



WENTWORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 10 Newsletter 2024

From the Principal - Denise Lockrey



Wonderful happenings at Wenty!

P&C Blue Day - Autism Awareness

It was marvellous to see the celebration of difference and inclusion as P&C initiated and supported Autism Awareness via Blue Day. One of our students researched and compiled a video presentation for all the school to raise awareness of Autism and give insights into their lived experience. Truly inspiring and I am so proud of them. We all learnt something!

The P&C were all dressed in blue and were busy serving all the students' various blue items at the canteen. I bought my two blue cupcakes and enjoyed them for morning tea!



New P&C 2024/2025 Executive Team as voted at AGM 2 April

Congratulations to the following office bearers who will form the operational P&C team. They are always open to welcoming new parents to join each month. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month during school terms. The next meeting is Tuesday May 7 at 6.00pm in the school staffroom.

- President – Mr Hiren Purani
- Vice President – Mrs Laura Steel
- Vice President – Ms Diya K.C
- Secretary – Mrs Varshini Visweswaran
- Treasurer – Ms Reem Ahmad
- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator - Mrs Laura Steel
- Fundraising Co-ordinator - Ms Reem Ahmad

Thank you to the 2023 /2024 P&C team and special thanks to Mrs Catherine Grant who leaves us after being with the school for the last 9 years. Your enthusiasm, kindness and welcoming can-do attitude has been greatly valued and we will miss you at WPS!

Volunteering in any organisation is sadly undervalued. We are all busy and have full lives. Can I encourage you to consider being part of P&C and support the team who work in partnership with the school and our students to make a difference.



K-2 Recognition Assembly - Week 9!

Well done Kinders on your first formal assembly K-2, you were focused and settled on the recognition of students K-2!

DATE REMINDER FOR TERM 2

School term starts:

- for teachers, Monday April 29 - School Development Day - **NO STUDENTS**
- for **ALL** students, Tuesday April 30 - First Day, Term 2 ready for learning!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



The School Photographer is coming to Wentworthville Public School to take the annual school photos.

On **Thursday, 2nd May 2024 (Term 2 Week 1)** Class photos, single photos and sibling photos will be taken. Girls are to be dressed in Summer dress uniform, white socks and black school shoes. Boys are to be dressed in grey pants, new grey school shirt, grey socks and black school shoes.

Whole school, Year 6 whole group and Kindergarten whole group photos will be compiled from single photos (from 2nd May) taken on the photo day to make composite photos for these groups.

PRINCIPAL BOOK AWARDS



Name	Class
Nevaeh Rizzo	5/6J
Viaan Eri	5/6A
Akira Hayer	5/6M
Pearl Ribadia	4H
Ata Kiyak	4H



Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10th May

Lots of beautiful gifts to choose from

Gifts starting from as little as \$1

Nothing over \$10

- by WPS P&C



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

First Name	Roll Class	First Name	Roll Class
Lavit	5/6A	Daivya	3S
Samara	5/6J	Joshua	3K
Samridi	5/6M	Bhakti	4H
Vrisha	5/6M	Adya	3S
Nevaeh	5/6J	Iliya	3S
Francheska	5/6W	Keerat Kaur	3G
Jasvita	5/6W	Krithik	4H
Reeva	1O	Thyaneshvar	4H
Rahma	1O	Myra	K/1S
Shri Abhinayaa	1L	Zayn	1P
Loukya	1L	Anik	K/1S
Ibrahim	2F	Akshara	1R
Ibrahim	2F	Sidra Zainab	1T
Nila	2A	Sruthika	1W
Koray	2S	Arjun	K/1S
Neil	2A	Ruthikvel	1R
Bianca	2Z	Angelinrani	1R
Myra	1R	***	***



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !



Line-by-line review policy release | First batch of updated policies

The NSW Department of Education is delivering on a commitment to improve policies and reduce administrative workload so teachers can spend more time with their students.

All department policies have been reviewed to make them easier to read, understand, and interpret.

