

Week 4 Term 3

Friday 16 August 2024

## Welcome back – Term 3

Warami (Hello),

We have had a wonderful few weeks back at school with so many amazing events. Last week we celebrated Education week with Open Day last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and their families celebrating the achievements of our students. Our choir and dance groups were able to showcase their performances which were absolutely spectacular. I know our families and students also enjoyed the opportunity to see Mrs Clarke visiting and celebrating with them. The book fair was a great success. So many children and families had an opportunity to purchase some books. The Cake Stall was a particular hit with so many delicious treats. A huge thank you to the P&C for organising this. Seeing our students showcase their learning was wonderful and allowed them to feel pride in their achievements, big or small. Your partnership in supporting the wellbeing, teaching and learning is highly valued. Thank you to you all for sharing the day with the student and staff at WCPS. I would also like to thank our teachers for making the day such a success.

Other opportunities for our students over the last few weeks included Penrith Cup Soccer, Knock-Out Boys Touch Football and our choir performed at the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival. These extracurricular opportunities allow our students to showcase their strengths! Thank you to our students and staff that have trained and have been working hard to perfect their performances.

Our SRC coordinated our Hot Chocolate Fundraiser, and we had the perfect weather for our students to enjoy a warm chocolate drink. Thank you to the SRC and teachers for making this such a successful fundraiser. They raised \$740 which has been donated to FightMND. FightMND support the effective treatment of motor neurone disease, and they are working hard to ultimately find a cure. Thank you to the Saoushkin family for donating the cups for this event.



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7	2 Sept K-6 Gymnastics Program	3 Sept	4 Sept	5 Sept	6 Sept Kindergarten 2025 School Tour – Time TBC

To streamline communication and keep you informed about your child's behaviour at school, we will be transitioning to using a no-reply Sentral email system to notify you about certain incidents. This approach is intended to reduce the number of phone calls while ensuring you are still aware of any behaviour concerns. At the same time, we are trying to increase the number of positive interactions highlighting the amazing things that your child has done at school.

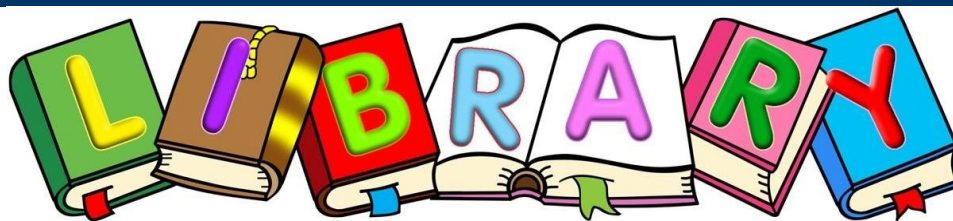
For minor issues, such as not following instructions or not completing work, you may receive a brief email outlining what happened. In cases of more serious behaviour, like inappropriate language or physical contact, you will receive an email with brief details about the incident from the stage assistant principal. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any communication emails you receive, you are welcome to contact the teacher you received the email from. Please note that for more serious concerns, we will still reach out to you directly by phone.

Yanu (Goodbye)  
Mrs Amber Greentree  
Relieving Principal

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

Week 8	KL	KT	K-2G
	Aminah Ace Lachlan Beau	Billie Luke Madelyn Ava	Cole Viraaj
1F	1/2D	2R	1/5B
	Lilah Mason Joshua Anastasia	Ryan Knox Indi Kendrick	Riley Elizabeth
3/4B	3/4G	3/4W	4/50
Sophia Hannah Ervain	Kevin Phoebe Brody Archie	Conor Kai Maddison	Cooper Olivia Hunter Harper
4/6G	5/6P	5/6T	5/6ST
Brian Breanna	Cynthie Riley Harper Riya	Imogen Lupton Austin	Lachlan Rocky Amelia Ethan

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

	Week 3	Week 4
<b>K - 2</b>	KL	2R
<b>3 - 6</b>	3/4W	5/6P



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



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

Congratulations to:

### 20 book merit certificate (K-2)

1F: Lachlan

1/2D: Anastasia

### 30 book merit certificate (K-2)

KL: Leo

1F: Lachlan

1/2D: Joshua, Nate

2R: Lincoln

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: McKenna & Randal

3/4G: Nathaniel, Kevin, Isaiah, Charlotte, Izaac, Connor, Kaiden, Koby, Hannah, Zyra & Mia

