

Week 10, Term 2

Friday 5 July 2024

Executive Directors Award!

Warami (Hello),

Our 2023 Leadership Team were recently nominated for an Executive Directors Award. Each year, Ms Cathy Brennan, Executive Director, Public Schools recognises teaching and executive staff in the Metropolitan North Directorate who have played a significant role in contributing to our students, reflective of one or more of the department's core values: Excellence, Trust, Accountability, Integrity, Equity, Service.

I am beyond proud to say that we WON!!! This award is testament to the hard work and dedicated leadership from our amazing leadership team and the outstanding work of our teachers and support staff to bring our dreams and directions to reality.



Yesterday, Mrs Willis, Mrs Sheridan, Mr Duncan, Miss Bailey, Mrs Galuszka and Mrs Pearce joined me at the ceremony where we were presented with our award. Our Director Educational Leadership, Mr Craig Redfern spoke very highly of our team and highlighted how far our school has come in such a short period of time. Whilst our Leadership Team were presented with this award, it is a testament to our entire teaching and support team.



Coming Soon at Werrington County PS...

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	24 Jul	25 Jul	26 Jul Stage 2 Lizard Log Excursion
2	29 Jul K-6 Gymnastics Program	30 Jul 101 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	6 Aug	7 Aug Open Day	8 Aug	9 Aug

External Validation

On Thursday 27 June, our school participated in External Validation. External Validation happens in schools every four years, it is a lengthy process that involves the school submitting evidence to support our judgments in relation to 14 different statements of excellence. There are four levels of validation in each of the 14 areas. I am pleased to announce that our school has been identified as Excelling in 4 of the 14 areas. This is a huge achievement, many schools do not achieve excelling in any areas. Of the remaining 10 areas, 8 are sustaining and growing and 2 are delivering.



The external validation panel included the following comments in their final report...

Dear Belinda,

I just wanted to email and say what an absolute pleasure and privilege it was to visit Werrington County Public School yesterday, (albeit virtually!) to undertake the External Validation Panel Meeting with you all. As discussed, the Peer Principal, Mel and I thought the submission was aligned to the elements and themes of the School Excellence Framework, containing some quality artefacts and annotations.

Mel and I were pleased to be able to unpack a little more of what had been provided in the submission by having a professional, collegial conversation that brought to life the information on the pages of the Evidence Sets. It was a pleasure speaking with your team and I ask that you pass on my congratulations to them all.

It was really great to hear each of the team members talk about the submission, the everyday practices of the school and the genuine passion for public education they have, and more importantly the passion they have for their school.

As discussed, undergoing this process with authenticity and a structured process has enabled the capacity building of all staff and enhanced the knowledge of the school community in its entirety about the SIP, the School Excellence Framework and the 'why' of all decision making at the school; congrats to you all!

Real Schools Professional Learning

As we move to the 6-month mark in our partnership with Real Schools, Mrs Willis and I attended a professional Learning Day on Friday 28 June to further our knowledge to support the amazing work that we are doing to support student wellbeing at our school.



We were privileged to listen to Adam Voight the founder of Real Schools for the entire day. We both gained new knowledge and were prompted to think deeply about the way our teachers approach student wellbeing. Adam is a thought provoking and inspiring speaker who was also keen to learn more about our progress. Our new learning will be support next term as we continue to work with our facilitator Marion Walsh-Gay through terms 3 and 4 and into 2025.

Until Term 4...

I would like to thank all of our students and families for their concern and well wishes as I prepare for my foot surgery that will keep me at home all of Term 3. I will miss everyone very much and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 4. I know that you will all welcome Mrs Greentree and make her feel welcome while she is here as Relieving Principal.

Yanu (Goodbye)

Handwritten signature of Mrs Belinda Clarke.

Mrs Belinda Clarke
Principal

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at our Term 2 Extra Curricular Assembly...

