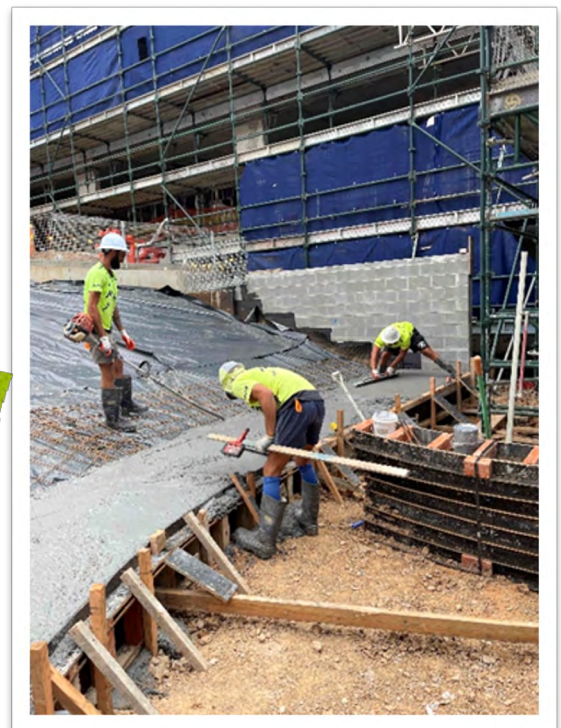


A glimpse inside G Block construction and the levels appearing!

CONSTRUCTION  
ZONE



AMAZING!



Paths being constructed in G Block area.

# 5/6M and 5/6R



5/6M and 5/6R have started to learn together during Literacy Group sessions. We have enjoyed working alongside new classmates.



LITERACY



# 5/6M and 5/6R continued....





# PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Student	Class	Student	Class
Arya	1G	Prisha	1S
Aasrith	2G	Omkar	2G



## 2021 Class Lines

These are the line numbers your child will line up at from Monday February 1, 2021 under the COLA. The line numbers will be marked on the ground under the COLA.

Line number	Class	Line number	Class	Line number	Class
<b>1</b>	40	<b>12</b>	K-6T and K-6L	<b>23</b>	KU
<b>2</b>	4L	<b>13</b>	K-6M	<b>24</b>	KL
<b>3</b>	4M	<b>14</b>	2L	<b>25</b>	KS
<b>4</b>	5/6D	<b>15</b>	3K	<b>26</b>	KC
<b>5</b>	5/6B	<b>16</b>	3B	<b>27</b>	3S
<b>6</b>	2G	<b>17</b>	1G	<b>28</b>	3M
<b>7</b>	2C	<b>18</b>	1S	<b>29</b>	5/6W
<b>8</b>	1A	<b>19</b>	1K	<b>30</b>	5/6G
<b>9</b>	2M	<b>20</b>	KO	<b>31</b>	5/6M
<b>10</b>	2H	<b>21</b>	KG	<b>32</b>	5/6R
<b>11</b>	1P	<b>22</b>	KD		

# PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

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**Tuesday March 2 2021**

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Each class will have their own Zoom link which is listed on the notes that were sent out this week and which are also available in the [Notes section of the school website](#). We look forward to meeting you at the Parent Information Session.

The session times for each grade/stage are outlined below.

**Years K-2 and Support Unit:** 3.15pm - 3.45pm

**Years 3-6:** 4.00pm - 4.30pm





# 2G

Well, what a wonderful start to the term we have had so far!

We are settling into our new class routines and groups and we have also started to learn more about using ICT @ school with Mr Warren which has been great. Ms Hall has welcomed us to the library and we have enthusiastically been participating in her lessons and have commenced borrowing books of our choice. 2G certainly love Dr Seuss books! SiSA sport was a highlight this Wednesday and the students certainly had a lot of fun with the sports equipment.

Over the next few weeks all of the Year 2 classes will start to work collaboratively across the grade for lessons in Mathematics – Number and for Creative Arts. This will encourage students to work with other students outside of their class as well as getting to know some of the other fabulous Year 2 teachers that we have this year. Homework will commence in Week 4 via Google Classroom. I look forward to meeting with you all soon via Zoom at our Meet the Teacher session on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



Have a look at our fabulous self-portraits that we made – we are all unique and special.

Mrs Grant

2G Class Teacher

**WOW!**





**2C have had a great start to the year. They have settled in well, getting to know their peers in the class. 2C have created wonderful self-portraits and written an Acrostic Poem using their first name. They have been writing fantastic descriptions of themselves and about their friends in the class using many interesting adjectives in their writing. 2C enjoyed sharing their writing in front of the class.**



# Library News -Week 2 Term 2 2021







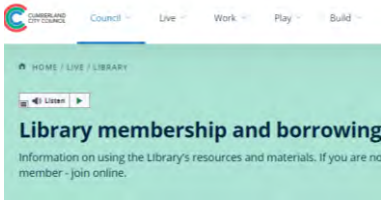

Students are welcome to borrow books from our wonderful school library during their weekly library lesson.

