



**Wangi Wangi**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### COVID-19

I would like to thank everyone in our school community for taking on such a sensible and responsible approach to the COVID-19 situation that is currently impacting Australia. To the best of our ability, our school has put in extensive measures to ensure we can operate safely with all the known precautionary advice. To be transparent during such a time of heightened awareness, I will list below the practices we are maintaining to ensure everyone's safety.

- ✓ replenishing hand wash in all toilet facilities 3 times a day
- ✓ students and staff who display any symptoms of cold and flu are being asked to go home and only return when fully recovered or cleared by a doctor
- ✓ executive staff are continually looking for updates from the Government around safety measures to be put in place
- ✓ ensuring hand sanitiser is available in every classroom
- ✓ morning assemblies and excursions have been cancelled
- ✓ regular staff collaboration meetings are conducted to discuss day to day ways and practices in the classroom that can be used to support safe socialising measures
- ✓ handwashing and personal hygiene lessons are being taught across the school
- ✓ teachers enforcing safe social distancing measures in the playground
- ✓ our cleaner is prioritising the disinfecting of all hard classroom surfaces each morning
- ✓ Scripture has been postponed

Please remember, it is your community responsibility to not enter the school or send a student to school if they are in any way feeling unwell. This is Department advice and a mandatory request that we send to our communities to please stay away from school if feeling or showing any symptoms. You are able to pick up from the back gate, where students are supervised by two teachers on duty, instead of entering the school grounds when unwell. Our infection control during this time is only as tight as our community will allow it to be. We strongly urge everyone to be as vigilant as possible when deciding to come to school. If you feel unwell during the day and need to arrange a change to your child's pick up arrangements, please phone the school office and we will assist in coming to an appropriate collection arrangement.

## TERM 1 – WEEK 8 – 2020

### WHAT'S ON AT WWPS?

#### WEEK 8

Friday 20 March  
Bullying No Way day  
Yr 7 2021 EOI due back  
Yr 5/6 Canberra Excursion deposit due

#### WEEK 9

Monday 23 March  
School photo day  
  
Thursday 26 March  
Cross Country  
Wangi Oval 1:30pm

#### WEEK 11

Thursday 9 April  
Last day of Term 1

### TERM 2

#### WEEK 1

Monday 27 April  
Staff development day

Tuesday 28 April  
Students return for Term 2

## Canberra Excursion



Term 3 31 Aug - 2 Sept  
Years 5 & 6

**\$50 deposit due tomorrow**

Expression of interest and itinerary are available on our website

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Prime Minister and Chief Medical Officer have announced on Wednesday 18th May that Australian schools will remain open based on current health advice. If you would like anymore information on the press conference held, please follow the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/prime-minister-announces-schools-will-stay-open>

## ATTENDANCE

During this time of uncertainty students are still expected to attend school each day. Students who are unwell or have potentially come in contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19 are to stay away from school until recovered or a negative result has been returned. Please keep informing our teaching staff through the school mobile app, school office or with your classroom teacher of reasons for any absence. If you or someone close to you is diagnosed with COVID-19, can you please contact the office and let us know as there are government procedures in place.

## BUILDING WORKS

As you can see, our building works are progressing beautifully with many of the buildings nearing completion. The workers are now beginning to take small areas of our school site so that they are able to join the existing school up with the new. This will mean that the ramp to classrooms will be out of action for the next few weeks while they finalise this work. Other work that is planned in our active school zone is being planned to be completed during the holiday period. This ensures the safety of our students is maintained at all times.

## ANTI-BULLYING DAY

A reminder that this Friday 20th March, we are asking all students to wear anything orange in recognition of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Class teachers have been organising activities to do with their classes to educate our students about this important topic. As per current protocol, there will be no whole school activities or assembly on this day.

## LESSON OBSERVATIONS

I have had the pleasure of visiting many classrooms over the past two weeks to complete lesson observations. I am excited to report that all of these lessons have been incredible with all students engaged and learning fabulous things. Our Kindergarten students are starting to read with confidence, which has been amazing to witness. I would like to thank the fabulous job our staff do each and everyday to ensure the learning taking place in each classroom is of an exceptionally high standard. Our Wangi Wangi kids are lucky to have such dedicated and passionate teachers supporting their learning needs every day.

Tim Lewis



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## WHOLE SCHOOL SPORT

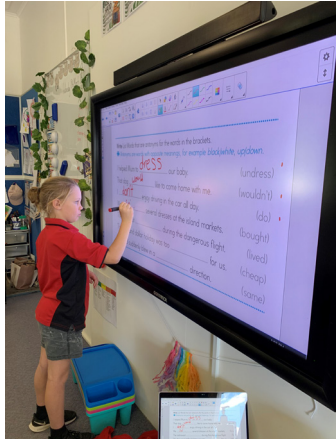
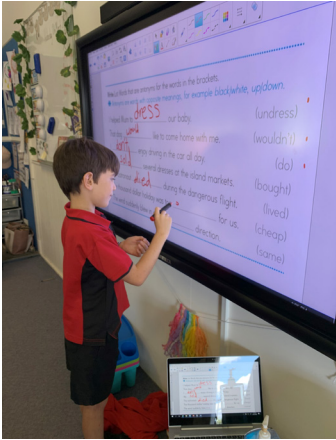
Last Friday, all students participated in whole school sport which was organised and lead by our Stage 3 class. Everyone had such a great time and our Stage 3 students showed fantastic leadership qualities. Awesome effort Stage 3!



