



Thank you so MUCH!

Warami (Hello),

On the last day of Term 1 we held our major P&C fundraiser for the year – the colour run.

I would like to thank every student and their family for their fundraising efforts, we were hoping to make the target of \$10,000 and we exceeded that amount raising a huge total of **\$11,116**. Thanks to the generosity of our community, this money will go a long way to supporting our school. Our wonderful P&C put in many hours of work behind the scenes to make the afternoon such a success – thank you, our teachers and students really appreciate your hard work.



Congratulations to...

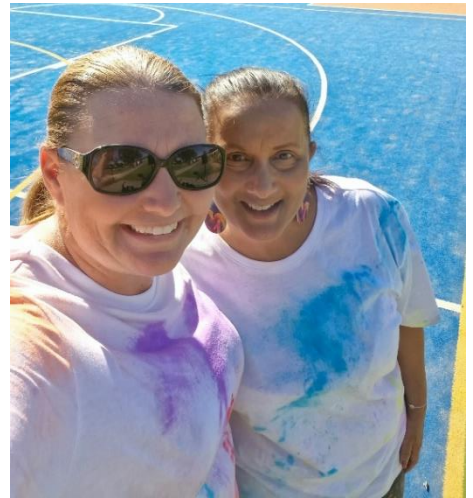
- our winning class 1/2D, they raised \$1722 and will receive a Pizza Party next week for their efforts.
- Molly in KL raised \$640 and was awarded the Nintendo Switch raising the most money.
- Hunter 1/2D, Shyla-Lee 5/6ST, Braxton 5/6P, Genevieve 3/4G, Madeline 5/6ST, Charlotte 1/2D who were given \$30 kids vouchers for their amazing fundraising.



A special mention to our teachers and P&C members who were slimed along the way, thank you for supporting our students and our school. Without your commitment to keep the fundraising front of mind for our students I am sure we would not have raised a much money as we did.

Coming Soon at Werrington County PS...

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	13 May	14 May 1/2D Pizza Party Debating – Round 1	15 May P&C Meeting – 9am Zone Cross Country Parent/Teacher Interviews	16 May	17 May
4	20 May Special Education Review Meetings TBC	21 May Penrith Cup-League Tag TBC	22 May National Simultaneous Storytime K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	23 May	24 May Knockout Touch Football (Boys and Girls) Newsletter Day
5	27 May	28 May Knockout Basketball	29 May	30 May	31 May



Playground Changes


Throughout Term 1 we had many incidents in the playground that related to inappropriate behaviour during games such as: physical interactions, not following the rules of the game, play that is not age appropriate (older kids play and younger kids play) and misusing equipment. From this week, to support the safety and enjoyment of all students we have introduced the following changes to the playground:

- K-2 and 3-6 will play in separate playgrounds and alternate in these spaces from week to week.
- The Backyard Zone will be for all students K-6.
- Passive play spaces will continue to operate in both K-2 and 3-6 areas.
- The Library will continue to open at lunch.
- The only football game will be Oz Tag and students can sign up to play at recess or lunch, sign up happens on morning duty between 8.30 and 9am.
- Soccer will continue to be played as normal in a designated area for soccer games.
- The school will provide all equipment required for games that require larger balls (oz tag, soccer etc).
- The only balls brought to school by students should be handballs, that are clearly labelled with the students' name.
- New rules that have been developed by our students (see below).



| CURIOUS | COLLABORATIVE | COMPASSIONATE

You must sign up to play
(see morning duty teacher
in the court yard)



NO one is in charge
of the game




NO contact allowed
* NO pushing
* NO physical touching




Rules 4 All Team Sports

W.C.P.S.




Only use
school
equipment

Choose teams fairly
(teams can be mixed)



Speak nicely



Use appropriate
language

Make sure everyone
is included



Supervision – Before and After School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our families that supervision of students does not commence until 8.30am. Our front gates are closed and are not opened until 8.30am, students waiting outside the gate prior to 8.30am are unsupervised.

