



# Being safe online.

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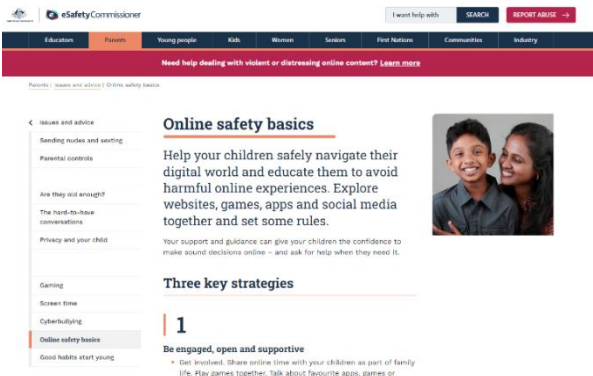
Online issues are becoming more and more common for our students. Each year our teachers spend many hours teaching our students about eSafety and how to ‘be an eSafe kid’. With Christmas around the corner and technology being a popular gift, I strongly encourage all parents to visit the eSafety Commissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/online-safety-basics>

The eSafety Commissioner talks about 3 key strategies to support the safe use of technology for all children:

1. Be engage, open and supportive.
2. Set some rules.
3. Use technology and get information.

They also have some specific advice for the different age groups – under 5’s, kids 5-12, young people 13-17. Keep in mind, it is never to early or too late to have eSafety discussions with your children.

As children start to navigate the online world and interact with others more independently, they are more likely to be exposed to risks of bullying or unwanted contact, accidentally coming across inappropriate content or racking up bills through in-app purchases. Parental guidance can help them be aware of the risks and understand what is expected of them. Let them know you are always there to support them.



## Coming Soon at Werrington County PS...

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The eSafety website for children is <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid>. This site is child friendly and explores the four aspects of eSafety:

- Be safe.
- Be kind.
- Be curious.
- Be secure.

Whilst our teachers do a fantastic job at equipping our students with the necessary eSafety skills, we are not able to monitor their technology use out of school hours. The number of cyber related incidents that we are managing at school is increasing. If you are allowing your child to have access online through gaming and mobile devices it is essential that you actively and regularly monitor your child's usage and to make sure that they are behaving safely, respectfully and age appropriately.



### **Congratulations to our 2025 P&C Committee**

This week we held our 2024 P&C AGM. I took this opportunity to reflect on all of our amazing events, achievements and the outstanding efforts of our students and teachers. I would like to congratulate our new 2025 P&C Committee:

President: Tammy Horton  
Vice President: Amanda King  
Secretary: Stacey Dobson  
Treasurer: Toni Roots



I would also like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of our parent volunteers who have helped out at our P&C events or behind the scenes during 2024.

### **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.

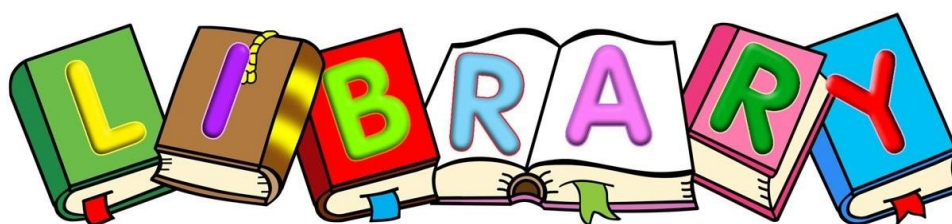
Yanu (Goodbye)

Mrs Belinda Clarke  
Principal

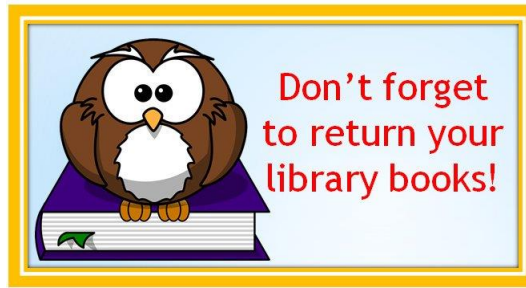
## Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners from...

Week 6	KL	KT	K-2G
	Jacinda-Haze Lucas Connor Aminah	Brodie Madden Koa Noah	
1F	1/2D	2R	1/5B
Marley Hugo Riley	Lawson Nathaniel Charlotte Leah	Isabelle Milena Roman Charli	Cooper Riley
3/4B	3/4G	3/4W	4/5O
Indiana Bullows Reagan Mackie Randal O'Malley Lily Hellmrich	Victoria Sebastian Emmrey Kaiden	Lily Boyd Landen Payton	Loki Logan Harper Olivia
4/6G	5/6P	5/6T	5/6ST
Samuel Liam	Chelsea Harris Koa Peake Rhegan Cooper Hunter Stephens	Ruby Kensi Beau Riley	Raynesh Lachlan Dilan Mia

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



	Week 5	Week 6
K-2	1F	1/2D
3-6	5/6T	4/6G



This was the last week that students could borrow library books to take home as we will be commencing our annual stocktake next week. I would appreciate the return of all library books that are at home, as soon as possible.