3/4W: Maddison & Payton

4/5O: Harper, Rylan, Isla, Declan, Savannah, Hunter K, Tamia, Mia & Olivia

5/6P: Braxton

5/6ST: Ethan Z, Chelsea, Rocky, Zac, Will, Raynesh & Shyla

5/6T: Tyler, Llayden & Dominic

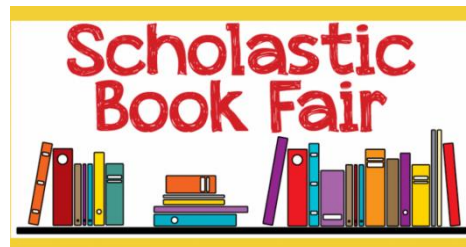
Your certificate will arrive at the end of the year.

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**ALL students in K-2 and in our Support classes will automatically be eligible to receive an official PRC certificate.** However, if for any reason you do not wish your child (K-6) to receive a PRC certificate please advise the school by **FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST 2024.**



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



A huge thank you to everyone who visited the book fair last week and donated a book to our library or purchased a book to enjoy at home. We received almost \$1800 in commission that will be used to purchase resources for our school.

The books that were donated to our library are currently being processed for borrowing. As soon as they are ready the student who donated the book/s will be the first to borrow them.



Mrs Baxter  
Teacher Librarian  
PRC Coordinator  
Book Club Coordinator



# Book Week Parade

*Our Book Character Parade will be held:*

*Tuesday 20th August from 9.15am*

*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.*

*Please ensure that students are wearing appropriate enclosed footwear and have a school uniform if they need to change out of their costume. Parents, Caregivers and family members are welcome to attend.*





Werrington County Public School had a terrific day celebrating NAIDOC Day in week 2 of this term. We were once again fortunate enough to have the uncles from Dalmarri come out and work with the students and staff.



Uncle Trevor opened our NAIDOC Day celebrations with a traditional Smoking Ceremony to welcome everyone to our place of learning before activities kicked off, both in and out of the classroom. Students enjoyed participating in sporting activities and games, including boomerang throwing and animal walks.



In the classroom, students read and listened to Dreaming stories, as well as completed art and literacy activities to consolidate their learning. All classes had the opportunity to paint their class totem pole in the Backyard play space.

All students had a wonderful day learning about and engaging in First Nation's cultural activities.

Thank you to Dalmarri for coming out to share your knowledge of language, culture and country with our school.



Yanu mittigar.

# 2R

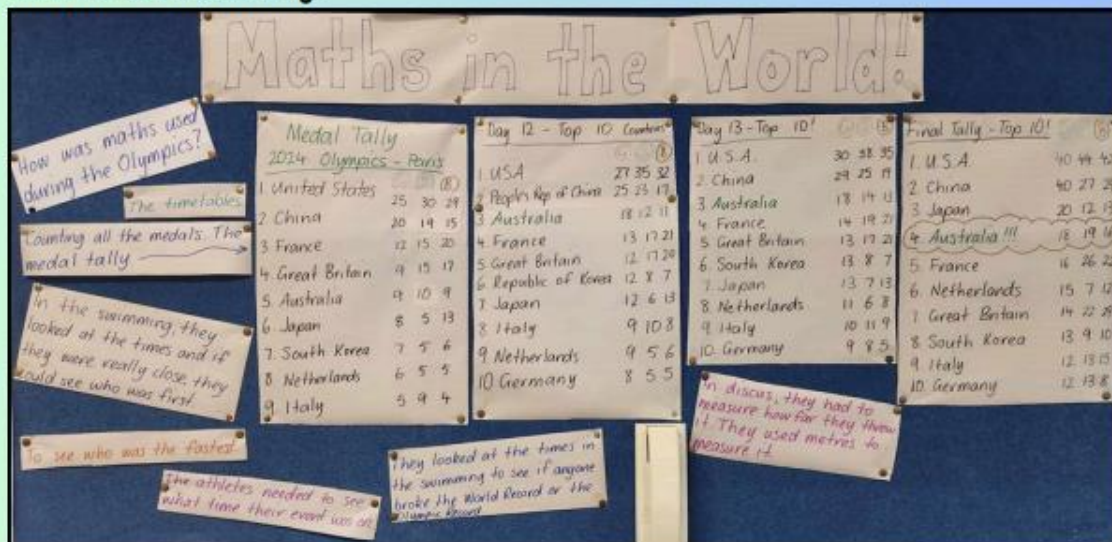
Our gymnastics lessons have been influenced by the incredible athletes participating in the Paris Olympics. We are now placing more emphasis on executing movements with strength and precision.