The first batch of policies and procedures have been published in the Policy Library.

The policies include:

- Aboriginal education
- Commercial arrangements, sponsorship and donations
- Inclusive education for students with disability
- School attendance
- Selective high school and opportunity class placement
- Sharing of school facilities
- Technology in schools

Improvements to policy documents

There are minimal changes to these policy documents, with no change to the overall intent.

Schools won't need to create additional local instructions to comply with policy as all requirements will be available in the Policy Library.

The next batch of updated policies will be released in Term 2.

For more information, please contact the Policy and Procedure Review Program team via email PolicyRedesignProject@det.nsw.edu.au.

Kind regards,

Denise Lockrey
Principal

News from Library Monitors

Maathuri and Varshitha



LIBRARY
Lover's day

Our school has celebrated a special event called library lovers day occurred at February 14. We do this to honour all librarians(Mrs hall), book lovers, and lovers of the library. Its here to promote a deep passion for books and appreciate everyone who takes care of the library. All classes around the school have created a special drawings or a small little writing on why they love the library. It is a wholesome feeling to listen to everyone thoughts.

BY MAATHURI AND VARSHITHA 🍷🍷



The Library is Awesome

Library, Lovers Day
4th February

HALL

I ❤️ books



I LOVE READING



Harmony Day 2024

On 21st March, Wentworthville enjoyed celebrating their cultural diversity as they celebrated Harmony Day. Students participated in lessons that focused on the message that Everyone Belongs. It was magnificent to see all the different cultural dresses throughout the school as well as being reminded how culture is important. We raised \$564.25 through our gold coin donations! Thank you to all our families who helped us achieve this amount. We will be donating this money to a charity once a decision from our schools SRC has been made.





HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH





SUPPORT UNIT NEWS



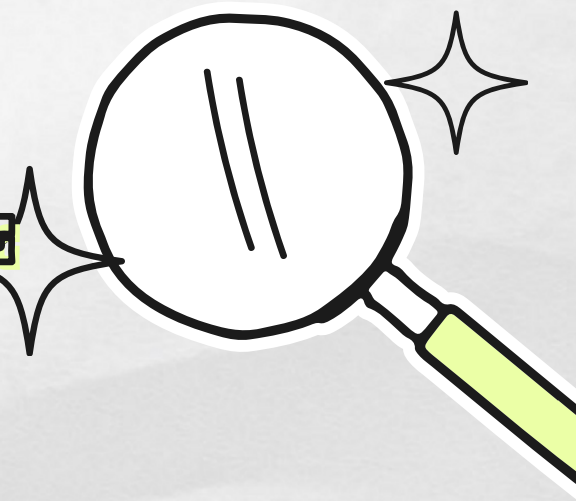
HARMONY DAY

March 21st was Harmony Day. On that day the students of the Support Unit dressed in traditional clothing and traveled around to 6 different countries! Each teacher and SLSO chose a different country and the students got to learn about the languages, dance, food and customs of India, Croatia, Ireland, China, Australia and Malta. A very fun and educational day!



WELLBEING MATTERS!