All students that have library loans will be issued with reminder notices next week. Please note, for students in Years 2-6 these books may either be in the classroom &/or at home. **Please remember that all lost or damaged books need to be paid for.**

Students in Years 2-6 may still have a library book in class for silent reading. This book will need to be returned to the library no later than **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**



Once a student has returned all their library books, they will receive a ticket to go into the ice block draw. A permission note regarding this draw was sent out this week.



The last issue for Book Club 2024 will be handed out early next week and all orders are due **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Thank you for your continued support. Please allow 5-10 working days for delivery.

There are some great Christmas ideas in this issue. If for any reason you wish to collect the order from the office, please write '**collect from office**' on the order form. If you are ordering online use the '**gift**' option. The office will notify you when your order is ready for collection. Please note your order **does not** come gift wrapped.

Mrs Baxter

Teacher Librarian

PRC Coordinator

Book Club Coordinator





# Feature Teachers



## Mrs Bentley

**Do you have any pets?**

Yes, I have two dogs. One is Molly and the other is Axle.

**If you could compete in an Olympic sport, what would you compete in?**

I would compete in swimming

**If you could go anywhere, where would you go on a holiday?** I would travel all around Australia.

**What made you want to teach and work in a school?**

I enjoy helping students to be their best.

**What type of music do you like to listen to?**

I enjoy listening to country music.



## Miss Clarkson

**How is MacqLit going when you're teaching students?**

MacqLit is going great! The students are learning a lot of new skills.

**What is your favourite restaurant to go to?**

My favourite restaurant to go to is called Product of Italy.

**What is your dream country to visit?**

My favourite country to visit is Malta.

**What is your dream car?**

My dream car is a Ford Bronco Convertible.

**What are you looking forward to doing over the school holidays?**

I'm going to Fraser Island for two weeks!



## Miss Galuszka

**What is your favourite music**

I like listening to pop music, like Sabrina Carpenter.

**What is your favourite type of food?**

I like to eat Italian food.

**If you won a million dollars, what would you spend it on?**

I would buy a house.

**What is your favourite clothing brand?**

Glassons.

**What is your favourite shoe brand?**

Billini.

OUR FEATURE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM.

# Kindergarten 2025

It's Time To Enrol!



Werrington County Public School

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2025

SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
ENROL NOW



OFFICE: 9673 2711



Have you enrolled  
your child yet?

Please feel free to  
contact our friendly  
office staff if you have  
any questions.

Why not come and  
have a look at our  
beautiful school.

We have 3 different  
tour sessions  
available.



## 2025 KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL TOURS

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
AND OCTOBER 28TH 2024

*Come along and have a look at our  
beautiful school.*

3 SESSIONS AVAILABLE

17/9/24 - 3.15 PM OR 5PM

28/10/24 - 5PM ONLY

RSVP VIA QR CODE OR LINK

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DHDBCd2ZMJURZWQJ9](https://forms.gle/DHDBCd2ZMJURZWQJ9)





# Christmas in the Courtyard.

**Come and join us on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December for a great family night.**

**Bring family, friends some munchies and a blanket.**

**From 5.30 to 8pm.**

**All students will be performing for your enjoyment. Students are to wear a Christmas T-Shirt or Christmas colours.**

**Hope you can join us on the night!!!**





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](https://edu.nsw.link/equity)

Resources in other languages:  
[edu.nsw.link/shsoc\\_languages](https://edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages)



### Financial support

[edu.nsw.link/pubedu](https://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](https://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](https://penrith.city/childcare)

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<b>10</b>	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 <b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school today</i>	20 Dec <b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school today</i>
<b>Term 1, 2025 1</b>	27 Jan <b>Holidays</b>	28 Jan <b>Holidays</b>	29 Jan <b>Holidays</b>	30 Jan <b>Holidays</b>	31 Jan <b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school today</i>
<b>2</b>	3 Feb <b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school today</i>	4 Feb <b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school today</i>	5 Feb <b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>Students do not attend school today</i>	6 Feb First Day for all students K-6	7 Feb Newsletter Day
<b>3</b>	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
<b>4</b>	17 Feb Twilight Swimming Carnival 7- 9pm	18 Feb	19 Feb K-6 Assembly 2.15pm	20 Feb	21 Feb Newsletter Day
<b>5</b>	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb
<b>6</b>	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar Zone Swimming Carnival  K-6 Assembly 2.15pm	6 Mar	7 Mar Newsletter Day





