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Term 4 - Week 4

Thursday 7th November 2019

Calendar

Term 4 Week 5

11th November – Principal Reward Day (mufti day)
12th November – Stage 3 Camp
13th November – Stage 3 Camp
14th November – Prefect Speeches in Hall
15th November – PSSA Semi Finals

Term 4 Week 6

21st November – Kindy Orientation 3
22nd November – Sports house Captain voting
22nd November – PSSA Grand finals

Term 4 Week 7

25th November – Life Education K-2 Sessions
26th November – Life Education K-2 Sessions
27th November – Life Education K-2 Sessions
28th November – Spider/Sundae Day
28th November – Life Education K-2 Sessions

Term 4 Week 8

4th December – P & C Meeting
5th December – Presentation Day 3-6 then K-2

Term 4 Week 9

10th December – Year 6 Farewell
12th December – Party Day
13th December – Reports go home

Principal's Message

Term 4 is always the most exciting time of the year for me. The school is a buzz with activities, awards, excitement and end of year events. We started this term with the finishing of our returfing project. Evans Grass area looks amazing- green, lush and soft. Very shortly students will get the opportunity to play in this

safe and attractive area again. This has been a project the school has saved for very carefully. Thanks to Evergreen Turf for supporting our school, our vision and our project.



We have also had a lot of students continue to achieve their Bronze, Gold, Silver and Principal awards. The teachers have been giving out awards to students who have made improvement, showed consistency, been good citizens and been great sports. As a thank you, our Principal Reward Day will take place for all students who have achieved these awards on 11th November. I am looking forward to spending the day celebrating with these students. Please note this day is also a FREE mufti day.



Term 4 also saw a return of the **HALLOWEEN DISCO**. A big thanks to our P&C, particularly Amy, Lauren, Mel and the Jones family. A great night was had by all that attended! The costumes were outstanding, and the dancing was even better.

As the year draws to a close- there are many opportunities for the students to continue to actively participate in and enjoy the run up to Christmas. We will once again hold our "Walters Got Talent" show, PSSA teams make their way to semi and grand final series, we will participate in a Christmas Wishing Tree for families in drought stricken areas, we will have our K-5 movie day, our leaders day out, end of year presentation days and we will say farewell to our current Year 6 students.

Learning will continue right up to holidays (with a little bit of fun mixed in), so we ask that all students continue their outstanding attendance, follow school rules and wear the correct uniform. If your family is moving on from WRPS in 2020 or will be returning late, we ask that you inform the office ASAP. Executive staff will soon begin planning for 2020 and correct numbers are required to do this mammoth task.

I am also asked each year if parents can make requests for their child next year. As we always do, all teachers have input into the best class placement for each and every student. We aim to ensure that every child is known, valued and cared for. If, however you have a pressing issue you would like the school to consider, please place this in writing, addressed to **"The Principal."** Requests will be looked at, but we cannot physically or financially meet all of these needs.

Finally on a staffing note, Mr Brett Patterson has informed the school that he will not be returning to WRPS – we wish Mr Patterson all the best. Mrs Theodorou has also taken leave until the end of the year. Ms Amanda Wheeler will replace Mrs Theodorou as Assistant Principal – Learning and Support until the end of the year. Ms Wheeler will remain teaching 4W.

I look forward to seeing many families in and around the school this term!

Jodi Warner
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Once again congratulations to all of our students who have achieved their Gold Award this term. I know that there are many children who are almost there and will be receiving Gold Awards before the end of the year.



I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents that organised our Halloween disco, all of the students who attended had a great time.

As the weather is heating up can I ask that all students remember to wear a hat while outside, ensuring that it is labelled with their name and class. Students should also have water with them each day to ensure they do not become dehydrated.

Jenny Moon-Tume
Deputy Principal

Office News

Our Office hours are 8.30am – 3.20pm

If you are yet to pay your voluntary contribution you can still do so. Payment can be made by cash to the office, EFTPOS or via POP.