MR MITCHELL GILSON AP WELLBEING



Kanga Kids update

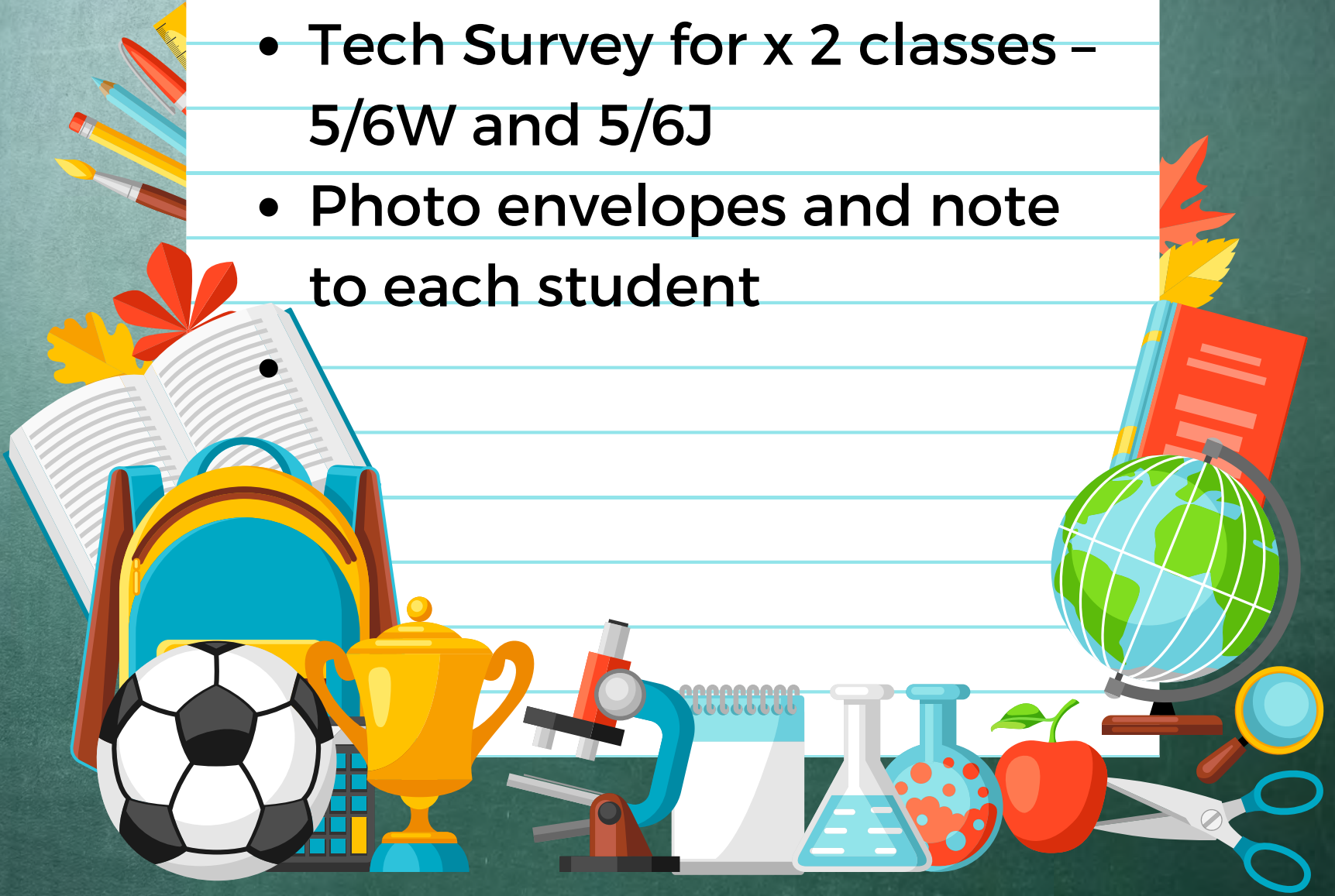
We have been running Kanga Kids at the first breaks for the last three weeks. The response from the students has been wonderful. We have had over 200 students engage in the activities over the last three weeks.

The student leaders have been feeding back to me about different ideas for activities.



NOTES IN BAGS THIS WEEK

- Tech Survey for x 2 classes – 5/6W and 5/6J
- Photo envelopes and note to each student



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healthycanteens
.com.au

***NEW CANTEEN
OPENING 30.4.24
TERM 2***

**See ordering procedures with
this newsletter**



Healthy Canteens Ordering Procedure



Online Ordering – By FlexiSchools App or Online FlexiSchools.com.au

At Wentworthville PS lunch is the first break of the day.

Select Recess for morning tea – To be collected by your child from the canteen at 2nd break

Select Lunch for the main break- this will go into Class baskets and to your child's class for teachers to hand out.

