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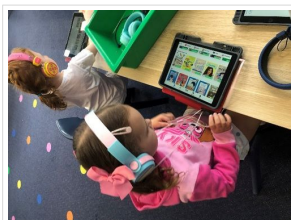
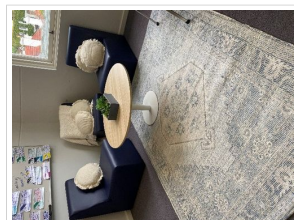
Term 1 Week 8 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 8 – can you believe it? Another busy week completed at WPS, with a few important occasions. This week we celebrated Harmony Week, acknowledged Close the Gap Day and supported the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.



On Monday night, I attended the second P&C Meeting for 2021 and was extremely pleased to receive a very generous cheque donated to the school. This year, the P&C have approved funding for 16 laptops, 10 iPads, sports equipment, staff laptops, staffroom furniture and aircon for KM and the staffroom. Staff and students are beyond grateful for this and we would like to thank the P&C as well as parents and carers for your support.



### Harmony Week

Harmony Week is all about celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. It includes March 21 which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The key message focuses on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. As a community we need to celebrate our vibrant multicultural country – from our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals. You might like to learn more at <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>



### Harmony Week Artwork by 2G



### Close the Gap Day – 18 March

For more than a decade now, Australians from every corner of the country, in schools, businesses and community groups, have shown their support for Close the Gap by marking National Close the Gap Day on the third Thursday in March each year.



The aim of this day is to bring people together to share information, and most importantly, to take meaningful action in support of achieving health equality for First Nations Peoples by 2032.

### National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying

Today is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence which is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to bullying and violence. The theme for the NDA 2021 is Take Action Together. This theme aims to elevate student voice, empowering young Australians to join the conversation. At WPS, bullying is never tolerated and we have a very important student strategy in place to support this.

You can learn more at <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/preventing-bullying/national-day-of-action-against-bullying-and-violence>



### Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week is Parent/Teacher Interview Week. Parents and carers have been able to book in timeslots to talk with their child's class teacher using our online booking system. This is now closed. Please ensure that you are available and near your phone at the time you have requested as teachers will be on a very tight schedule. They will be calling from a private number. If you miss your call, you will need to then reschedule at a later time.

Tess Christie

Acting Principal

## AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's award winners!

### Principal's Award:

1A	Lucas
5/6D	Enki
5/6K	Phoebe

### Class Awards:

KH	Jamila	Samuel
KJ	Iddo	Camilla
KJW	Max	Mila
KM	London	Georgia
1A	Lara	Fletcher
1P	Ethan	Vienna
1/2N	Marnie	Isabella
2B	Beulah	Roman
2G	Violet	Minnie

3P	Hilina	Skyla
3R	Erin	Ethan
4S	Leo	Sam
4J	Eden	Levi
5/6D	Isobel	Charlotte
5/6K	Leilani	James

### The Resilience Project G.E.M Awards - Mindfulness:

KH	Rajesh	2B	Zachary
KJ	Penny	2G	Georgina
KJW	Lily	3P	James
KM	William	3R	Abigail
1A	Nieve	4J	Erin
1P	Jasper	4S	Alisara
1/2N	Lucas	5/6D	Hareet
		5/6K	Adelaide

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 22 March 2021	Parent/Teacher Interview Week
Tuesday, 23 March 2021	WPS Cross Country
Thursday, 25 March 2021	Young Leaders Day
Monday, 29 March 2021	Stage 3 Camp
Tuesday, 30 March 2021	Stage 3 Camp
Wednesday, 31 March 2021	Stage 3 Camp
Thursday, 1 April 2021	Easter Hat Parade
	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday, 20 April 2021	First Day of Term 2 for students
Thursday, 29 April 2021	P&C Colour Run *NEW DATE*
Tuesday, 1 June 2021	Individual & Class Photos



## LEARNING AT WPS

### Kindergarten – Miss Morris

Kindergarten students have been busy learning the graphemes: m, a, t and s. Each class has been learning their sight words and writing sentences with a capital letter and a full-stop.

Our next fortnight focus will be on:

Week 9	Graphemes: i & d Sight words: and, up, in and down
Week 10	Graphemes: f & n Sight Words: Revision of all the sight words from Term 1

A reminder that when you are reading at home to point out the sight words when you come across them in the readers.

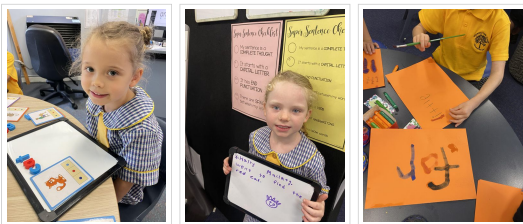
#### *Class Check-In:*

Let's see what is happening in each Kindergarten class!