If you are running late and are unable to collect your child at 3pm, please contact the office to let us know. Teachers attend meetings most afternoons during the week and are unable to provide supervision for students after 3pm.

We encourage families to contact our Out of School Hours Care provider in the school hall if you require care before or after school.



Parking at drop off and pick up times

I would like to remind families that we have a few no stopping zones outside the school, these areas are clearly marked by signage. We have had the rangers out a couple of times this year and they have booked parents who are parked illegally during drop off and pickup times.

Please also be mindful when dropping off and picking up from OOSH, that these no stopping zones still apply outside school hours.

Thank you to those families who are parking in the correct places, keeping our students safe.



Opportunity Class (OC) Test – For students in Year 5, 2024



Opportunity classes located in government primary schools cater for academically gifted Year 5 and Year 6 students with high potential. These classes help students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level. The Selective Education Unit administers the opportunity class placement process.

Parents apply when students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only.

Online applications for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025 open on Thursday 4 April 2024 and close on Monday 20 May 2024. Late applications cannot be accepted, except where some very stringent conditions are met. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be conducted on Thursday 1 August 2024.

Please use the link below for more information:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5.html>

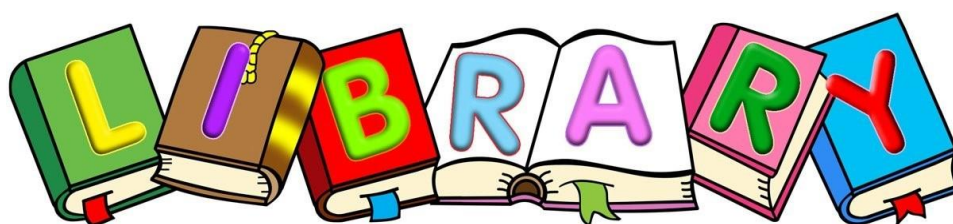
Yanu (Goodbye)

Mrs Belinda Clarke
Principal

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners from...

Week 2	KL	KT	K-2G
	Lucas Darci Jacinda-Haze Christopher	Samuel Aroha-Kerry Finnigan William	Hosana Kyson
1F	1/2D	2R	1-5B
Aria-Lee Temika Paige Savannah Alexandra Kairon Hugo Addison	Isaac Mila Avah Joshua	Zoe Alexander Ryan Kendrick	Cooper Noah
3/4B	3/4G	3/4W	4/5O
Krish Shaun Charlotte Randal Violet	Lara Connor Izaac Zyra	Havana Howard Payton Nicholas	Reigan Declan Kaley Harrison
4-6G	5/6P	5/6T	5/6ST
Samuel Brian	Chayse Zara Aaliyah Kaiden	Temani Liam Chayce Harrison	Levi Raynesh Chase Chelsea

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



Congratulations to our Library Award Winners from...

	Week 1	Week 2
K - 2	1F	KL
3 - 6	5/6P	3/4B



The 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge is off and running!

Congratulations to:

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

KL: Leo

KT: Liam

2R: Olivia, William & Knox

20 book merit certificate (K-2)

KL: Georgia

2R: William

30 book merit certificate (K-2)

KL: Amelia

Your certificate will be presented at a future assembly.

If you would like your child to participate in the PRC at home, simply forward a handwritten permission note to Mrs Baxter.

Congratulations to the following students in Years 3-6 who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

4/50: Olivia

5/6P: Gracie-Mae

5/6ST: John

Your certificate will arrive at the end of the year.



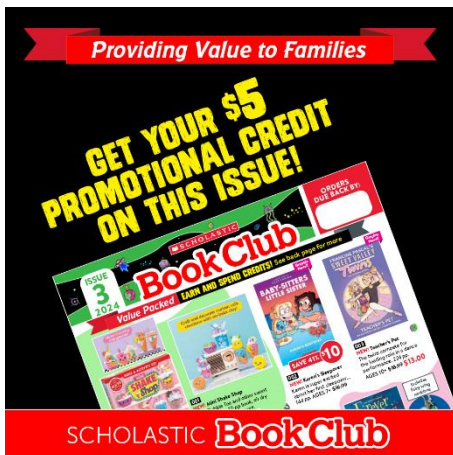
Thank you to the families who found books over the holidays and have now returned or paid for books that they have lost. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Issue 3 of Book Club was handed out to students last week.