Students will need a library bag to borrow. Library bags can be purchased from the uniform shop or you can purchase your own library bag. (Plastic bags are not acceptable).

Students can access the Oliver Library website from their student portal. They can search for books and reserve their favourite books from this site. Lots of great websites and information is regularly updated on the library website. As part of students' library lessons, they will be shown how to access the Oliver/ Orbit site.

**Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the Department of Education Policy on quarantining books a limit of 2 books per student has been put in place.**

**It is important that students continue to read regularly so we have put in place some options for your child/ren to read and listen to quality literature at home.**

 <p>Visit <a href="#">Story Box library</a> – Listen to actors and authors reading some of our favourite stories. Username; wenty Password; wenty</p>	 <p><a href="https://www.getepic.com/">https://www.getepic.com/</a></p> <p>Sign up for a free trial or enter Ms Hall's class with code below.</p> <p>Login with your class code <b>xzi7119</b></p> <p>Epic! is the Leading Digital Library for Kids 12 &amp; Under</p> <p>Instantly access 40,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes &amp; more</p> <p>1 &amp; UNDER AGES 6-8 AGES 9-12 AUDIO AWARDED WINNERS NONFICTION SPANISH</p> 	   <p><a href="#">Online encyclopaedia, eBook collection and educational games.</a></p> <p>Username; wenty Password; wenty eBooks can be read on this secure website or alternatively you can download the app see attached instructions.</p>	<p><a href="#">Join the local library</a> to access an extensive range of eBooks and audio books. Students will need help from an adult to join.</p>  <p><a href="#">How to join</a> Sign up for a 30-day trial.</p> <p>If you are already a library member you can access the eLibrary collection.</p>
 <p>Visit <a href="#">Storyline Online</a>. Storyline online is a collection of well-known stories read by celebrated actors.</p>			

## Introducing the 2021 Library Monitors.

These student leaders have committed to assisting students and staff in the library, we thank them for their time, dedication and for promoting reading in our school community.

Arani Satha Ananthan	Aabid Behsoodi
Kashvi Avula	Pranay Chalapati
Jaelle Fonua	Aarya Hirpara
Meghana Geda	Ragavan Hemachandran
Ritwika Challa	Guneet Kalra
Manasvi Korlakunta	Ujwal Kodamalla
Krystal La	Kabir Kumar
Apoorva Mamidi	Atulith Nandigama
Keyurita Mane	Vrishab Patel
Madhulekha Prabhu	Syon Raj
Jiyah Singh	Kajithan Srirajavarnan
Tanishka Valavala	Soham Urkude

# SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term

Students will receive a book catalogue twice a term from Scholastic. You can purchase books for your child/ren.

**Issue 1 orders are due by 19/2/2021**

All payments must be paid online directly to Scholastic via Book Clubs loop for Parents. (No payments will be accepted at the school office).

**If you have any questions or queries, please contact:**

**Melinda Hall- [melinda.hall@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melinda.hall@det.nsw.edu.au)**



**SCHOLASTIC**

# Book Club **LOOP**

for Parents

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
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Tick **Remember Me** so you won't have to enter your login details again.




Once you sign in you will be taken to the Bookshelf.



### Search for a book three ways.

1. Scroll along the toolbar to select a book by category.
2. Swipe left and right in a category to see all books related to that category.
3. Search for a book using the search box.

Let's find the book called **Energy** from the **Building Block of Science** series.

Tap on . Type **Energy** in the search box, tap on the dropdown arrow and tick the **Book Title** box. Tap **Search**. Tap on the **Energy** cover.

Tap **DOWNLOAD**.



You don't have to be connected to the internet to read downloaded titles. Just tap on the **Downloaded** category next time you login to the eBooks app.



**Sign out** when you've finished. If left open, your session will eventually 'expire' and you will be prompted to re-login for security purposes.

My World Book eBook Account: Username \_\_\_\_\_ Password \_\_\_\_\_

# WELCOME TO OSHC



OSHClub pride ourselves on providing your child/ren with **fun, play-based learning experiences** before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSHC daily or only occasionally, each visit is an **exciting and engaging adventure!**



### COMPELLING PROGRAMS

We'll empower your child to explore, navigate, experiment and engage in a diverse range of experiences.



### EDUCATORS WHO CARE

Our educators will embrace your child's journey: caring deeply, thinking creatively and inspiring them to thrive.



### FUTURE READY

We focus on building knowledge, skills and behaviours that help prepare your child for whatever the future may hold.



### UNIFIED PARTNERSHIP

As an integral part of the school community, together, we'll create a fun and engaging environment for your child to flourish.



### FABULOUS FOOD

We fuel curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.



### PEACE OF MIND

You can be confident that your child is safe, happy and given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.



