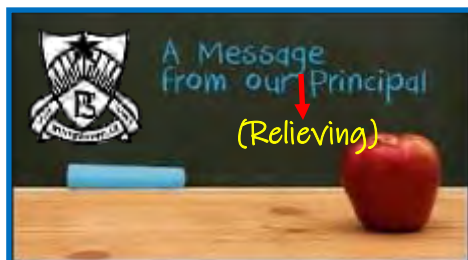


# Wentworthville Public School

QUALITY TEACHING TO MAXIMISE STUDENT LEARNING

Term 3 Week 10 2022 Newsletter



**From the Relieving Principal – Tania Di Chio**

## Building Upgrade Complete after 5 Years!

It is wonderful to see the final stages of our building upgrade complete. Our carpark is finally open as well as Block F which is now our new Support Unit.

On Monday parents from the support unit visited the completed support unit and they were in awe of the new facilities. We are so proud of our new facilities and the staff and students are enjoying all the new spaces.



70 - 100 Fullagar Rd  
WENTWORTHVILLE NSW 2145 Australia

Phone: 02 9631 8529

Fax: 02 9896 3079



Website: [www.wentwthvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wentwthvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

Email: [wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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

(Continued from page 1)

# Staffing Changes Term 4

Currently Mrs Lockrey is on leave until end of Week 4 Term 4 and Ms Di Chio is Relieving Principal. Mrs Rafidi is Relieving Deputy Principal until end of Week 4 Term 4. Miss Marchant will be Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3 until end of Week 4.



Congratulations to Miss Nguyen who will be getting married this upcoming weekend. She will be on leave until the end of week 2. Miss Smith will be relieving Assistant Principal for Kindergarten while Miss Nguyen is on leave.

Ms Moorhouse will be on leave for Term 4 and Mrs Connolly Borg will be the Relieving Assistant Principal for the Support unit for Term 4. Mrs Sanders will be the class teacher for K-6ML Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Mrs Hodgson will be on K-6ML Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Kouros will be working in the support unit undertaking an RFF role in Term 4.

Ms Susanna Asschers will be joining our school as a permanent staff member from October 10, 2022 (First Day of Term 4). She will be joining the Kindergarten team.

## Canteen to re-open next term.

The canteen will re-open on Tuesdays in Term 4 at first break to sell small snacks. The P&C have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the canteen is up and running again.

There was a lot of furniture left over after movement to new spaces. We will be holding a gold coin donation for this left-over furniture. Pick up will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3pm from under the COLA. Stay tuned for more information regarding this.



## Term 4 Start

I wish everyone a wonderful, safe and restful holiday. School returns for all students on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

*Ms Tania Di Chio*  
*Relieving Principal*

*Happy Holidays*

# PRINCIPAL AWARDS



Name	Roll Class	Name	Roll Class
Kovelamudi	KH	Bidesha	2S
Chowdhury	KH	Arush	2S
Gurram	KH	Deya	3/4M
Karthik	KH	Anabia	3/4M
Dharni	KM	Aadhya	3/4M
Ishman	KM	Jeehan	3/4M
Ippili	KN	Jenisha	3/4M
Yousuf	KN	Khushi	3M
Kulkarni	KN	Viaan	3S
Shameendra	KN	Kamran	3S
Barirah	KN	Hithesh	3S
Naick	1K	Jyotsnasree	3S
Zambre	1K	Ushma	4A
Moradi	1M	Callum	4A
Tangri	1N	Easan	4O
Yartrajan	1N	Aarna	4R
Sayyapureddi	2M	Anvi	4R
Meenaakshi	2M	Aarna	4R
Ponnaganti	2S	Dhruve	5/6D
Shrestha	2S	Dhruve	5/6D
Jane	2S	Patel	5/6M
***	***	Krish	5/6M



# PRINCIPAL BOOK AWARDS



Name	Class
Keerthi	5/6R
Sharvi	2/3H
Dhanika	4R
Jane	2S
Krish	5/6M



# Enrolments for 2023

Please note we are taking enrolments K-6 now for 2023 online.

As we continue to grow as a school and as more and more units come online within our school boundary, we need to monitor and manage the number of enrolments for the school very closely.

If you have a child due to commence 2023 in Kindergarten please communicate to this to the front office staff and commence the necessary paperwork online.

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 2023.

Number monitoring for 2023 is critical to ensure I have sufficient staff ready to teach day one next year!!! 😊

**ENROL  
NOW!**

**WE ARE TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW FOR  
KINDERGARTEN 2023**



70-100 Fullagar Road,  
Wentworthville NSW 2145  
Ph: 9631 8529  
Email: [wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wentwthvil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Website : <https://wentwthvil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Principal : Mrs Denise Lockrey



Enrolment for Kindergarten 2023 is now open. If you live in the local area and have a child who is due to start Kindergarten at Wentworthville Public School in 2023, **now is the time to enrol**. Please visit the school website and complete the online application as soon as possible. If you know of a friend or neighbour with an in-area child due to start school, please share this information with them.