1st Place Cross Country Carnival Ribbons	Basim Charlotte Kaleb Reagan	Noah Jessica James	Max Chelsea
2nd Place Cross Country Carnival Ribbons	Nate Anastasia Jaxon Lily	Rocky Carly Archie	Charlotte Caleb Ruby-Lee
3rd Place Cross Country Carnival Ribbons	Boyd Quinn Callum Charlotte	Flynn Riley	Olivia Jet Jade
1st Place Athletics Carnival Ribbons	Tannan Noah Valerie Archie Sadie Nate Chelsea Ruby-Lee Jade Jaxon Evie Charlotte Liam	Chelsea Carly Dominic Mila-Jade Braxton Jessica Olivia Tyler Alyra Boyd Kaleb Lily	Boyd Isabelle Kaleb Lily Flynn Ethan Rocky Charlotte Chase James Eleni Imogen
2nd Place Athletics Carnival Ribbons	Jaxon Rocky Reagan Riley Charlotte Ethan Chelsea Flynn Charlotte James Sadie Caleb Jade	Noah Riley Archie Imogen Nate Alyra Tamai Temani Braxton Chelsea Joshua Emmi Nicholas	Valerie James Olivia Chayse Koa Boyd Lily Mila-Jade Hunter Koa Basim Jessica Alex Harmony

**3rd Place Athletics
Carnival Ribbons**

Flynn
Kaleb
Riley
James
Harper
Alex
Imogen
Rhegan
Rocky
Riley
Gracie-Mae
Nate

Ruby-Lee
Olivia
Temani
Tyler
Gryphin
Carly
Archie
Ethan
Basim
Charlotte
Kai
Evie

Tannan
Mila-Jade
Chase
Chelsea
Reagan
Sadie
Caleb
Imogen
Jaxon
Melody
John

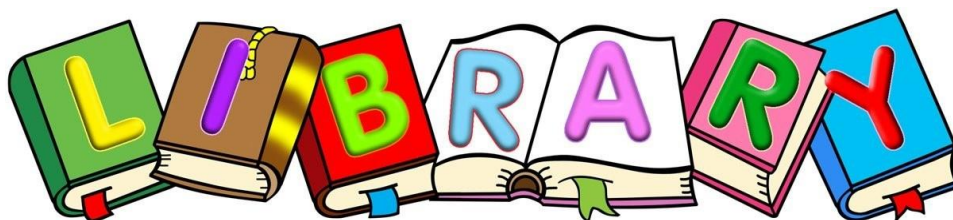
Students' names are only included if the school has permission to publish, therefore some classes may only have one or no names listed.

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

Blue Ribbons	Red Ribbons	White Ribbons
Isabelle Jackson Elisha Zorawar		Charlotte Will Riley
Blue Banners	Red Banners	White Banners
Jacinda-Haze Hosanna Riley Scarlett Liam Billie Molly Axyl Stella Amelia Avah Zayn Kairon Lachlan Cayden Aria-Lee Temika-O'Shea Ava-Mai Kendrick Ryan Alex Knox	Tyler William Amity Lily Violet Zyra Cooper Cooper Charlotte Archie Harrison Shyla Bentley Flynn Ethan Harmony Olivia Diona	McKenna Sadie

Rylan Jack Landen Emily Harry Charlotte Logan Jessica Maycee Harrison Kaylee-Star Archie Kaley Chelsea John Jackson Mia Connor Chelsea Lexi Braxton Scarlett Jet Nicholas Tyler Elijah		
Blue Pins	Red Pins	White Pins
Hunter Charlotte Kairon Riley Liliana Paige Matilda Georgia Liam Lachlan	Olivia Tyler	

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Congratulations to our Library Award Winners from...

	Week 9	Week 10
K - 2	1/2D	No award
3 - 6	3/4G	No award



There have been some timetable changes for term three which may impact which day your child comes to the library.

Mon: KL, KT, 1F, 1/2D & 2R

Tues: 3/4B, 3/4G, 3/4W & 5/6ST

Wed: 4/5O & 5/6P

Thurs: K-2G, 1-5B, 4-6G & 5/6T

Please remember that students need a library bag to take books home. A strong plastic bag makes an ideal library bag. School library bags are available to purchase from the office

Overdue reminder slips have been issued this week for books due back on or before 21.06.24. They will be on bright orange paper. I would greatly appreciate it if you could make time over the break to locate these books and return them to the library next term.

It is an expectation that books that are lost or damaged beyond repair are paid for. The replacement cost is on the overdue slip.

Mrs Baxter

Teacher Librarian

PRC Coordinator

Book Club Coordinator





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

Congratulations to:

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

KL: Liam

1/2D: Joshua

20 book merit certificate (K-2)

KL: Jonah

1/2D: Charlotte, Joshua, Nate

2R: Evan, Emmi

30 book merit certificate (K-2)

1/2D: Charlotte

2R: Emmi, Knox

Your certificate will be presented at a future assembly.