School Contributions are a vital source of funds for NSW Public Schools. We use these funds to target specific areas of our school budget, not covered by the funds we receive from the government. Your contributions help us to purchase extra classroom resources, teaching, support and admin staff to support your child.

To assist the office whilst receipting multiple payments for your child/children, please enclose **all** notes & money in one envelope or lunch bag. (Sibling payments can all be placed together.)

Also, please note that the office is unable to receive cash payments on Fridays.

Payment options for events and purchases include:

1. **Cash** - correct money in an envelope or lunch bag with your child's name clearly written on the front. (Not Fridays)

2. **EFTPOS** - mornings only

3. **Parent online payment (POP)**

Please note that **NO CHANGE IS GIVEN FOR ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AT SCHOOL.** (e.g. excursions). We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

****PLEASE NOTE** Please do not pay for any online payments which should be paid to a third party provider. For example, School Photographers, P&C Fund-Raising etc. If unsure, please check with the office.**

Thank You

Office Staff

Early Stage 1 Report

Kindergarten have had an excellent start to their final term. The teachers are amazed at how far they have come this year in all aspects of learning. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting things happening including Life Education, Principal Reward Day, Party Day and Presentation Assemblies.

The students are continuing to develop their reading and writing skills, and are focusing on writing imaginative texts. They are learning to become experts at using adjectives to describe characters and settings in their stories.

They have enjoyed learning about money in maths, and are so excited that they can now read hour time on a clock.

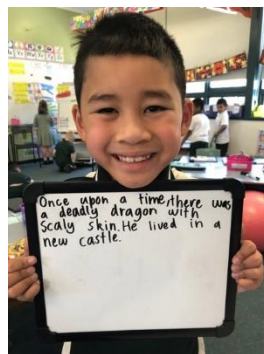
Just a reminder that payment for Life Education is due by Wednesday 20th November if paying at the office, or Tuesday 19th November if paying online

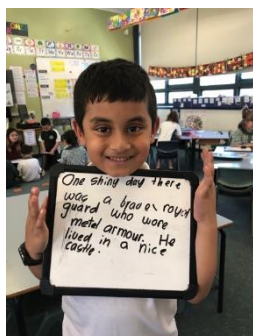
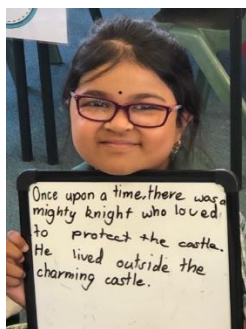
Mrs Thom

Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 Report

It's wonderful to be back at school for Term 4 and I am so impressed with the progress that the Stage 1 students have made under the guidance of their amazing teachers. After considerable experience in writing to persuade and to inform, we are now working very hard on writing to entertain. Here is a peek at some of our Year 1 writing:





The seedlings planted during Science and Technology lessons have begun to sprout and we are enjoying watching the process and identifying the steps in the life cycle of plants. We are now beginning to look at the steps and processes involved in programming robots to follow a sequence of instructions. Our recent Mathematics lessons in position will surely come in handy during these lessons.

We would like to remind any of our families who have not yet paid for Life Education, that payments are still being accepted and we are very excited to see all of our students attending. Our end of year Party Day note will be sent home this week and is guaranteed to be another memorable experience to celebrate the end of an incredible year of academic and social growth.

Mrs Tasker

Assistant Principal - Stage 1 (rel)

Stage 2 Report

Welcome back to the Stage 2 students and their families to our final term of teaching and learning for 2019.

Stage 2 hit the ground running, with classes completing their reading and writing unit on informative texts. The students were explicitly taught key reading skills such as locating key words, classifying facts and summarising information. They also learnt how to structure an informative text using our TEEL writing blocks. I managed to watch a number of lessons across the stage and I was amazed by the effort, enthusiasm and academic progress made in each room.

