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Term 1 Week 4 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's been a fantastic start to 2021 and students are now settled in to their new classes and engaged in their learning. The beginning of the year is an important time to develop independence and clear expectations for our little people. We thank you for reinforcing the expectation that students are responsible for their learning and belongings. You can help each day by encouraging your children to carry their school bag, bring their lunchbox home from school and take it out of their bag; and say goodbye to you at the front gates. All these actions send a strong message to our little learners that when at school, they have responsibilities but their teachers are able to help if needed.



This week at school was certainly a busy time for staff with many additional events, including the P&C Meeting, Meet the Teacher Night and the Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many parents and carers attend information sessions and meet their child's teacher. I would like to thank you all for supporting COVID guidelines during all of these events.

On Monday night, the Executive Team attended the first P&C meeting for the year. It was great to see some new faces and returning ones! The P&C is the peak consultative body between the school and the community. It is a great way to hear what the school is doing to improve student outcomes. It is also a useful forum to discuss whole school issues and school directions. On this night, we were approved to purchase iPads and laptops for students and class teachers. Thank you to the P&C for this, we are truly grateful.

Tess Christie  
 Acting Principal

## AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners, the first of 2021.

Principal's Award:

5/6D	Oliver
3P	Lachlan S

Class Awards:

3P	Zara
3P	Betsy
3R	Zara
3R	David
4S	Isolde
4S	Pearse
4J	Pedro
4J	Tate
5/6D	Elliot
5/6D	Summer
5/6K	Ava
5/6K	Vince

The Resilience Project G.E.M Awards - Gratitude:

3P	Amelia
3R	Chole
4S	Ollie
4J	Oz
5/6D	Oscar
5/6K	Rose



WOW! Kindergarten students have now been at school for over 3 weeks. They have settled into routines and are having a lovely time learning new things. All the teachers are so proud of how the students have settled in. We have been working on lining up, working in groups, follow directions and making friends with out buddies and peers.

The Kindy students are learning to write using their sight words: is, am, I, a, go, at, look and me. We are learning to get along with our classmates and learning about keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, full of wonderful experiences!

#### Miss Gibson – Stage 1

The Stage one team cannot believe it's nearly week 5 of Term 1 2021! Year 1 and Year 2 students are settling into their new classes, developing new friendships and continuing to build old ones. Our Stage one teachers are Ms Liz Ambour, Ms Nicole Petterson, Miss Meagan Neville, Ms Hayley Gibson and our wonderful new addition, Miss Emily Bolster. They have been very busy bees discovering their students' skills and unique personalities to best cater for all student learning needs. Homework, The Resilience Project and all other programs are up and running. In writing, students are studying the narrative structure of fairy tales. Reading and comprehension strategies are being explored and explicitly taught. In numeracy, students are exploring our new Stepping Stones whole school program. This should assist them to increase their knowledge and understanding of a range of key mathematical concepts.

We are enjoying our new classes and teaching our wonderful Stage One students this year and are looking forward to seeing them grow into resilient learners.

#### Miss Pierpoint – Stage 2

Our Stage 2 classes this year are: 3P (Miss Pierpoint), 3R (3 Reilly), 4J (Miss James) and 4S (Miss Stone). The Stage 2 teachers have been working closely to plan and program fun and engaging lessons across all Key Learning Areas.

This term, students have participated in the swimming carnival and the C&M Sports program, where they are developing their gross motor skills through go-karting, archery, throwing and catching, bowling and soccer games.

They have used their critical thinking, communication and collaboration skills to compete challenging tasks during the Young Engineers program.

During class time, students have been reading more challenging texts and using their imagination to write fables and fantasy stories. They are enthusiastic participants in Sound Waves activities, and the success of this enthusiasm is evident in their deeper knowledge of spelling and sounds.

Engaging numeracy lessons are based around the Stepping Stones program which is taught alongside math groups.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

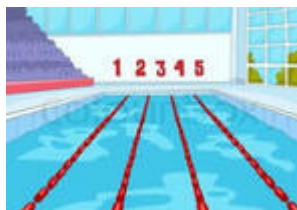
This week Waverley Public School enjoyed a wonderful swimming carnival on the 15th of February at Des Renford Leisure Centre, Maroubra. The students certainly brought their enthusiasm and sportsmanship as they participated in many different events.