Future Orders - Order the night before, or days, even weeks in advance.

If your child doesn't attend school that day cancel in the App or

SMS Healthy Canteens 0405 219 242 before 9am

The FlexiSchools system does not allow us to search by Order Number so please leave:

The School your Child attends (we operate at more than 1 School)

Your Child's Name

Your Child's Class

Please cancel today's order

*We are unable to move the order to a different day

-Funds are returned to your FlexiSchools account within 24hrs

- Future orders are not affected when FlexiSchools has systems failures or lock outs, the order is already secured.

We highly recommend ordering at least the night before for this reason.

On The Day Order – Same day orders close at 9am

Late On The Day Orders – (New Service) A reduced menu is available; this menu closes at 10:15am. We are unable to offer our most popular items on this menu.

These orders will be supplied at the Second break and will need to be collected from the canteen by your child.

After Late Menu Closure

We will provide an emergency lunch of a Vegemite /Jam / Cheese Sandwich, a piece of Fruit & Bottle of Water.

This can be processed by calling Healthy Canteens 0405 219 242 with your Credit Card details.

Over the Counter Orders

Are still accepted every morning before school, we only accept cash.

Orders left in the drop box needing change will have the change sent in the bag. We recommend sending correct money when never possible.

Recess Orders

Please tell your child when you order recess for them, they need to come to the front of the canteen line to collect it.

Items Not Sent in Class baskets.

If you order any of the following items, please ask your child to come to the canteen with their lunch bag to collect, we will have these items waiting for them.

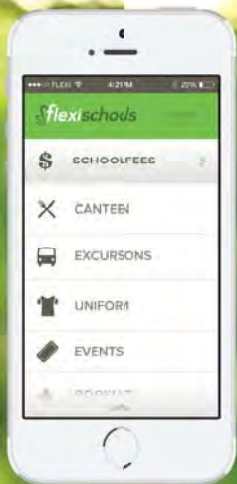
Cup of Noodles

Jelly

Ice Blocks

Frozen Juice Cups.

Students come to the front of the Express Line to collect these items; they do not line up with students who are purchasing.



Simplify your day.

Our school now has Flexischools for online ordering and cashless payment.

From your mobile or desktop:



Flexischools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for canteen, uniforms, events, excursions & fees.



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HASSLE FREE**



**PAY ANYWHERE,
ANYTIME**




**SAFE &
SECURE**

Take advantage of this convenient new service. Go to flexischools.com.au and click **register**.



 **flexischools**



The simple way
to order and pay.



STEP 1: Register for Flexischools

*Add your student and their year level to get started.



STEP 2: Top-Up your Account

*Choose from Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.



STEP 3: Order and Pay

*Select from a range of school services, add to your order pad and proceed to payment.



STEP 4: Review Orders

*Log back in to view transaction history or cancel an order via your Flexischools login.



NSW Department of Education

Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.

How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount** of **preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



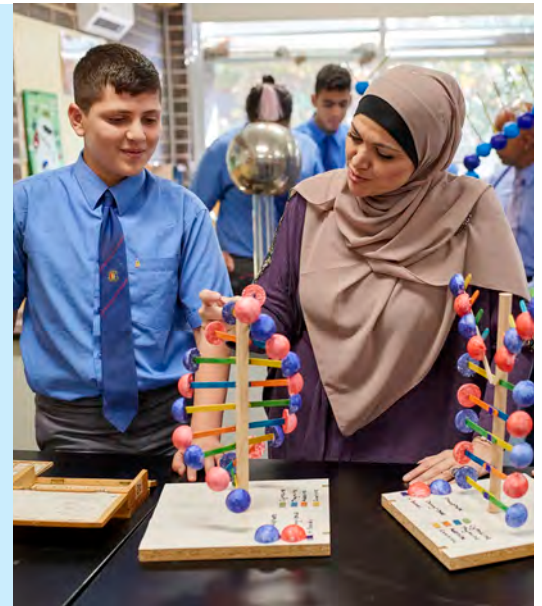
Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: edu.nsw.link/equity

Resources in other languages:
edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages



Financial support

edu.nsw.link/pubedu

The [Public Education Foundation scholarships](#) offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Submit your application in 5 easy steps

1

Register to start your application

Parents and/or carers enter their own details to register (not their child's).