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

3/4B: Carly, Sophia, Noah,

3/4G: Emily

3/4W: Emily, Harry, Havana, Jessica, Howard, Advay

4/5O: Kaley, Flynn, Elisha, Reigan

5/6P: Charlotte, Riya, Caleb, Sadie, Chelsea, Rheagan

5/6ST: Lachlan

5/6T: Chelsea, Ruby-Lee, Liam

Your certificate will arrive at the end of the year.

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The PRC finishes for all students on Friday 23rd August (Term 3 week 5).



Book Week Parade

Start to get excited about our Book Character Parade!

All students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There are lots of great ideas on the Internet. Students will need to have a copy of the book to hold during the parade. Check our school library to see if there is a copy you can borrow if you don't have one at home.

Our Book Character Parade will be held

Tuesday 20th August from 9am

More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.



Mathematicians of **I/5B**



PENRITH CUP NETBALL



On Tuesday 25th June Miss Taylor, Miss Bransby and Mrs Randall took four teams to Jamison Park to participate in the Penrith Cup. All students had a great time and got to develop their netball skills. A big thank you to Mrs Fitzpatrick for organising the event.



We would also like to thank our wonderful umpires Kym, Rylee, Myer, Lily and Ella!





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BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT



Werrington County Public School competed against Samuel Gilbert Public School in the second round of the basketball knockout competition.

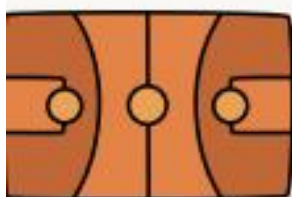


Despite the loss, our team played exceptionally well, showcasing great skills and even scoring a three-point shot.

The game was held at the Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, adding to the special memories created.



It's the fun and teamwork that truly matter.





Spirals Of Inquiry Update

During our Professional Learning in Spirals of Inquiry our teachers have been deeply examining what is going on for our Werrington County Learners in Mathematics.

We have been completing professional readings and looking at our data to decide where we need to go next to improve mathematical learning at our school.

At the end of Term 2 all our Stage Teams developed a "hunch" about what we could be doing to have a positive impact on student learning in Mathematics.

In Term 3 our teachers will be looking at the evidence, staying curious and testing ways to improve student learning.

Each stage team will be focusing on the following:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1: Developing "real world" connections for students to make mathematical learning more relevant and purposeful.

Stage 2: Developing student confidence in mathematics though providing a variety of concrete materials to support student learning.

Stage 3: Implementing the daily mental program "Numeracy Ninja" to build mathematical confidence and improve our student's ability to retain basic number facts and then implement these when working on more complex mathematical problems.

Special Education: Building our student's resilience and the ability to risk take and develop a growth mindset during Mathematics lessons.

Specialist Team: Deepening our student's understanding of the relevance of what they are learning, to improve the quality of student work across all Key Learning Areas.

Term 2 **IN STAGE 3**

MAPPEN

In Term 2, Stage 3 students have been learning about significant events and people that have shaped Australia.

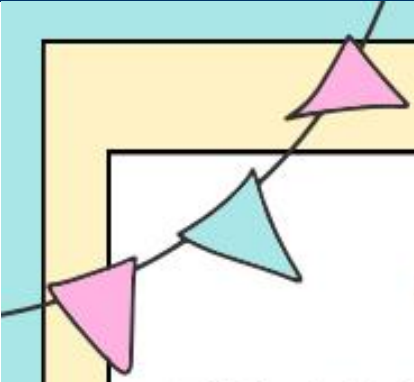


DIORAMAS

Stage 3 students have been working hard to create dioramas of a significant event. On Tuesday, they held an exhibition for the school to come and have a look at their fantastic creations.







4/50

YEAR 4 STUDENTS

Mappen

Year 4 students in 4/50 have been learning about the "Age of Exploration" they have researched different explorers and our interconnected world.