This term, the classes will be completing Reading and Writing units with the purpose of reading and writing to entertain. The classes will focus on Cinquain (didactic and American) and Shape poems. I have already been a few rooms to see how the classes are going and

I am quite impressed. I also thoroughly enjoyed teaching Didactic Cinquain poems to 4W, who produced 3 amazing poems about floods, volcanoes and hurricanes.

Last of all, as report time approaches, the Stage 2 teachers will be finalising assessments and begin writing the Semester 2 reports. In Week 4 the Stage 2 teachers are using their stage planning time to look at work samples in reference to the relevant syllabus. The teachers will be using consistent teacher judgement to determine the academic progress of students.

Mr Dyer

Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3 Report

Prefect Elections for 2020.

Congratulations to the 24 Year 5 students who have made the short list for prefect in 2020. These students will be delivering a 2-minute speech to students in Year 2 - 5 on November 14 from 9.30am. Parents of these students are invited to attend as well. Following the speeches, students and teachers will vote. Good luck to all our candidates.

Year 6 Farewell Parent Meeting

This Friday will be our next parent meeting at 3.30pm in 5/6H. With only a few weeks left until this exciting event we are now finalising details.

Spider & Sundae Fundraiser

On Thursday 28th November (Week 7) we will be holding our final fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell – a spider and sundae day. Items are only \$1.00 each and it would be great if many children in the school supported this yummy event. A note will go home to parents of Year 6 soon, requesting parent helpers on the day. Please return this slip to Mrs Harris as soon as possible if you are able to lend a hand.

Selective High School applications – Year 5 students
A reminder to those parents who wish their child to apply for a Selective High School placement in 2021 – online applications close on November 11.

Stage 3 Canberra Camp

A reminder that our Canberra Excursion is happening next week. Students need to be at school at 7am on Tuesday 12th November and will need to be collected by a parent/carer at 6pm of Wednesday 13th November. Mrs Cassar, Miss Small, Mrs Duss, Mr

Fuller and I will be taking 87 campers away overnight to see the sights of our nation's capital. Students will be visiting Parliament House, National Museum of Australia, Embassy and Lodge District, Royal Australian Mint, Australian War Memorial and Questacon. I am sure they will represent our school well and make some great connections to our work in History.

As always many thanks to a great team effort by staff both on the excursion and at school.

- Staff do not get paid overtime and therefore give up their time to provide these opportunities to your children.
- Not all Stage 3 staff were able to attend, due to student numbers, so a big thankyou to Ms McCann for covering classes here at school.
- Support teachers helped out by looking after the non-campers as well. Thanks to Mrs Lynch, Mr Plumb, Mrs Mason, Mrs Kumar, Ms Higgins and Mr Dyer.

Mrs T Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 3



PSSA Sports Results



Sport	Result Term 3 Semis	
Jnr Netball A	vs Hambledon	Loss 11-14
Snr Netball A	vs Blacktown South	Won 16-6
Jnr Tag	vs Barnier	Won 7-6

Sport	Result Term 3 Grand Final	
Snr Netball A	vs Barnier	Loss 3-6
Jnr Tag	vs Blacktown Sth	Won 8-4

Sport	Result Term 4	
Jnr Handball	vs Blacktown South	Won 8-3
Snr Handball	vs Blacktown South	Won 12-9
Kanga Cricket	vs Blacktown South	Loss 72-77
Senior Cricket	vs Blacktown South	Loss
Boys T-Ball	vs Hassall Grove	Won 13-11
Girls T-Ball	vs Hassall Grove	Won 7-4
Boys Softball	vs Blacktown South	Loss 6-1
Grils Softball	vs Blacktown South	Loss 6-2

School Travel - Term 4 2019

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes
for school travel



2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- ☐ are continuing at the same school
- ☐ are residing at the same address
- ☐ have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.





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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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