2

Verify your email address

Go to your verification email. No email? Check your junk folder.



3

Log in to start

Go to the application website and log in. Forgotten your password? Select **forgot password** to reset it.



4

Complete the 8 sections

Answer all the application questions. You can save your application and come back to update it and complete the questions.

You can log in to your application dashboard and make changes after you have submitted the application.



5

Select 'submit' to finish your application

Check you have received the confirmation email and application dashboard message. You can return to the application dashboard to update details and documents, as well as send and receive messages.



Features of the application dashboard

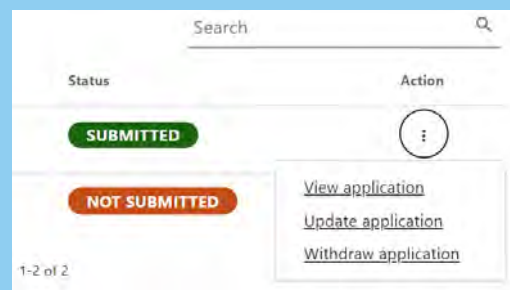
See the **status** of your application when you log in to the application dashboard.
Use your unique application number when messaging with us.

Application number	Placement	Student	Alerts	Status
▼ S24000001	Selective high school	Bianca Lala		SUBMITTED

Your application can be easily **viewed**, **updated** or **withdrawn** at different stages of the process.

Use this feature to update your application details such as change of address.

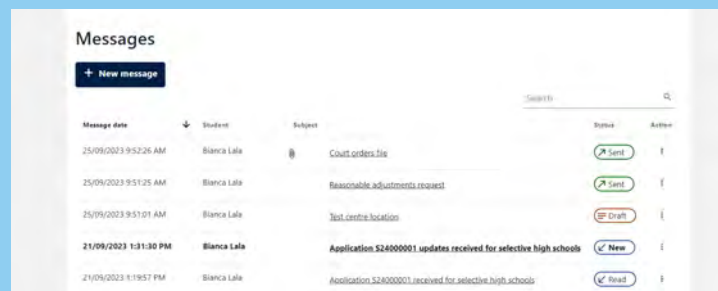
You can also use it to upload documents such as medical information and court orders.



For the quickest response to any questions, message the Selective Education Unit through the application dashboard.

Simply click **+New message** to get started.

Select the 3 dots in the **Action** column to respond to new messages.



More help

For step-by-step instructions on submitting your application, refer to the:

[Selective high school application user guide.](#)

Phone: 1300 880 367

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

(If you are unable to message us through the application dashboard)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – CUMBERLAND YOUNG WRITERS

The Promoter

1. The Promoter is Cumberland Council
ABN 22 798 563 329
Office: 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands
NSW 2160

Conditions of Entry

1. Information on how to enter and prizes form part of these Conditions of Entry. Entry into this promotion is deemed acceptance of these Conditions of Entry by each entrant.
2. Entry is open to students from 8 to 18 years old who live in or attend school in the Cumberland City Council LGA or are members of the Council library service.
3. The Promoter reserves the right to verify the eligibility of entrants. The Promoter may require such information as it considers reasonably necessary for this purpose and a prize may be withheld unless and until the Promoter is satisfied with the verification.

Duration of Promotional Period

1. Entries will open 18 March 2024.
2. Entries will close 26 July 2024.

How to Enter

1. Eligible entrants can enter the competition by submitting their story, poem or graphic short story which will be submitted with this entry form.
2. Entries must be received by the Promoter during the promotional period.