**STAGE 1  
LEARNING  
LEGENDS!**



We are learning that Maths turns up in many places in our homes and in the wider world, and it's not just used at school or when completing Mathletics challenges. The Olympic Games offered so many opportunities to make connections with some mathematical concepts we have been learning at school. I asked 2R if they could identify when maths has been used during the Olympic Games; below is a record of their initial brainstorming:



In IF, we have been very busy making beautiful works of art!

During art appreciation lessons with Mrs Druce, we have examined portraits created by famous artists. We became the artists and painted wonderful portraits of our peers!



# STAGE 1 LEARNING LEGENDS!


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# 1/2D

Students in 1/2D have been delving into Stephen Michael King's 'Koala Ark'. As part of their study, they have been crafting information reports on real-life koalas and comparing these facts with the fictional characters in the book.


Koalas in the Wild

Koalas are a Mammal and are very cute. They have sharp claws to climb trees. Koalas are very fussy eaters and are Australian. They sleep 22 hours a day! Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves and some leaves is water for them. They have Joey's in their pouches.



Koalas in the Wild


Koalas are super fluffy and cute. they also live in Australia. Koalas are fussy eaters. they sleep 22 hours a day. Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves. they live in trees.



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Koalas in the Wild

Koalas are a mammal. They are so fluffy and cute. Koalas live in beautiful eucalyptus trees. They are fussy eaters and only eat 10 types of leaves. I hope they can survive because they need 100 trees. Koalas only sleep up to 22 hours and spend the rest eating. In some eucalyptus leaves, it has water in it so they don't have to climb down.





In Term 3 we are continuing to work with Real Schools to build partnerships and experiences that will help our school achieve its potential in three key areas:

- Committed Teachers
- Caring Students
- Connected Communities.

Marion Walsh-Gay has been at our school this week working with all our teachers and our school Leadership Team to develop a student engagement plan and help us as we refine our restorative practices when it comes to managing behaviour.

Over the last 2 weeks we have been continuing to work with our students and staff around the use of positive affective language. We have been developing our student's vocabulary and ability to utilise a wider range of positive affective statements in their regular conversations.

This term, instead of just getting students to guess the "Word of the Week", we are encouraging them to use a particular positive statement as they interact with each other in the classroom and playground. We are introducing the new word in our Morning Circle each Monday.

Students who are noticed trying to utilise the word authentically across the school day are rewarded through Teacher Awards and Superkid Tokens.

Last week's word was:



This week's word is:



It will be wonderful if you notice your children using this positive affective language at home. Please let us know if you have any stories to share with us!

Stay tuned for next week's word and remember, words have power!

Cath Willis - Relieving Assistant Principal



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and raised

**\$740!!!**



A huge thank you to the Saoushkin family for donating the cups and proposing the idea.



Werrington County Public School

# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

# 2025

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# FEATURE TEACHERS

## MR JACKSON

**How did you become a GA (General Assistant)?**

I used to be a supervisor at Westmead Hospital and wanted a change.

**What do you do on your days off?**

I spend time with my wife and family.

**How smart do you think you are on a scale of 1-10?**

Probably a 9 out of 10!

**If you had one wish, what would it be?**

I would travel around the world.

**If you were in the Olympics games, what sport would you do?**

I would have played rugby sevens when I was younger.



## MR WHEELER

**What do you like most about Werrington County?**

It's the school's cultural and traditional background and the support that the kids give to each other.

**What is your favourite food?**

Spaghetti!

**What is your favourite movie?**

I love the Grinch and the Superhero movies. I like Top Gun too.

**Where would you go for your dream holiday?**

I'd go to Japan.

**What is your favourite band?**

Foo Fighters, and my favorite song from that band is 'All my life'. Another band I enjoy listening to is Red hot Chili Peppers, and the song, 'Under the bridge'.

