

Week 10, Term 4

Friday 20 December 2024

Farewell Year 6, Class of 2024!

Warami (Hello),

This week we farewelled our Year 6 students. We celebrated their primary school achievements this week at our Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Year 6 Farewell. On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to wish our graduating class all the best as they begin their high school journey.



Coming Soon at Werrington County PS...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec Recognition Assembly K-6 9.15am	12 Dec	13 Dec
10	16 Dec Year 6 Graduation and Farewell Reports sent home	17 Dec	18 Dec Principal Assembly – 1.45pm Year 6 Arch 2.45pm Last Day for students	19 Dec Staff Development Day Students do not attend school today	20 Dec Staff Development Day Students do not attend school today
Term 1, 2025 1	27 Jan Holidays	28 Jan Holidays	29 Jan Holidays	30 Jan Holidays	31 Jan Staff Development Day Students do not attend school today

2025 Assemblies

In 2025 we will be following the same schedule as 2024 for when assemblies are held, we are hoping this will assist parents and caregivers to attend our assemblies when their children are receiving special awards. Below is the overview of assemblies for 2025...

- K-6 Assembly (2.15pm Wednesday, gates open at 2pm)
 - Merit Awards
 - Superkid Raffle Draw
- K-6 Extra Curricular Assembly (2.15pm Wednesday, gates open at 2pm)
 - All sporting, dance, debating etc awards from the term
 - Parents will receive a letter if your child receives an award at this assembly
- K-6 Principals Award Assembly (2.15pm Wednesday, gates open at 2pm)
 - Ribbons, Banners and Pins for students who have handed in their award book by Week 8
 - Parents will receive a letter if your child receives an award at this assembly
- Presentation Day (Wednesday, Week 8 Term 4, Times TBC)
 - Parents will receive a letter if your child receives an award at this assembly
- Recognition Assembly (Wednesday, Week 9 Term 4, Times TBC)
 - Parents will receive a letter if your child receives an award at this assembly

Week	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2	No Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly
4	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly
6	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly
8	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	K-6 Assembly	Presentation Day
9	K-6 Extra Curricular Assembly	K-6 Extra Curricular Assembly	K-6 Extra Curricular Assembly	Recognition Assembly
10	K-6 Principals Assembly	K-6 Principals Assembly	K-6 Principals Assembly	K-6 Principals Assembly

2025 Staffing and Classes

We will start the new year in our 2024 classes and with our 2024 class teacher (where possible). This gives us time to finalise our new enrolments and organise student movements for those who may leave over the Christmas break. Students returning to familiar faces after the break also assists with their transition to the new year.

At the moment, we anticipate that students will move into their new classes with their new teacher on Friday 7 February. Please keep in mind that this date may change, however it is our priority to move into new classes as soon as possible.



Thank you and Merry Christmas

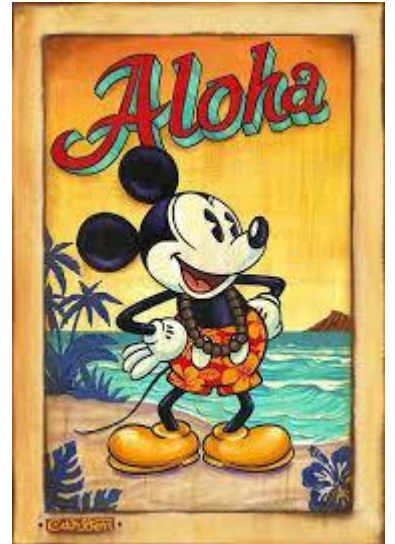
I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all of our students, staff and families for their hard work and support throughout 2024. I am truly grateful to each member of our school community for this support. I hope that each of you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, relaxing, making memories and recharging for a great year in 2025.

I am looking forward to unwinding with my family over the Christmas break whilst watching the Cricket (BBL and Ollie's games) and I am excited to be heading off to Hawaii in January.

Yanu (Goodbye)



Mrs Belinda Clarke
Principal



Congratulations to our Award Winners from our Principals Assembly...