# Our School Values and Expectations

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

Step 5 Purple Slip				Principal	
Step 4 Red Slip				AP Reflection Time	
Step 3 Orange Slip				AP Reflection Time	
Step 2 Yellow Slip				AP Reflection Time	
Step 1 Name on Chart				AP Reflection Time	
Verbal reminder				AP Reflection Time	
Back on track and Chill Zone				AP Reflection Time	
You can turn this around 😊				AP Reflection Time	
Think it through				AP Reflection Time	
Take some deep breaths				AP Reflection Time	
Move on from the mistake				AP Reflection Time	
Time to have a chat				AP Reflection Time	
Talking when someone else is talking				AP Reflection Time	
Using the furniture in the wrong way				AP Reflection Time	
Using equipment in the wrong way				AP Reflection Time	
Not sitting on the floor correctly				AP Reflection Time	
Distracting yourself or others				AP Reflection Time	
Leaving rubbish on the floor				AP Reflection Time	
Implementation of Berry Street/Bill Rogers Strategies to assist in turning behaviour around.				AP Reflection Time	
If behaviour is repeated student moves to yellow step				AP Reflection Time	
Throwing objects in the classroom				AP Reflection Time	
Back chat				AP Reflection Time	
Not following instructions				AP Reflection Time	
Not completing your work				AP Reflection Time	
If behaviour is repeated student moves to orange step				AP Reflection Time	
Not following instructions after being asked multiple times				AP Reflection Time	
Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself				AP Reflection Time	
Hurting others on purpose				AP Reflection Time	
Using rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someone				AP Reflection Time	
Wrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on purpose				AP Reflection Time	
If behaviour is repeated student moves to red step				AP Reflection Time	
Drawing on school or another person's property				AP Reflection Time	
Hitting, punching or kicking because you want to hurt someone				AP Reflection Time	
Stealing				AP Reflection Time	
Repeatedly being disrespectful or disruptive				AP Reflection Time	
Repeatedly not keeping your hands to yourself				AP Reflection Time	
Bullying				AP Reflection Time	
Cyber bullying				AP Reflection Time	
Racist language				AP Reflection Time	
Repeatedly using rude words				AP Reflection Time	
Repeatedly in the wrong place at the wrong time				AP Reflection Time	
If behaviour continues student moves to purple step.				AP Reflection Time	
Continually doing the wrong thing				Principal	
Brought a weapon to school				Principal	
Being physically violent and attempting to harm others				Principal	



COMMUNITY  
JUNCTION INC

# MIND, BODY, SPIRIT PROGRAM



For kids in Kindergarten to Year 6

Each Wednesday from 13th November to 4th December  
3:30pm - 5:00pm.

Afternoon tea provided.  
Bookings essential.

Arthur Neave Memorial Hall. 43 Parkes Avenue, Werrington

Explore a variety of mindfulness activities and  
gain new skills in self-regulation, self-awareness  
and healthy habits.



Each week will include  
mindful craft, games and  
activities.

To book or for more information, please contact Dani on 9673 6133/ 0452 481 646 or via email  
[danielle@communityjunction.org.au](mailto:danielle@communityjunction.org.au)

Community Junction greatly appreciates the support from the Department of Community and Justice - Community Strengthening Stream.

[www.communityjunction.org.au](http://www.communityjunction.org.au)





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- Confidence
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- Behaviour
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**12/82 Victoria St. Werrington NSW 2747**

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## 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

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

**Term 1  
2025  
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@gatewayfamily  
services.org.au

**Web:** www.gatewayfamily  
services.org.au





## Tuning in to Kids

6 week parenting program that helps you support your child to understand and regulate their emotions.

Term 1  
2025  
ONLINE

This program helps parents and carers of children 12 and under to "tune in" and improve communication and connection with their kids.

Discover practical tools that help you build emotional intelligence in your child and support you to manage challenging behaviour.

### 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

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### Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Wednesdays  
26th Feb - 3rd April  
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](mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)

Web: [www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://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](mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)

FREE

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
<b>Circle of Security</b> <small>Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.</small>	Every Wednesday 19th Feb - 9th April 10:00am - 11:30am <small>** Childcare available ** Must register</small>	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall • 72 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	
<b>Tuning in to Kids</b> <small>Six week program that teaches parents to help children understand and regulate their emotions.</small>	Every Wednesday 26th Feb - 3rd April 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
<b>123 Magic &amp; Emotion Coaching</b> <small>4 week parenting program that equips you with the skills to manage children's challenging behaviours.</small>	Every Monday 24th Feb - 17th Mar 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
<b>Anxiety Coach</b> <small>4 week parenting program that helps reduce anxiety and build resilience in your children.</small>	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](http://www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)



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## Circle of Security Parenting

8 week parenting program to develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with children.

Term 1  
2025  
BLAXLAND

This 8 week program will teach you how to be a bigger, stronger, wiser, and kinder parent. *Circle of Security Parenting* is based on decades of research about how secure relationships can be supported and strengthened with children aged 0-12 years.

### The program will cover:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Help your child feel secure in relationships
- Navigating your role as parent in tough times
- Supporting your child in managing difficult behaviours, tantrums and meltdowns

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 13th February 2025

Register now via our secure online portal

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Limited childcare \* must register \*



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### 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:

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Web: [www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)



## Anxiety Coach™ for Parents

4 week parenting program that helps reduce anxiety and build resilience in your children.

Term 1  
2025  
MULGOA

While some feelings of anxiety can be a normal part of a child's development, an increasing number of children experience higher levels of anxiety that can impact their day-to-day life.

This 4 week program teaches parents why children experience heightened anxiety and discusses a range of practical steps that parents can take to 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

Register now via our secure online portal

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### 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

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