Orders will close **Friday 17th May.**

Spare copies are available from the library.





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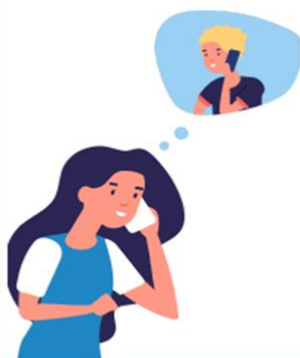
Mrs Baxter
 Teacher Librarian
 PRC Coordinator
 Book Club Coordinator



Positive Communication

This year, Werrington County Public School has introduced a new positive communication initiative. The initiative acknowledges students for their outstanding behaviour while being curious, collaborative or compassionate. A staff member then proudly communicates the student's actions via a phone call or face to face conversation with the student's family.

*Positive Communication
builds relationships and
improves students' self-esteem
and confidence!*



**These positive conversations
are displayed in the office and
then given to the students to take
home at the end of each term.*



News from 4-6G Term 1

4-6G were very busy in Term 1 getting to know each other and the new routines at school. We have been learning about Healthy bodies and designed what a healthy plate would look like in our Mappen unit..



4-6G Art Term 1

Each student was able to pick an art piece for the class to complete. We focused on using water colour paints.



K-2G, KL and KT



K-2G

K-2G love exploring, creating and learning through hands-on adventures!



KL

Our amazing KL mathematicians are on an exciting journey discovering new knowledge!



KT

KT superstars diving into the wonders of Mathematics, Visual Arts and English!



ANZAC Day Ceremony 2024

Our Student Leadership team led the school in their first official engagement when they ran our ANZAC Ceremony on the 10th April. We would like to thank Mr Fryer, the Honourable Secretary from St Marys RSL Sub Branch for joining us and sharing his knowledge and experience with us. The class flowers that everyone kindly donated were laid at the St Marys Cenotaph to show our respect.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2024

On ANZAC Day this year our school captains, Chelsea, Zac and Cooper along with their families met Mrs Clarke and Miss Graetsch at 4.30am to represent Werrington County Public School at the St Mary's RSL Dawn Service. They laid a wreath on our behalf with pride and showed their respect.



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Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



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NAIDOC CUP

Dear Families,

We recently received the following email regarding NAIDOC Cup for 2024.

“Unfortunately, after a great consideration from the Nepean Community and Neighbourhood Services (NCNS) they have advised us there will be no NAIDOC Cup this year due to a staffing shortage”.

NCNS stated this has been a very difficult decision to make, however they are absolutely committed to returning in 2025, as they know the importance and value of this day, for our students.

NCNS would like to send their apologies to our community, especially the Aboriginal families who have supported this event over the years.

Thank you for your support.



Respect. Resilience. Reconciliation.

W: www.nepeancommunity.org.au

E: info@nepeancommunity.org.au

P: 02 4721 8520 (Head Office)



This office is on Darug land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal people, past and present, on whose land we walk, work and live.

FEATURE TEACHERS

MRS WILLIS

What did you get up to in the holidays? I caught up with my friends, watched some Netflix on the lounge and went out for dinner a couple of times.

Did you go and watch any sports games in person over the holidays?

Not in person, but I always watch the footy on the TV with my family.

Do you have any pets? No, not at the moment.

How many people do you have in your family? There are five in my family. Me and Mr Willis, my daughter Rachel, son Tim and my youngest is Hayley.

How is it being KL's teacher on a Friday? Fridays are the best day of my week! I love working with KL!



MR MCPHILLIMEY

What sports did you play when you were younger?

I learnt karate and I played cricket, football and basketball.

What is your favourite food?

Definitely pizza and I love a good chicken parmi!

Do you have any hobbies?

I collect Star Wars collectables. I'm a nerd and proud of it too!

What would you do with \$10,000,000?