## MRS PYE

**If you competed in an Olympic sport, what would you do?**

I would be the coxswain in rowing and get to steer the boat.

**Have you been to a concert?**

My friend owned a music magazine so I used to go to lots of concerts.

My first concert was INXS just before they were famous.

**Where would you like to go for a holiday?**

I really want to visit Japan. I love the culture, food, and how everything they do is carefully and beautifully designed.

**How long have you been teaching?**

I've been teaching at Werrington County for 10 years now!

**If you could bring any book character to life, who would you choose?**

I would probably choose Ron Weasley from Harry Potter.



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

# Support Lucy with her wigs for kids campaign.

Lucy has always asked to cut her hair and after much deliberation and discussion, Lucy decided that she would like to help sick kids with cancer. Donating her hair will help sick kids feel beautiful, happy, and not embarrassed.

This is not a School Fundraiser but  
if you would like to make a  
donation please visit this link  
<https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/s/6750/6824/e>



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## Term 3 and 4, 2024 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b>	<b>12 Aug</b> K-6 Gymnastics Program	<b>13 Aug</b> Penrith Cup – Soccer	<b>14 Aug</b> K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm Fight MND SRC Fundraiser	<b>15 Aug</b> Dentist Visit Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival Rehearsal – Choir	<b>16 Aug</b> Dentist Visit Newsletter Day
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<b>8</b>	<b>9 Sept</b> Stage 3 Camp K-6 Gymnastics Program School Admin and Support Staff Recognition Week	<b>10 Sept</b> Stage 3 Camp	<b>11 Sept</b> Stage 3 Camp K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	<b>12 Sept</b>	<b>13 Sept</b> Newsletter Day Last day to hand in 10 awards for this terms Principals Assembly
<b>9</b>	<b>16 Sept</b> K-6 Gymnastics Program	<b>17 Sept</b> Penrith Cup – Touch Football TBC	<b>18 Sept</b> K-6 Term 3 Extra Curricular Assembly – 2.15pm	<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>20 Sept</b>
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<b>Term 4 1</b>	<b>14 Oct</b> Students return to school for Term 4.	<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>16 Oct</b>	<b>17 Oct</b>	<b>18 Oct</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>21 Oct</b>	<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>23 Oct</b> K-6 Assembly – 2.15pm	<b>24 Oct</b> 2025 Kindergarten Parent Information Night	<b>25 Oct</b> World Teachers Day
<b>3</b>	<b>28 Oct</b>	<b>29 Oct</b>	<b>30 Oct</b>	<b>31 Oct</b>	<b>1 Nov</b>

# Every Day Matters

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

## Learning



## Strengthening friendships



## Emotional development



When it comes to attending school,  
every day matters.

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# 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 Back on track and Chill Zone				AP Reflection Time	
<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>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continually doing the wrong thing</li> <li>Brought a weapon to school</li> <li>Being physically violent and attempting to harm others</li> </ul>	
<p>Time to have a chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talking when someone else is talking</li> <li>Using the furniture in the wrong way</li> <li>Using equipment in the wrong way</li> <li>Not sitting on the floor correctly</li> <li>Distracting yourself or others</li> <li>Leaving rubbish on the floor</li> </ul> <p>Implementation of Berry Street/Bill Rogers Strategies to assist in turning behaviour around. If behaviour is repeated student moves to yellow step</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drawing on school or another person's property</li> <li>Hitting, punching or kicking because you want to hurt someone</li> <li>Stealing</li> <li>Repeatedly being disrespectful or disruptive</li> <li>Repeatedly not keeping your hands to yourself</li> <li>Bullying</li> <li>Cyber bullying</li> <li>Racist language</li> <li>Repeatedly using rude words</li> <li>Repeatedly in the wrong place at the wrong time</li> </ul> <p>If behaviour continues student moves to purple step.</p>	
<p>Take 5 Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Throwing objects in the classroom</li> <li>Back chat</li> <li>Not following instructions</li> <li>Not completing your work</li> </ul> <p>If behaviour is repeated student moves to orange step</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not following instructions after being asked multiple times</li> <li>Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>Hurting others on purpose</li> <li>Using rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someone</li> <li>Wrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on purpose</li> </ul> <p>If behaviour is repeated student moves to red step</p>	



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