Blue Ribbons	Red Ribbons	Blue Banners
Cooper Lincoln Seth Kyson Braxton James Octavia Cole Zac Eleanor Dana Chris Liam	Kairon William Charlotte Hunter Georgia Liam Charlotte Jakai Anastasia Paige Lachlan Annaliese Isaac	Ellie Ethan Zoe Seth Isaac Molly Ace Jacinda-Haze Connor Nathaniel Ava Teilen Temani Cooper Eleanor Stella Rocky Hannah Blake Liam Earvin Charlotte Billie Hayden Owen Lilah Rhegan Marley Samuel
Red Banners	Red Pins	Blue Pins
Kairon Mila-Jade Charlotte Madeline Dilan Indi Hunter Chase Valerie Aaliyah	Archie Chelsea Dilan Charlotte Basim Indi Amelia Quinn Flynn Melody Victoria Bentley Riley Chayce Lincoln Harrison Blake William Emmi Phoebe	Ellie Charlotte Ethan Evie Isaac Imran Teilen Ruby Evan Lily Connor John Rylan Jet Maycee Georgia Lachlan Nadia Lexi Logan Landen Cayden Marley Tyler Rhegan Sebastian Jack Ruby Llayden Rocky Alexandra Ava-Mai Charlotte Chelsea Nathaniel Mia Kaley Jessica Braxton Elizabeth Temika-O'Shea Kensi Jack Emily Isabella Hayden

White Ribbon	White Pins	Principal's Medallion
Olivia Joshua Tyler Liam Ethan	Zac Sadie Mia Genevieve James Kaiden Imogen	Zac Sadie Mia Genevieve James Kaiden Imogen Liam
White Banner		
Charlotte Will Mia		

Students' names are only included if the school has permission to publish, therefore some classes may only have one or no names listed.



WERRINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY 2024

Our library promotes the love of reading and provides quality teaching which connects to classroom learning to ensure our students are future focused learners.

10 798

The number of books borrowed this year.

Top 5 books borrowed per grade.

Kindergarten



1. We're Going on a Bear Hunt
2. Pig the grub
3. Pig the pug
4. Where is the green sheep?
5. Pig the winner

Year 1



1. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOK AGAIN
2. Pig the grub
3. Definitely do not open this book
4. Things I love about me
5. Fat Ferdie

Year 2



1. DEFINITELY DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOK
2. Do not open this book
3. Soccer superstar
4. There is a bird on your head
5. Duck!

Year 3



1. ANHDO WEIRDO
2. Fun sister stories
3. Naomi the rainbow glitter dragon
4. Curious kitten
5. Really weird!

Year 4



1. ANHDO WEIRDO
2. Supernova
3. The truth about Stacey
4. Escape from Lucien
5. Fantastic Mr Fox

Year 5



1. Once Upon a Dream
2. Ways to be me
3. Amulet: the stonekeeper
4. Minecraft: beginner's handbook
5. The witches

Year 6



1. Sisters
2. Truly Tyler
3. Mothering heights
4. Escaping peril
5. Fetch-22

Premier's Reading Challenge

331 (99.1%) students finished the PRC
 48 students received their Gold Award
 46 Students received their Platinum Award

FEATURE TEACHER

**MRS
CLARKE**



What's the best part of being a principal? I get to help everybody in the school.

What is the best memory you have had with the Leadership Team? Our leadership excursion!

How did you overcome your injury? My dad has a very bad foot, and I didn't want to have a bad foot as well when I'm older.

Who do you look up to in life? My dad who is very cool, calm and wise.

Why did you want to be a teacher? My year 4 teacher made me want to be a teacher because I wanted to be like her.

What is the best thing the Leadership Team has done for you this year? Definitely all your help, I know that you guys are really reliable!

If your personality was a colour, what colour would you be? Yellow because it's a calm and a bright colour.