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.

## 2023 Forward Planning

### Forward planning for 2023 and class placement for 2023

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 2023 is a complex task that staff invest a lot of time and effort. Parents are welcome to provide written information to Ms Di Chio (The Relieving Principal) **by Friday October 28, 2022** if there are specific needs you think should be taken into consideration about your child /children when considering class placements in 2023. Any information which is delivered to Ms Di Chio / Mrs Lockrey after this date will unfortunately not be able to be considered in class placements for 2023. 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 2023 as this is a school management decision and we commit considerable time in formulating the structure for the following year.

✂.....

### 2022 Leaving slip

Dear Mrs Lockrey,

My child/ children will not be returning to Wentworthville Public School in 2023.

We are moving to..... and will be going to .....  
..... School in 2023.

#### Student Names:

1. .... Class in 2022.....
2. .... Class in 2022.....
3. .... Class in 2022.....
4. .... Class in 2022.....

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

thank you!



# BLOCK F SUPPORT UNIT



# Canteen News

Exciting news! Students will be able to purchase their own snack at the school canteen on Tuesday mornings during First Break. Snacks will be \$1 each. Money raised supports our P&C, which then can make donations to school.

This is a small start towards getting the canteen properly functioning again. We have had it closed for the last 3 years due to Covid lockdowns and lack of volunteers to run it. We would love for any parents who are available to help to please get in touch with us so that we can potentially get the canteen up and running fully again.

Any enquiries to [wentworthvillepandc@gmail.com](mailto:wentworthvillepandc@gmail.com)

Kind regards,

*Catherine Grant and Laura Steel*

on behalf of the P&C

## Canteen Menu Term 4 2022

Open Tuesday mornings First Break

**\$1 All items \$1 each \$1**



Popcorn - plain



Kettle Chips - sea salt



Rice Bites - salt and vinegar



Jumpys - chicken



Veggie Straws



Grainwaves



Fruit cups



Quelch ice blocks



Frozen yoghurt



Jelly cups topped with fruit  
(made on site)

# Some Highlights of Learning in Stage 2

Stage 2 students have been learning as a team across all key learning areas. Students have enjoyed collaborating with each other in flexible learning spaces.

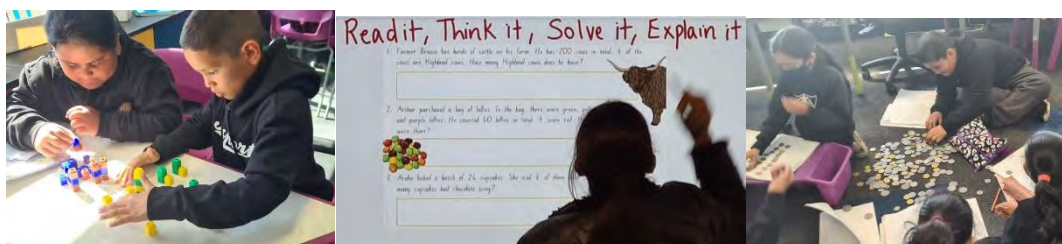


A hands-on introduction to using Que Bots by Mr Warren.

## Celebrating Science Week!



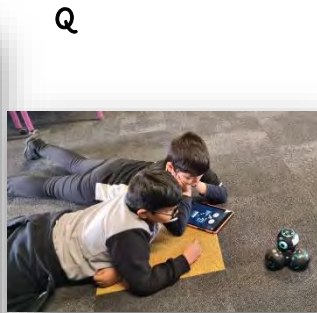
## We love problem solving in Maths!



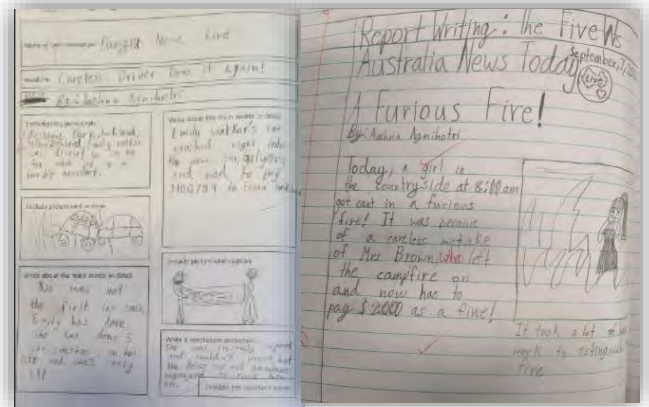


Que Bots....so much fun!!!

Reporting news events!!!



Q



Filming - Bringing Out Our Creative Side!