Draw Details

1. The winner will be announced 23 August 2024. The winner will be contacted by a representative from Cumberland Council.
2. If any prize is declined, or the winner cannot be contacted within a reasonable time, a supplementary winner may be selected by the Promoter.

Prize Details

1. The prizes will consist of vouchers to a bookstore. Amounts will vary based on finalist position and age category.
2. The Promoter will not be liable for any loss of prize or voucher expiry.



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Cumberland Young Writers Award 2024



Cumberland City Council Libraries, in partnership with the Library Advisory Committee, are excited to announce the annual Cumberland Young Writers Award 2024.

The competition will be open to students from 8 to 18 years old who live in Cumberland, attend a school in Cumberland, or who are members of the Library Service. The competition provides opportunities for young writers and illustrators to showcase their talents.

Entries Information

Competition will be judged and awarded in the following categories:

- 8 to 11 years old
- 12 to 14 years old
- 15 to 18 years old

Entries will open 18 March 2024 and close 26 July 2024.

Works could be:

- Short stories (maximum 500 words)
- Poetry (maximum 30 lines)
- Graphic short story (maximum 10 pages)

All entries will complete a work using the images provided for the age groups. There will be one (1) image provided for each age group to provide inspiration for the works.

Entries are judged on originality, creativity, construction, and use of language. An independent panel will be assembled that will judge the works. Four finalists are chosen in each age group.

Program Information

Cumberland City Council Libraries will be working with bestselling children's author Oliver Phommavanh to run workshops for students who are interested in learning to write.

Oliver Phommavanh will run 1 hour workshops on the following dates:

- **8 to 11 years old**
Wednesday 10 July, 10am
- **12 to 14 years old**
Wednesday 10 July, 2:30pm
- **15 to 18 years old**
Thursday 11 July, 2pm

Location:

Granville Library
1 Memorial Drive, Granville

Images to be used in works as inspiration

8-11 YEARS OLD



12-14 YEARS OLD



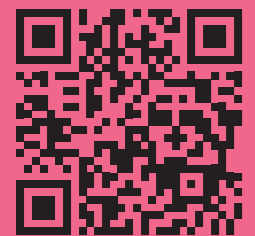
15-18 YEARS OLD



Awards

Awards will be presented to one (1) winner, one (1) runner-up and two (2) highly commended in each age group and type of work.

Finalists from each category will have their works published in a book that will be added to the library collection and made available on Council's website. Full names of finalists will be published and may be made available online and to the public. All participants will be given a participation award for recognition of the work




Bookings for the workshops are essential and will open one week prior at 9am.

To make a booking, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/xx

Entrant Information

Name	
Age	
Library Card Number	
Phone Number	
Email	

- Entries will open 18 March 2024 and close 26 July 2024.
- Entries can be returned to any of our eight libraries.
- We cannot return entries so please ensure that a copy is made before submission.
- Please securely attach your story to this entry form.

 Please find the Condition of Entry on the back page.



KUCHIPUDI ART ACADEMY OF SYDNEY INC

"నాట్య విశారద" శ్రీ సుధాకర్ దుర్గం గారిచే కూచిపూడి నాట్యము నేర్పబడును
Kuchipudi dance is taught by Sudhakar Durgam
Disciple of Guru Padma Bhushan Dr Vempati Chinna Satyam

Learning Indian Classical Dance is beneficial for kids.

According to recent studies, there are many benefits to learning this unique form of dance.

Let your child explore the endless benefits of classical Indian dance form.