What has been the funniest moment as our Principal? When I got slimed with my goggles and life jacket!
Do you have a favourite teacher? Miss Maclou, my Year 4 teacher who was really nice. She did lots of fun activities with the class and she made everyone feel good about themselves.

Why do you like Mickey Mouse? When I was a kid, my nan and I would always watch Disney cartoons and she said if she won the lottery she would take me and my family to Disneyland to see Mickey Mouse.
When Year 6 leave, what will you miss the most about us? The noise that you make when you move around the school because I can hear all the laughter and joy.

What inspired you to become a principal? At my previous school, I worked with a lady named Jo, she was the Deputy Principal and she inspired me to be a school leader. When I was an assistant principal, I wanted to have a bigger impact on a school.

If you were a teacher, what stage would you teach? Kindergarten is my favourite stage to teach.

How has this year been for you at WCPS? It's been busy, exciting and exhausting. I'm just finishing my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at the moment so that makes it even more busy for me!

How would you rate WCPS out of 10? Ten of course!

Our Feature Teachers have been interviewed by our Student Leadership Team.

STAGE THREE

COMMUNITY PROJECT



CHRISTMAS PACKAGES DELIVERED TO CHEMOTHERAPY PATIENTS

Stage Three students have been working hard this term preparing Christmas packages for patients of the Penrith Cancer & Wellbeing Centre.

This included a some carefully constructed Christmas crafts, a book mark and a box of short bread.

On Tuesday the 17th of December our Captains, Mrs Willis and Mrs Schild had the pleasure of going to the hospital and delivering these gifts in person.

All the patients were very thankful

It was heartwarming to put a smile on peoples faces that might need it this Christmas.



Well done Stage 3
on your effort!





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.

education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc



DID YOU KNOW PENRITH CITY COUNCIL CHILDREN'S SERVICES NOW OFFERS ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PENRITH COMMUNITY?

Our Services:

- **Speech Therapy:** Helping children improve communication, pronunciation, feeding and language skills, empowering them to express themselves confidently.
- **Occupational Therapy:** Assisting children in developing fine motor skills, coordination, and independence, so they can thrive in everyday tasks at home and school.

Our experienced, compassionate therapists create individualised plans tailored to meet your child's unique needs, ensuring they reach their full potential in a fun and nurturing environment.

**CHILDREN'S
SERVICES**
PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL

Is your child facing challenges with speech, language, feeding or motor skills? We're excited to announce the launch of Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy services designed to support children's growth and development, right here in Penrith.

Why Choose Us?

- Expert care with a personalised approach
- Convenient, local service in Penrith
- Support for children aged 0-12 years
- Medicare, NDIS Care Packages and Private Health Care patients all welcome

Get Started Today!

Early intervention is key to unlocking your child's abilities.

Scan the QR code below and complete the Expression of Interest



penrith.city/childcare

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3	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
4	17 Feb Twilight Swimming Carnival 7-9pm	18 Feb	19 Feb K-6 Assembly 2.15pm	20 Feb Meet the Teacher Night Time TBC	21 Feb Newsletter Day
5	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb
6	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar Zone Swimming Carnival K-6 Assembly 2.15pm	6 Mar	7 Mar Newsletter Day
7	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar NAPLAN Test Window	13 Mar NAPLAN Test Window PLP Afternoon	14 Mar NAPLAN Test Window
8	17 Mar NAPLAN Test Window	18 Mar NAPLAN Test Window	19 Mar NAPLAN Test Window K-6 Assembly 2.15pm	20 Feb NAPLAN Test Window	21 Feb NAPLAN Test Window Newsletter Day
9	24 Mar NAPLAN Test Window	25 Mar NAPLAN Test Window Try Cricket Day Student Leadership Team Excursion	26 Mar Term 1 Recognition Assembly 2.15pm	27 Mar	28 Mar
10	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr Term 1 Principals Assembly 2.15pm	3 Apr	4 Apr P&C Colour Run Newsletter Day
11	7 Apr	8 Apr Easter Hat Parade	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr ANZAC Service Last day of Term 1