Portrait of Queen Elizabeth 11



## Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals



**Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final** was held on the 5th of September 2022. Saarth Deo(4A) and Aria Ghazanfar (5/6 M) represented **Wentworthville Public School** in the Junior and the Senior Competition. It was held online via zoom. There were 24 participants altogether in the junior and the senior session. We are delighted and proud to announce that Saarth Deo of year 4A won the **Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals** and will now compete in State Finals in term 4.

Aria Ghazanfar from 5/6 M was in top 4 students and we are proud of her achievement.

**Well done Saarth and Aria!**



**Our senior recorder group travelled with Ms Hall to the Opera House and performed with 700 NSW Public School students at the Festival of Instrumental Music.**

**They have spent many hours rehearsing over the year during lunch breaks and at home. They performed beautifully.**



# Library News

## Book Week 2022

**Dress up as your Favourite Book Character Class photos**



**1N**



**1P**



**1U**



**2S**

**2C**



**2W**



**3M**



**4R**





**5/6W**

**5/6D**



**Kindy Dwarfs**



**KL**



**KK**

**KN**



**KO**



**3S**





**2/3H**



**5/6M**



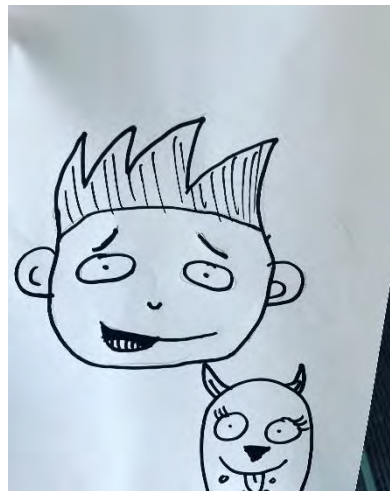
**1S & 1G**



## The Students had a great time dressing up as their favourite book characters. We enjoyed a whole school Zoom event,

- The library monitors and 5/6R were the winners of our Book Week Kahoot game.
- Miss Nyugen and Mrs Rafidi won the best Teacher library borrowers award.
- KN won the best library best borrowers from kindergarten.
- 1G won the best library borrowers award from Stage 1.
- 3/4M won the best library borrowers award from Stage 2.
- 5/6G won the best library borrowers award from Stage 3.

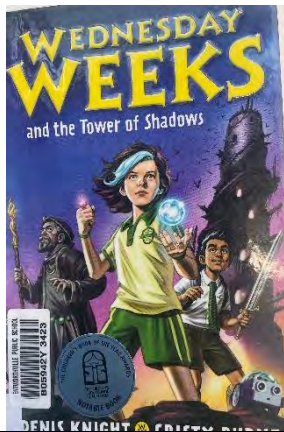
**Author Matt Cosgrove sent us a personal message for our Zoom meeting with a directed drawing activity of Nickers the Dog from the 'Worst Week Ever' book series.**



## Top Ten Books borrowed in 2022.



**Stage 3 students enjoyed an Author visit from Cristy Burn and Denis Knight. Authors of the 'Wednesday Weeks' book series.**

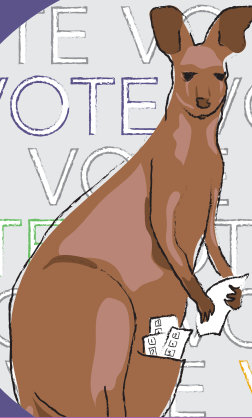


Free family fun at the Parliament of NSW

Friday  
7 October  
10am to 3pm

FREE ENTRY

Welcome!



### Cartooning workshop

Draw people and objects with the award-winning illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke.  
Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm

### Vote for me!

Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission.  
Every half hour from 10:00am

### Mock Committee Hearing

Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings.  
Every half hour from 10:00am

AUSLAN interpreters available

\$4  
Democracy Sausage

The Public Café open

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for **Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some very important people.)



BOOK NOW



### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047

E: [communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

### WHERE

6 Macquarie Street, Sydney - opposite Martin Place

### MORE INFORMATION

[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/events)

# SUPERHERO KIDS CLUB



**Wed 5 - Thu 6 Oct 2022**

# SUPERHERO KIDS CLUB

**Wed 5 - Thu 6 Oct 9am-12:30pm**

For all children in Kindergarten - Year 6  
Run by Wenty Anglican Church  
Corner of Garfield and Pritchard Street, Wentworthville\*



Are you ready  
for 2 fantastic days  
full of games,  
challenges,  
Bible stories,  
craft & music?

**Cost: \$10**

Morning Tea provided

Register online at:

**[wentyanglican.org.au/rego](http://wentyanglican.org.au/rego)**

(Please register by Friday 30 Sept)

Any questions?

