



Wangi Wangi
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Quality, Care and Commitment



Newsletter

A proud member of the Toronto Learning Community

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are so proud of our students' achievements this term. All of our teachers have commented that their classes have made pleasing progress across all Key Learning Areas. It has also been a very busy term (as always!). This term alone staff at WWPS have provided the following opportunities for your children:

- K-6 Cross Country Carnival
- K-6 Athletics Carnival
- Star Struck
- Stage 3 Boys Top Blokes and girls GG's Education programs
- 3-6 Tabin Wanyai Cultural Group
- PSSA knockout soccer and netball
- Whole school PBL rewards day
- TLC Reconciliation Walk
- Premiers Debating
- Jabiru Wildlife Incursion
- K-6 AFL program
- NAIDOC day (recognition of) activities.

I am pointing out these significant events as these are the extra and very important events staff at WWPS provide for our school community. These events take a lot of preparation, organisation and management to run successfully. If you see your child's teacher this week prior to the holidays you may notice that they are exhausted and many are recovering from bouts of covid, the flu or ongoing RSV.

Semester 1 student progress reports and parent-teacher interviews

Last week Semester 1 student progress reports were sent home. These reports provide you with vital information about your child's progress in all Key Learning Areas. This year our K-2 reports for English and Mathematics reflect the changes to syllabus documents. The new syllabus emphasises key concepts, identify essential knowledge and skills, and include new outcomes to clearly show what is essential. They remove ambiguity for teachers and parents. For more information on the NSW curriculum reform, click on the link provided for a brief video <https://youtu.be/mji4F8elKtY>

TERM 2 – WEEK 10 – 2023

WHAT'S ON AT WWPS?

TERM 3

WEEK 1

Monday 17 July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 18 July
Students return to school
9:45am Perry's Playgroup

Wednesday 19 July
Library - K, K/1, 1/2, 2/3
Canteen Re-opens

Thursday 20 July
2:30pm 3-6 Cultural group
Public Speaking speeches due today

WEEK 2

Monday 24 July
9:45 - 11am Perry's Playgroup
Public Speaking speeches presented in class this week

Wednesday 26 July
Library - 3/4, 4/5, 5/6

Thursday 27 July
2:30pm 3-6 Cultural group

Friday 28 July
Science Fair Projects due
2:30pm School Assembly

WEEK 3

Monday 31 July
9:45 Perry's Playgroup
Education Week

Tuesday 1 August
Education Week Open classrooms, expo and picnic lunch
6pm P&C Meeting

Wednesday 2 August
Public speaking finals

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Star Struck 2023 - Ignite

Congratulations to our Star Struck Choir who performed with enthusiasm and passion over three sell out performances. Ms van Netten and Miss Bullivant told me that our students shone throughout the entire event – not just their singing but also due to their exemplary behaviour and representation of our school. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Maggie of 5/6 purple. Maggie performed on stage for significant parts of the show including solo, duet and ensemble performances. It is not often that a school has a student with such performing-arts talents. Well done Maggie, the whole school community are very proud of you.



School programs and Staff update

Next term we have some very exciting programs commencing at WWPS. Each Monday we will have the expertise of a Speech Therapist in our Kindergarten and Year 1 classrooms. Ms Ashley Phippen will be working with students in K pink, K/1 red and 1/2 orange. This is very exciting news for our school and we are looking forward to the added benefits for students who are part of the program.

We also have a Student Wellbeing Officer joining our team next term. Olivia Dominish is a qualified Social Worker who has been engaged by our school through CALM. Olivia's role will be to provide wellbeing support for students K-6. This may include one on one or small group sessions that focus on particular skills or strategies such as dealing with anxiety, being a good friend, overcoming loss, understanding and expressing emotion. Students may be referred to programs by our Learning Support Team, which includes our school counsellor, Lauren Cohen. From day 1 next term we will also have a final year Bachelor of Teaching practicum student from the University of Newcastle, Miss Kara Lees. Kara will be working alongside Mrs Russell in 1/2 orange for her 10 week practicum. Make her feel welcome and say g'day! Kara is very excited to be joining our team.