# KEY SERVICE INFORMATION

## Wentworthville OSHClub

PROGRAM	TIMES	FULL FEE	FEE AFTER 85% CCS*
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL CARE</b>	6:30 AM - BELL TIME	\$18.50	\$3.56
<b>AFTER SCHOOL CARE</b>	BELL TIME - 6:30 PM	\$26.00	\$5.01
<b>VACATION CARE</b>	6:30 AM - 6:30 PM	\$55.00**	\$10.59

*Fees & hours of operation as at Term 1, 2021 and may be subject to change  
\*Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your child care fees | \*\*Excluding incursion/ excursion fees*

### ENROLMENTS

Enrolling with OSHClub is easy and completely free, just head to our website [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au) and click register. Your child's enrolment must be confirmed before attending their first session with us.

### BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

Once enrolled, you can manage your bookings and cancellations with ease online or via the Kidsoft app.

#### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Bookings can be made online any time up to 24 hours before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly on 0417 806 673. Late bookings will incur an additional \$4.00 fee.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Cancellations within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Vacation Care bookings can be made online up to 5 days before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly on 0417 806 673. Late bookings will incur an additional \$4.00 fee.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 7 days in advance. Cancellations within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Many families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which can reduce the cost of Outside School Hours Care by up to 85%. All our services are CCS approved, so we encourage all families to find out whether they are eligible. To establish what level of CCS you may be entitled to please contact the Centrelink Family Line on 13 61 50.

### STATEMENTS & PAYMENTS

Fees will be automatically debited every 2 weeks in arrears from the bank account, VISA or MasterCard you nominated during enrolment. Please note that if a transaction is declined, a dishonour fee will be applied. You can view your statements via your online account.

#### LATE PICK-UP

A \$1.00 per minute, per child fee may apply for children picked up after the service close time.

#### NO SHOW

An additional \$5.00 fee per child may be charged for any After School Care booking where no cancellation is provided.

#### INCURSIONS & EXCURSIONS

Incursions and excursions may incur an additional fee. These vary based on activity and may be subject to change.

For account specific enquiries, please contact our Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or email [oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au](mailto:oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au). Our team are available 9am - 7pm Monday - Friday (AEST/AEDT).

### MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

So we can provide the best and safest care, it is important that you inform the service if your child/ren has an identified health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition diagnosed by a registered medical practitioner. On your first day of attendance, bring along a completed Risk Minimisation form, Medical Management forms and any required medications. All medications (including ointments and creams) must be prescribed by a medical practitioner, be in the original container with original pharmacist labels and clear instructions. All labels must be legible and undamaged, and the medication must still be within its expiry date.

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Come and see us in-service, email or give us a call. We look forward to welcoming you and your child/ren soon.



**0417 806 673**



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INSIGHTS

## Helping your child become the best student they can be



The new school year is full of excitement and possibility for students and parents. Regardless of how a child or young person has previously performed, this year offers a chance to set a new course.

While it's tempting as a parent to make the attainment of good academic results the main priority, this is a narrow view that may be incompatible with long-term success. It's wiser to broaden your view and focus on helping your child or young person become the best student they can be. Here's how.

### Encourage learning

The rapidly changing world and workforce that your child will enter requires that they have a willingness to continually learn and adapt. The concept of a lifelong learner, previously lauded by educators with an eye to the future, has now become a reality. Learning and continual improvement should be embedded in each child's psyche so that school life is just a starting point to a lifetime of learning, growth and development. Help your child see themselves as successful learners who achieve results through hard work and application, and that nothing is beyond them if they apply themselves.

### Promote leadership

Leadership is required in all walks of life including at school, at work, in families and in the wider community. Help your child see themselves as a leader by focusing on personal leadership capacities such as planning ahead, communicating clearly, being accountable for their behaviour, developing emotional awareness and fostering good relationships with siblings and peers. Personal leadership development provides a strong foundation for the development of leadership skills in more public forums in later life.

### Applaud independence

The school years are critical for the development of independence, which can easily be closed down by the roadblocks of impatience, overindulgence, fear and lack of time. Alternatively, independence is promoted when we show patience, provide opportunity, display confidence and teach students how.

### Embed wellbeing

If there is one difference that modern schooling is making to the next generation it's in the leadership they have shown in recent years to the maintenance of mental health and wellbeing practises. Parents can support their child's long term wellbeing by embedding wellbeing habits including healthy eating, exercise, sleep, relaxation techniques, regular time in nature, gratitude and mindfulness.

## Teach socialisation

If you want your child to be liked by others, it's essential to spend time and effort developing the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Develop in them an awareness of how their behaviour impacts on others, instil manners and community-mindedness and develop a broad range of friendship skills that will assist them to relate well to others.

## Foster resilience

2020 showed us life is unpredictable, full of ups and downs, straight balls and curve balls. It's the unpredictability, the downs and the curve balls that develop kids' resilience. How parents and teachers react to the hardships, frustrations and difficulties kids face either hamper or foster resilience. Spoil, overprotect or pamper and growth opportunities are wasted. Support, encourage and teach kids to cope and you'll be helping them develop a real sense of psychological hardiness and resilience that's essential for long term happiness and success.

Make this year a memorable one by helping your child grow and develop into the best student they can be. Keep the focus broad and do all you can to ensure that your child sees themselves as a confident and continuous learner.



### Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.