[hello@wentyanglican.org.au](mailto:hello@wentyanglican.org.au)

9631-8407 (office)

\*All team members have undertaken Anglican Child Protection Training



## INSIGHTS

### Do's and don'ts of discipline



Season one of *Parental Guidance*, a reality TV program that aired in November 2021 on Channel Nine, brought several parenting controversies to the fore. One of these was a challenging conversation around discipline.

During the show some parents were aghast when a mum and dad from Newcastle, NSW, disclosed that their discipline included smacking. A couple from South Australia's Barossa Valley divulged the occasional washing of their boys' mouths with soap if they lied or swore. Meanwhile, our "attachment" parents from Melbourne were unwilling to countenance any form of punishment when their children had meltdowns or behaved in an oppositional way.

Discipline is one of the most confusing – and challenging – topics that parents grapple with. Unfortunately we have inherited centuries of unhelpful ideas, and they continue to interfere with what science is showing works best.

#### What is discipline?

The first definition of "discipline" in the dictionary is "punishment". But this is a relatively new way of understanding the word. Until a couple of hundred years ago, to be disciplined meant to be shown a way to follow. Discipline literally means to teach, guide, and instruct; or to show the right way.

#### Why traditional discipline doesn't work

Most parents think of traditional discipline as punishments to administer to their children when they misbehave. These punishments can take the form of smacking, time out, grounding, withdrawal of privileges, and so on. In the lead up to these punishments, many parents try bribing, threatening, and yelling. Eventually they crack.

While there may be, from time to time, a need for these discipline approaches (that is, for punishment), the reality is that science has shown us there are better ways. When we punish, we teach our kids all the wrong lessons:

- Might is right. If you're big, you can make the little people do what you want
- Power gets you what you want
- Other people's reasons don't matter
- Mistakes are bad

Perhaps most important, punishing our kids makes them more selfish. They sit in their room and hate us and their siblings. They blame others rather than taking responsibility. Traditional discipline ruptures the relationship between parent and child.

Traditional discipline lacks compassion, empathy, understanding, and perspective. It leaves our kids feeling unworthy. The real reason for this is simple: punishment is about making someone pay a price; exacting retribution. Punishment is about hurting others.

## The secret to perfect discipline

Real discipline is not about hurting. Real discipline is about helping. When we teach, guide, and instruct, we show a better way for a child who is struggling. The following ideas will help you get your discipline aligned with the best outcomes:

### Children are people too

Sometimes we forget that children are people. They seem like impediments in our otherwise well-ordered life! But they have feelings, hopes, dreams, and challenges. Seeing them as people helps us to respond to them with kindness, even when they're being challenging.

### Understand Development

We forget that our children are wearing "L" plates while they learn how to do life. They don't quite know how to behave yet. But if it takes 5 years before they can tie a shoelace, it will take even longer before they can regulate emotions and behaviours. Some adults still struggle. Be patient while they develop.

### Don't confuse motivation with ability

We sometimes get mad at our children when they're not playing by the rules. But often it's not because they don't want to be good. It's because they don't know how. They're too tired, they're hungry, they're stressed. Or maybe they're all of the above. We discipline best when we recognise their capability in the context.

### Get curious, not furious

When a child is being challenging it's tempting to explode. It's better to explore. It's tempting to reprimand. It's better to understand. It's tempting to be furious. Instead, get curious. When we take the time to understand their perspective, problem solving gets easier.

As we focus on teaching and guiding our children, the data points to better outcomes in behaviour, both now and in the long term. Kids with parents who practice childrearing in this way are more likely to do well in school, with peers, and make better choices. It's a hard way to parent, but when we invest for the long-term, the results are worth it.

## View a related webinar recording Dr Justin Coulson presents: Encouraging good behaviour

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas. As part of this membership, you can attend the webinar recording 'Encouraging good behaviour' at no cost.

**About:** In this webinar, Dr Justin Coulson explores the concept of discipline and how parents can encourage good behaviour in children.

### To redeem

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-encouraging-good-behaviour>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the coupon code ENCOURAGE and click 'Apply Coupon' Your discount of \$39 will be applied.
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details including our school's name to verify your eligibility. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your webinar and resources
7. Click 'Place Order'

This offer is valid until 8 September 2022. The webinar recording will then be available in your Parenting Ideas dashboard. To view the recording visit the website [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) and login using your email and password. You will be directed to a blue welcome page where you select 'my webinars' and all of your webinars will be displayed.



## **Dr Justin Coulson**

Dr Justin Coulson is a dad to 6 daughters. He is the parenting expert and co-host of Channel 9's Parental Guidance, and he and his wife host Australia's #1 podcast for parents and family: The Happy Families podcast. He has written 6 books about families and parenting. For further details visit [www.happyfamilies.com.au](http://www.happyfamilies.com.au).