Our School Values and Expectations

We are **Curious, Collaborative**
and **Compassionate**

Step 5 Purple Slip



Step 4 Red Slip

Principal

Step 3 Orange Slip



AP Reflection Time

Step 2 Yellow Slip



Step 1 Name on Chart



Verbal reminder



Back on track and Chill Zone

You can turn this around
😊

Think it through

Take some deep
breaths

Move on from the
mistake

Time to have a chat

- Talking when someone else is talking
- Using the furniture in the wrong way
- Using equipment in the wrong way
- Not sitting on the floor correctly
- Distracting yourself or others
- Leaving rubbish on the floor

Implementation of Berry Street/Bill Rogers Strategies to assist in turning behaviour around.
If behaviour is repeated student moves to yellow step

Take 5 Completed

- Throwing objects in the classroom
- Back chat
- Not following instructions
- Not completing your work

If behaviour is repeated student moves to orange step

AP Reflection Time

- Not following instructions after being asked multiple times

- Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself

- Hurting others on purpose

- Using rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someone

- Wrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on purpose

If behaviour is repeated student moves to red step

- Drawing on school or another person's property

- Hitting, punching or kicking because you want to hurt someone

- Stealing

- Repeatedly being disrespectful or disruptive

- Repeatedly not keeping your hands to yourself

- Bullying

- Cyber bullying

- Racist language

- Repeatedly using rude words

- Repeatedly in the wrong place at the wrong time

If behaviour continues student moves to purple step.

- Continually doing the wrong thing
- Brought a weapon to school
- Being physically violent and attempting to harm others

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

4 week parenting program that equips you with the skills to manage children's challenging behaviours.



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ONLINE

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a FREE 4 week parenting program that teaches carers positive parenting skills that produce quick results.

Discover practical tools and learn strategies that help your children aged 2-12 identify and manage the emotions that are driving their behaviour.

You'll learn emotion coaching and cognitive strategies that you can teach to your children.

The program will cover:

- How to manage challenging behaviours
- How to use positive parenting skills
- Helping children manage emotional responses
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 20th February 2025

Register now via our
secure online portal

SCAN HERE



We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.



Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Mondays
24th Feb - 17th March
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

**For more information or to
register via our website:**

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



Parenting Programs TERM 1, 2025

Courses provided FREE to residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGAs.
Phone 4720 6500 or email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

FREE

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Circle of Security Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.	Every Wednesday 19th Feb – 9th April 10:00am – 11:30am ** Childcare available ** Must register	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall • 72 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	
Tuning in to Kids Six week program that teaches parents to help children understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Wednesday 26th Feb – 3rd April 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
123 Magic & Emotion Coaching 4 week parenting program that equips you with the skills to manage children's challenging behaviours.	Every Monday 24th Feb – 17th Mar 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
Anxiety Coach 4 week parenting program that helps reduce anxiety and build resilience in your children.	Every Tuesday 4th Mar – 25th Mar 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Nepean Christian School (Puggles Preschool) 836 Mulgoa Road MULGOA	

Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



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The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Regulating and working through emotions
- Identifying and validating emotions
- How to develop emotional intelligence
- Developing resilience and facing challenges

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 20th February 2025

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6:30pm – 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

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Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

help build resilience in their children (4–12 years).

The program will cover:

- How the brain works and how anxiety develops
- How loved ones can influence anxiety
- Building resilience and reducing anxious symptoms
- Practical strategies to use in moments of anxiety
- Lifestyle influences that can help improve anxiety

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 27th February 2025

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Parenting

Secure children.

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BLAXLAND

Program details

Where: Blaxland Uniting Church
72 Old Bathurst Road,
East Blaxland

When: Wednesdays
19th Feb – 9th April
10:00am – 11:30am

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

additional knowledge holders and the Darug and Gundungurra people.



Parents

Reduce anxiety

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MULGOA

Program details

Where: Nepean Christian School
Puggles Preschool
836 Mulgoa Road Mulgoa

When: Tuesdays
4th March – 25th March
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

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Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au