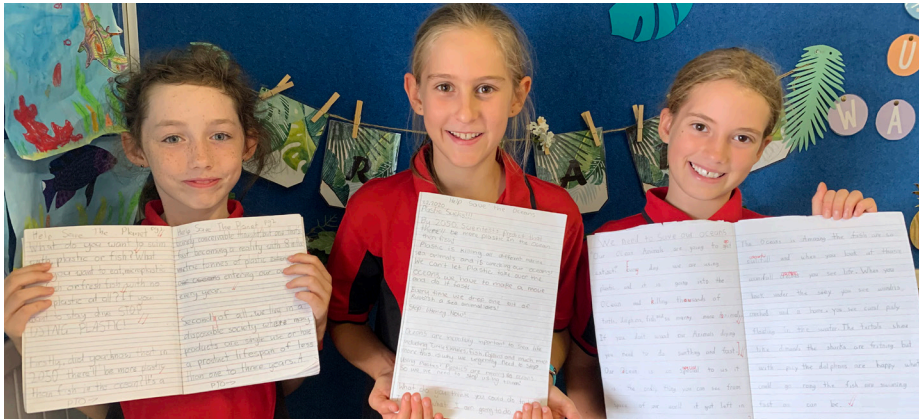


## YR 3/4

3/4 have been having lots of fun this term using our new spelling program Sound Waves. Over the past few weeks they have been exploring different phonemes, graphemes and spelling patterns. They have been having lots of fun learning spelling strategies while also using the interactive white board.



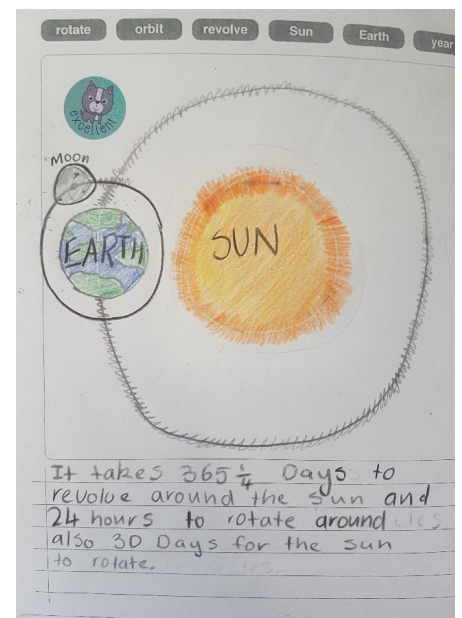
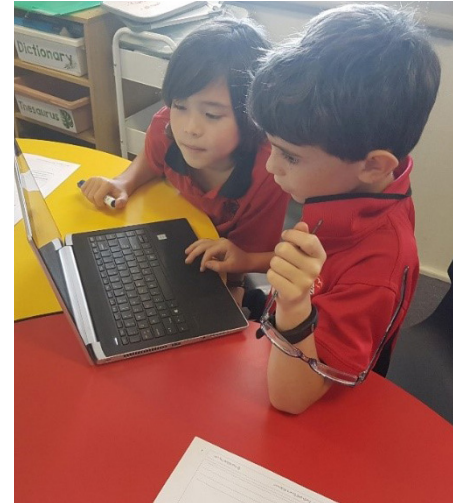
In writing we have been focusing on persuasive texts and also been busy learning about the problem of plastic pollution and why plastic straws really do suck. We were really passionate about this topic and decided to write some amazing persuasive text's about why we should ban plastic. There were some wonderful arguments about why we should be going plastic free. Great persuading girls!



Some of 3/4 were persuaded so much by the problem of plastic pollution they decided to take action into their own hands and created a "zero-waste attitude". They have been working hard collecting used recycled plastic materials to make bee houses, planters, stationary and other art projects



In Science, 3/4 have been busy becoming solar system experts. They have been researching interesting facts about the sun. Did you know the Sun is over 4.5 billion years old and our closest star? 3/4 do. Just ask us.





## LITERACY GROUPS

Literacy groups occur in every classroom every day at WWPS. During this time, students engage in a variety of tasks in small, ability-based groups. Tasks include an explicit point of need reading lesson with their teacher, writing tasks, spelling activities, word hunts or sorts, literacy games and using technology. Many students will tell you that this is their favourite part of the day. Here are a few snaps taken during literacy groups in 1-2 on Tuesday.



## FISH WINNERS



Congratulations to the canteen voucher winners: Aleira from K, Ayda from 2/3, Amity from 3/4 and Chloe from K. All girls received a \$5 canteen lunch order voucher.

Wear orange tomorrow to support Bullying No Way Day



**Photo Day**  
Next Monday  
23 March



Remember to bring your best smile!

Photo envelopes with package options & order details were distributed last week. Please return the envelope to the photographer on photo day with payment enclosed,

Orders can also be placed online at: [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com) using code 201290

# Cough etiquette

## Cover your cough



- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth
- Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

## Wash your hands



- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Remember hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

Anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, regardless of the cause, should be instructed to cover their nose/mouth when coughing or sneezing, use tissues to contain respiratory secretions, dispose of tissues in the nearest waste receptacle after use, and wash their hands afterwards.



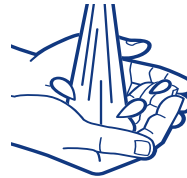
Health



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## Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

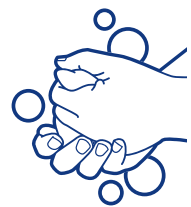
1 Wet hands



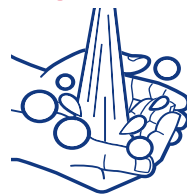
2 Apply soap



3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.

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## Kids Club

has been cancelled  
until further notice



## WANGI FOODBANK

Wangi RSL auditorium - \$9 a bag

275 Watkins Road, Wangi -

Every Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am

Emergency Food Relief packs available (free food) if you are in severe financial stress, message Southlake Marketplace to arrange on 0432 580 059.