I would take my kids to Disneyland and buy a McMansion.

Who is your favourite Star Wars character?

I'd have to say Chewbacca.

MRS SEARLE

Why did you start preschool teaching? I was either going to be a hairdresser or an early childhood educator, but my mum was already a hairdresser.

Do you prefer working in the office or as a classroom SLSO? I like both.

I was offered a position in the office so I decided to challenge myself.

What is your favourite food or restaurant? I like Mexican and Chinese but my favourite restaurant is Checho's in Penrith.

If you won the lottery what would you do with the money? I would move near the beach and buy a new car which would be a Jaguar.

If you could pick a country to travel to, where would you go and why?

I'd choose Hawaii because the people are beautiful, the beaches are very pretty and the resorts are stunning.



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

Coming Soon at Werrington County PS...







Term 2 and 3, 2024 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	3 Jun	4 Jun Debating – Round 2	5 Jun K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	6 Jun	7 Jun Newsletter Day 3-6 Field Events
7	10 Jun King's Birthday Public Holiday <i>Students do not attend school on this day</i>	11 Jun	12 Jun Sydney West Cross County TBC	13 Jun	14 Jun 3-6 Field Events-back up date
8	17 Jun Spelling Bee – Stage Finals	18 Jun K-6 Athletics Carnival	19 Jun P&C Meeting – 9am K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	20 Jun	21 Jun K-2 Sydney Zoo Excursion Newsletter Day Last day to hand in 10 awards for this terms Principals Assembly
9	24 Jun	25 Jun Penrith Cup Netball TBC Debating – Round 3	26 Jun K-6 Term 2 Extra Curricular Assembly – 2.15pm	27 Jun	28 Jun
10	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul K-6 Term 2 Principals Assembly – 2.15pm Reports go home today	4 Jul	5 Jul Newsletter Day P&C Pyjama Day Fundraiser Last Day of Term 2
Term 3 1	22 Jul Staff Development Day <i>Students do not attend school on this day</i>	23 Jul Students return to school for Term 3 State Cross Country TBC	24 Jul	25 Jul	26 Jul Stage 2 Lizard Log Excursion
2	29 Jul K-6 Gymnastics Program TBC	30 Jul 100 Days of Kindergarten Debating – Round 4	31 Jul K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	1 Aug NAIDOC Day Celebrations OC Placement Test	2 Aug Newsletter Day Primary Principals Day
3	5 Aug PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK K-6 Gymnastics Program TBC	6 Aug	7 Aug Open Day	8 Aug	9 Aug
4	12 Aug K-6 Gymnastics Program TBC Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival – Choir TBC	13 Aug Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival – Choir TBC Penrith Cup - Soccer	14 Aug K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival – Choir TBC	15 Aug Dentist Visit Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival – Choir TBC	16 Aug Dentist Visit Newsletter Day
5	19 Aug BOOK WEEK K-6 Gymnastics Program TBC Dentist Visit	20 Aug Dentist Visit Debating – Round 5	21 Aug Dentist Visit	22 Aug Book Parade TBC Zone Athletics Carnival	23 Aug



Our School Values and Expectations

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

Step 5 Purple Slip		Step 4 Red Slip		Step 3 Orange Slip		Step 2 Yellow Slip		Step 1 Name on Chart		Step 5 Purple Slip	
											
Principal		AP Reflection Time		AP Reflection Time		Take 5 Completed		Time to have a chat		Verbal reminder	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually doing the wrong thing Brought a weapon to school Being physically violent and attempting to harm others 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throwing objects in the classroom Back chat Not following instructions Not completing your work 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually doing the wrong thing Brought a weapon to school Being physically violent and attempting to harm others 	
		If behaviour continues student moves to purple step.		If behaviour is repeated student moves to red step		If behaviour is repeated student moves to orange step		Implementation of Berry Street/Bill Rogers Strategies to assist in turning behaviour around. If behaviour is repeated student moves to yellow step		<p>You can turn this around 😊</p> <p>Think it through</p> <p>Take some deep breaths</p> <p>Move on from the mistake</p>	



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