The carnival was a huge success as students, teachers and parents did an amazing job following our COVID Safe Plan. We are very grateful to all our amazing teachers and parent helpers that made the day run smoothly.

Congratulations to all students and teachers for a fun day!

Ashley Stone

Swimming Carnival Coordinator



## LEARNING AT WPS

### Mrs Richardson - Learning Support

It has been a very busy start to the year for the Learning and Support Team (LaST). Sadly, we said goodbye to Ms Krimotat who has been running a wonderful LaST program for the past 4 years at Waverley, however we have an excellent cohort in place to ensure a smooth transition into 2021. The LaST team provide support for those students with literacy, numeracy and additional needs, as well as providing extension numeracy programs for years 1-6. (Kindergarten students will commence this program from Term 3). Notes will be sent home in the coming week for students involved in the LaST program. If you require additional information, please contact me via the school email address at waverley-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. We look forward to working together with families this year to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

### Miss Morris – Kindergarten

You can hear the word 'DIS!' whispered (and sometimes cheered) around the Stage 2 classrooms as students recognise gratitude. They practice GEM (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness) daily, concepts that are taught during the Resilience Project lessons and embedded into our daily routines.

Students have been learning about Australian history through the First Contact history unit. They are gaining a deeper understanding of what life was like and how it has changed over time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students are learning about the impact of explorers and early settlers, and what life was like for all those people.

Year 4 are gearing up to go on a 3 day, 2 night camp to Narrabeen (Sydney Academy) next term, where they will participate in fun, challenging team building activities.

It's been a wonderful start to 2021. The Stage 2 teachers are delighted they are able to spend the year with over 100 happy, hardworking, kind Stage 2 students. DIS!

### Miss Drinkwater – Stage 3

We have had an action-packed start to the year in Stage 3. Between the swimming carnival, Young Engineers and C&M Sports, it has been busy but a whole lot of fun. We have welcomed Miss Kenny to Waverley who is teaching 5/6 K. Our students are already demonstrating great leadership skills when working with their buddies and running assemblies. We have commenced our new wellbeing initiative The Resilience Project and I am already appreciating the great level of gratitude in Stage Three. I am so excited to watch this cohort grow and challenge themselves this year.

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT PART 2: GRATITUDE

This week's presentation from The Resilience Project focuses on Gratitude.

Gratitude is being thankful and expressing appreciation for what one has – as opposed to focusing on the lack of something.

Research shows that practicing gratitude rewires our brains to overcome the negativity bias (which can lead to anxiety and depression) and see the world what we are thankful for. It is also shown to broaden thinking, and increase physical health through improved sleep and attitude to exercise.

View Part 2: Gratitude of the series here: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub/>

There are many ways in which you can practise gratitude, including starting a Wellbeing Journal. In the image below are a few ideas to get started.



## SRC NEWS

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 19th March this year, and it is the 11th anniversary!

In support of this important day, the SRC will be organising a Mufti day, where students are asked to wear orange clothing Mufti (representing harmony) and bring a gold coin donation.

### The poster competition:

The SRC will also be organising an optional competition, where students can make a poster in the lead up to the 19th March, and present their posters to promote kindness.

There will be a prize given within two separate competitions (K-2) and (3-6). The SRC will be judging these on the day. (Please note that children who choose to participate, must make this poster at home as there will be other activities on the day within classes).

The SRC looks forward to seeing students dressed up in orange clothing and participating in some class activities to promote kindness and well-being.

Thank you from the SRC and Miss Jordan-Watt

SAY NO TO BULLYING



## UKULELE @ WPS

We are happy to announce that The Music Partnership will be providing a tutor to teach Ukulele at WPS in Term 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays (depending on numbers). Parents will need to email Alex at The Music Partnership ([alexbieteri@musicpartnership.com.au](mailto:alexbieteri@musicpartnership.com.au)) to register interest.

## COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

We see our parents as partners in student learning and wellbeing and value the great communication we have with our school community. At WPS, our preferred communication methods are as follows:

- Email sent to school with attention: teacher's name
- Phone call to the office if its urgent and a message can be passed on
- Face to face (after setting up a meeting through email)



Dojo messaging is turned off for the whole school, K-6. This is to streamline communication and ensure teachers are able to attend our core business of teaching and learning, as well as caring for your children.

## ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Each week the school monitors the attendance of students. When your child is away parents must ensure they provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. When an explanation is not received after 7 days it is recorded as an unjustified absence. Parents are encouraged to use the Schoolzine App to do this.

Students must not come to school if they are unwell, even with very mild symptoms. If a student develops flu-like symptoms while at school, you will be contacted and will need to collect them immediately and not return to school until you have received a negative COVID-19 test result which is received and sighted by the school.

*Our school times are:*

<b>Morning Duty:</b>	<b>8:30am to 9:00am</b>
<b>School commences:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>11:00am - 12:00pm</b>
<b>Recess:</b>	<b>1:20pm - 1:40pm</b>
<b>School finishes:</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>



## NOTES FOR HOME

Links to notes that have been sent home this term as follows:

[General Permission Note 2021.pdf](#)

[Scripture 2021](#)

[RedEd Dance - Kindy](#)

[RedEd Dance - Stage 1](#)

[C&M Sports - Primary](#)

[Term 1 Payments - Kindy](#)

[Term 1 Payments - Stage 1](#)

[Term 1 Payments - Stage 2](#)

[Term 1 Payments - Stage 3](#)

[Young Engineers - Stage 2](#)

[Young Engineers - Stage 3](#)

[Narrabeen Camp - Year 4](#)

[Canberra Camp - Stage 3 note pack](#)

## P&C NEWS

**P&C Meeting**

Our inaugural meeting for 2021 was long one with Paul Owens (the local Department of Education Director) taking us through the recruitment process for the new Principal which he hopes to complete before the end of term. Please find draft minutes from the meeting attached. P&C meetings run every third Monday in the month. The next meeting will be on Monday 15th March at 6pm - all welcome!

**Canteen – Orders in by 8pm Monday**

Don't forget to get your orders in before 8pm on a Monday. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. As well as the Wednesday canteen, we are also running "Hot Food Fridays" in term 1 for the first time. Each week there is a different pasta option (GF available).

Did you know that we have hidden veggies in all of our pasta sauces? We even sneak loads of broccoli into our pesto and cauliflower AND zucchini (no green bits!) into our mac and cheese sauce. Everything is finely blended to avoid detection by the veggie averse!

Big thanks to all our volunteers who help with canteen each week and especially our big batch sauce cooks for Hot Food Friday (Bolognese: Emilie (Thomas, Josie, Charlotte), Mac 'n Cheese: Adrienn (Poppy)). If you would like to volunteer to help on Wednesdays at lunch or recess or on Hot Food Fridays please contact Jodi on [canteen@waverleypublicschoolpandc.com.au](mailto:canteen@waverleypublicschoolpandc.com.au)

**Secondhand Uniform Shop**

The shop will be running from next Wednesday (24th) from 8.15-9am and fortnightly thereafter. Thanks to Chris Rayment (Charlie 2B), Delia Barnes (Hilina) and everyone else who's offered to help out so far. Please drop Chris a line on [chris.rayment@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rayment@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out.



**Donations Welcomed:** Current school uniform in good condition only (no old style coloured sports tops or non-uniform items please). Items can be dropped at the stall when it runs or taken to the school office.

Please ensure items are washed and folded so they can be placed straight into the store. The shop is run by busy volunteers with some help from the school office and we cannot ask them to deal with soiled/unwashed items.

**Colour Run 2021 – Save The Date**

The Colour Run is back! It will be taking place on Thursday 18th March. Keep your eyes peeled for more info in the near future.



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

[https://waverleyps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/669/rose\\_bay\\_secondary\\_open\\_night\\_8\\_march.pdf](https://waverleyps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/669/rose_bay_secondary_open_night_8_march.pdf)

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