Kuchipudi dance is an Indian ancient classical dance form. **This dance can improve balance, improve flexibility, improve stamina, increase aerobic fitness, improve concentration, make a healthy heart, build endurance and control weight.**



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Contact:

"PLACES ARE LIMITED"

0432209442 Sudhakar Durgam (Teacher)
0450506133 Bharathi Reddy (President)

Venue:

Wentworthville Community Centre
(Kurrajong Room) Saturday, Sunday

www.kuchipudidancesydney.com

Venue: Fullagar Rd Tennis Courts, Wentworthville

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

SOCCER/BASKETBALL/CRICKET



Sports Foundation Australia

April 15th to 27th
2024

Bus pick up available
Drop off: Fullagar Rd Tennis
Court, Wentworthville

SHORT FULL DAY CAMP 8:30 -3 pm

Cost: \$250 for 5 day bundle

Casual visit \$55 a day

**SATURDAY
SOCCER
/CRICKET**

HALF DAY CAMP 9:30 -12 pm

Cost: 5 days bundle \$150

Casual visit \$32 a session

Time: 9-10:30

Soccer, cricket,
age appropriate skills
taught

VENUE Lytton street
park wentworthville

NOTE:

No Wet Weather Cancellations- alternate classroom activities will be provided Sports will be from 9:30-12pm, Rest and other activities will be after 12pm.

**FOOTWORK
TENNIS
ACADEMY**



Strength and Conditioning

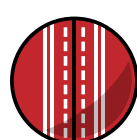
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Don't Worry!

When your child is angry, have you ever tried telling them to just “calm down?”

I bet it worked! I'm entirely confident that they smiled at you angelically and said something like, “Thank you for your wisdom! You are right; I do just need to calm down.”

Just kidding!

In fact, if they're anything like my own kids, they may have yelled back, “I don't want to calm down!” before storming off to their room and slamming the door behind them.

When it comes to dealing with big emotions like anger, it never helps to tell our children to just “calm down.” Yet anger isn't the only emotion that we try to dismiss.

How often have we accompanied our kid to their first day of school, to the first training session for soccer, or to a piano recital and said something like, “Don't worry! You'll do fine?”

We might believe that we're being reassuring. After all, these words are coming from a place of kindness and compassion. Yet they are unlikely to do anything to address the worries and anxieties our kids are experiencing.

The difference between anger and worry is that worry is often a hidden emotion. We may say “don't worry”, and unlike saying “calm down”, it might seem to work. Our child may smile back at us as they walk into school or their piano recital. They might even seem less nervous the next time. Yet on the inside, they're thinking something like, “My parent doesn't understand me... I can't talk to my parent about my worries...I don't have anyone to help me...”

So if saying “don't worry” doesn't cut it, what should we be doing instead?

1. Be proactive

Often, the biggest worry kids have is the fear of the unknown. We can greatly diminish the anxiety our kids are likely to feel by talking to them about what to expect. If they're starting at a new school, that could mean introducing them to their teacher in advance,

showing them where the bathrooms are, and deciding where you will meet at pick up time. If they're preparing for their piano recital, it can help to talk about the schedule for the day, how many people are expected to be there, and what they need to bring alone. Whenever there is a big event on the horizon, it really pays to help our kids visualise what that event will look like.

2. Provide emotional support in the moment.

If it looks like your child is getting nervous, telling them not to worry only invalidates their feelings. Instead, you can say something like, "It looks like you're feeling a bit worried about something. Would you like to talk to me about it?" Then wait. Silence is a powerful form of communication; it tells our kids that we're listening. Make sure not to jump in and try to solve their problems when they do start talking. Just listen and provide a sounding board as they work their way to their own solutions.

3. Help them address persistent worry

Some kids are more prone to anxiety than others. Importantly, worry and anxiety do not always look like worry and anxiety. It can often present as frequent stomach aches, trouble sleeping, or irritability. If you're not sure what is driving your child's behaviour, but there have been recent changes in your child's life or a big event coming up, worry may be part of the problem. It can be useful to talk to them in age-appropriate terms about the purpose of worry – that worry is like a messenger telling us that something might go wrong, and we can use our worry to help us make good choices and stay safe. Books like *The Worrysaurus* by Rachel Brightand and *What If?* by Lynn Jenkins can also serve as a springboard for discussion.

Worry is just like any other emotion. We can't stop our kids from feeling it by telling them to just calm down, relax, or get over it. Like with all emotions, the best thing we can do is to be patient and support our kids as the emotion runs its course.



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