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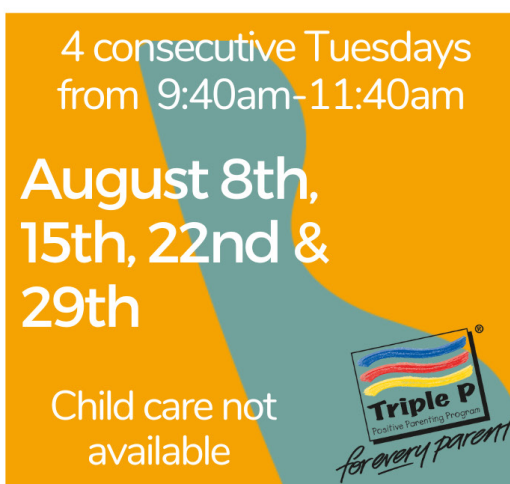
Positive Parenting Program – Triple P

I am proud to announce that we are hosting the Triple P parenting program at our school next term. The program is aimed at parents of 2 – 12 year olds and its aim is to assist parents with strategies to develop positive relationships with their child and encourage better behaviour. Being a parent is the most difficult yet most rewarding job in the world and all parents experience challenges with their children. This program runs for 4 consecutive weeks for two hours per session. Each session will be from 9:40 to 11:40 in our SPR (old hall). We are limited to 8 places, so can I encourage anyone who is interested to register fast. Please have a look at the flyer below and refer to the website for more information

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/triple-p/>



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Thank you

I would like to acknowledge and thank the ongoing work of our P & C who do an amazing job supporting our school. Your WWPS P & C recently donated \$4500 to upgrade the blinds in A Block (where 2/3 yellow, 1/2 orange, 3/4 green and Science rooms are located). Blinds will be installed early next term and will be very similar to the modern looking blinds in K block.

Larissa from Wangi Wangi OOSH has also recently made a generous donation to our school. Larissa kindly donated \$1500 for the purchase of a portable sound system. We were in desperate need of a portable, battery operated system with decent sound quality for our many "outside" events. Thank you Larissa and Wangi Wangi OOSH.



Change to newsletter

This will be our final formal newsletter. This decision has been made based on feedback from our school community, as well P & C and our school staff who compile each newsletter. Our newsletter takes Julie and Lydia up to 6 hours per fortnight to compile. That's a significant amount of time! Given the era in which we live with instant communication at our fingertips through applications like Audiri and Facebook, the relevance of the Newsletter has diminished. Based on this we will be replacing our newsletter with the following:

- Ongoing weekly/fortnightly posts of school events, student achievements and celebrations
- Student award recipients will be acknowledged via a new fortnightly document every second Monday. This will include images of students receiving award for Be safe, Be a learner and Be respectful, home reading awards, sports awards and special awards
- Fortnightly class profiles produced by teachers to give parents a "highlight" of the learning taking place
- Principal's report every school week 1, 5 and 9. These reports will contain reflections on school progress, important information about school and individual achievement and plans for programs or infrastructure improvements in our school.

Feedback from many parents indicates high levels of satisfaction with our overall communications, with many people commenting to me that there has never been this level of organisation and communication at our school.

I sincerely hope you and your family have a lovely school holiday period. There is so much to see and do in our beautiful Hunter Region. I hope you get the chance to do a spot of whale watching, take a trip to the Watagans, pop into Newcastle for a visit to the Newcastle Museum (free) or do a spot of fishing on our beautiful lake.

I look forward to seeing you and our students when school resumes on Tuesday 18 July.

Lee Englefield

Principal

WWPS is where amazing happens



Semester 1 Fun in K Pink



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JABIRU
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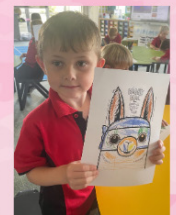
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ARTS &
CRAFT



LEARNING



FUN



Week 8 Awards

PBL Awards



**Be a
Learner**



**Be
Safe**

**Be
Respectful**



Reading Awards



Sport Awards



Athletics Carnival Ribbon Winners