Reminders

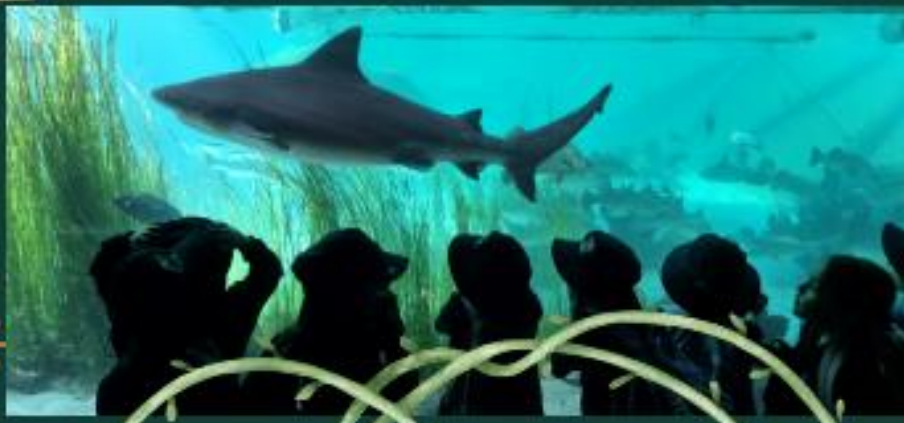
Slideshows



Students have been working hard to create a slideshow about an explorer.



K-2 at Sydney Zoo



K-2 at Sydney Zoo



Teacher Feature

MRS SHERIDAN

Where would you most like to travel?

I would like to go to England and Europe.

What is your dream vehicle?

A black Mercedes with shiny wheels.

What sports did you play growing up?

I played hockey as a teenager.

What would you do with \$1,000,000?

I'd help my family and go on a holiday to England and Europe.

Do you have a pet?

I have a Cavoodle named Daisy. She loves to lay with me at night

MS WILLOCK

Where is your dream destination? I'd love to go to England and Wales because my family are from there and also Denmark!

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be? I would like to be able to get through my day without any sleep.

Have you ever attended any sports games? At school, I liked swimming and cross country, and tennis when growing up.

What are you doing in the school holidays?

I'm going to the city to see the Archibald Prize and some history museums!

What was your dream job as a kid?

I wanted to be a nurse when I was younger, and in high school I wanted to become a teacher.

MISS SHERIDAN

Who is your favourite singer or band?

Beyonce.

What do you like most about Werrington County? The students and the staff.

If you had 1 million dollars what would you do with it? I'd buy a house and go on a big holiday with my family. I would buy a lot of puppies and dogs.

What is your dream holiday?

To travel all over Europe. but mostly Italy.

What do you think the coolest planet is?

Definitely Pluto because Pluto should definitely be a planet!



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

Coming Soon at Werrington County PS...

Term 3 and 4, 2024 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	12 Aug K-6 Gymnastics Program	13 Aug Penrith Cup – Soccer	14 Aug K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm Fight MND SRC Fundraiser	15 Aug Dentist Visit Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival Rehearsal – Choir	16 Aug Dentist Visit Newsletter Day
5	19 Aug BOOK WEEK K-6 Gymnastics Program Dentist Visit	20 Aug Book Parade Dentist Visit Debating – Round 5	21 Aug Dentist Visit	22 Aug Zone Athletics Carnival	23 Aug
6	26 Aug K-6 Gymnastics Program	27 Aug Father's Day Stall	28 Aug K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	29 Aug P&C Father's Day Stall TBC	30 Aug Newsletter Day Father's Day Afternoon Tea
7	2 Sept K-6 Gymnastics Program	3 Sept	4 Sept	5 Sept	6 Sept Kindergarten 2025 School Tour – Time TBC
8	9 Sept Stage 3 Camp K-6 Gymnastics Program School Admin and Support Staff Recognition Week	10 Sept Stage 3 Camp	11 Sept Stage 3 Camp K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	12 Sept	13 Sept Newsletter Day Last day to hand in 10 awards for this terms Principals Assembly
9	16 Sept K-6 Gymnastics Program	17 Sept Penrith Cup – Touch Football TBC	18 Sept K-6 Term 3 Extra Curricular Assembly – 2.15pm	19 Sept	20 Sept
10	23 Sept K-6 Gymnastics Program	24 Sept	25 Sept K-6 Term 3 Principals Assembly – 2.15pm	26 Sept P&C Disco – after school	27 Sept Newsletter Day
Term 4 1	14 Oct Students return to school for Term 4.	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct
2	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	24 Oct 2025 Kindergarten Parent Information Night	25 Oct World Teachers Day
3	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov

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Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



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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	
									
Principal		AP Reflection Time		AP Reflection Time		Take 5 Completed		Time to have a chat	
<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 	
		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	
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									



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Artisan market stalls

Workshops

Free BBQ lunch and First Nations' food trucks

Sports and games

Caring for Country

Join us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and heritage!



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BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024



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“

It's not a job, it is a fulfilling journey of love and devotion given by you, but also given back to you.

To me, there is no greater enrichment in life than knowing you have made a difference in a child's life.

”
- St Saviours Foster Carer

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