- KJ students have been learning to stretch out words to hear different sounds when reading and writing.
- In KJW this week, we wrote then painted our sight words to help us. We had so much fun! - Jack. In KJW we read Hairy McIlairy and then wrote a sentence together, referring to a checklist for our writing. - Isabelle
- In KH this week we have been learning to copy sentences and try to write the sounds we hear in words. Look at these amazing efforts of our writing lessons!
- KM are busy working on their mathematics skills. We went outside to learn about counting using dominoes. We got to share our learning experience with KJW.

We would like to congratulate all Kindergarten students on their awesome effort to the start of school.

The Kindergarten Team

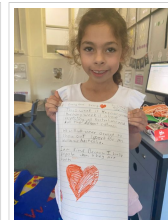


### Stage 1 – Ms Pettersson 1P

Stage 1 have had another wonderful fortnight of learning! We are all very excited about the Colour Run and as a stage, have raised a very impressive amount of money for our school. Congratulations to all our students and their families for making such an incredible contribution to this colourful fundraising event.

On Friday, the fun continues as we focus on the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Stage 1 students are focusing on what bullying actually is, how to deal with unkind behaviour and strategies for making friends and caring for each other. All students are encouraged to wear orange (or a touch of orange) Mufti & bring a gold coin to support the Kids Helpline charity.

The Easter Hat Parade is being held on the last day of term, April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is going to be a fabulous highlight to a very busy, successful first term. We can't wait to celebrate & see all the colourful creations on parade! Just a reminder that Easter hats are all made at home.



### Stage 2 - Mr Reilly - What's happening in 3R!

This week in 3R we have been looking at Polaroid cameras! We had fun posing for a photo and waiting for it to develop, some of us were convinced it was magic!



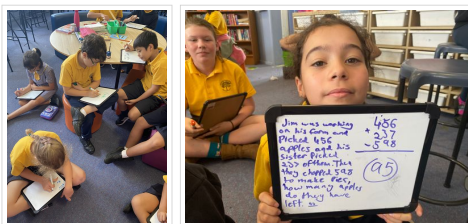
We used these lovely pictures to make a display of the children's happy faces on the door of our classroom. We are looking forward to designing a class logo to go with the Polaroids to give the children a true sense of ownership of their classroom and the fantastic learning it inspires. See if you can find your child's photo!

### Stage 3 - Miss Drinkwater

We just can't get enough math in Stage Three! Now that we have commenced the new Stepping Stones program there has been a strong focus on whole number problems and strategies for solving addition and subtraction number problems. After our daily stepping stones sessions, we have been splitting into levelled maths groups. The levels are determined by our stepping stones assessments. The groups involved an independent activity, working with Miss Drinkwater, a maths game, Mathletics and working with Miss Kenny.

When students are working with the teachers we are able to give targeted questions and assist them in developing strategies. We utilize peer teaching in these groups getting students to model how they solve a given problem. I have been consistently impressed by the great number sense and wide knowledge of strategies our kids have. They are always happy to share and assist others.

Well Done Stage Three!



Ms McLachlan

CAPA

## SYDNEY COASTAL PSSA SWIMMING

This week Enki, Maya and Ryan raced in the Sydney Coastal PSSA Swimming Meet at SOPAC, Homebush. All swimmers swam extremely well and we are very proud of their efforts.

We are excited to announce that Ryan qualified for the upcoming State PSSA Swimming Carnival for 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke. Also, a special congratulations to Ryan for breaking the 50m backstroke in his MC event. Well done Ryan and good luck at State!

Congratulations Enki, Maya and Ryan for proudly representing WPS!



## CAPA NEWS

### Choirs

It is wonderful to hear the beautiful voices of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 choirs back again. Stage 3 students can still join Signor Kirkby at lunchtimes on Fridays. Stage 2 Choir is during the last session on Fridays. Both choirs have new songs to learn ready for upcoming school events.

### Recorders

Recorder group will recommence in Term 2 on Friday mornings before school at 8.20am. Please ask your child (Years 3-6) to let Ms McLachlan (Music) know if they are interested in joining. Recorder group includes learning bigger size instruments including the treble, tenor and bass.

### Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds

The SSSW program will recommence in 2021 for keen Band students. 2021 marks the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the ensemble and provides advanced performance opportunities for children in years 5-8, regularly performing at leading performance venues including the Sydney Opera House, Angel Place, Sydney Town Hall, Parliament House and the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We hold a yearly camp where the students work with experienced conductors and tutors, and regular rehearsals are held at Caringbah North Public School. Details available [www.gspensembles.com/symphonic-winds.html](http://www.gspensembles.com/symphonic-winds.html) Entries close Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

### Waverley Library Holiday Program

Art, Music, Dance & Sport activities for children in the holidays.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/waverley-council-school-holiday-program-8590714986>

## SCHOOL PHOTOS - SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following dates:

- Tuesday 1st June - individual and class photos
- Tuesday 8th June - whole school photo



We request students wear full winter uniforms on the day. Order forms will be sent home closer to the dates.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

It's nearly the end of Term One can you believe it? This term has gone so fast. But there's still lots in store. Make sure to be thinking about what your Easter hat is going to look like. Especially for Stage Three as we're going to camp and won't be back until the night before the Easter hat parade. And while Stage Three are preparing for camp, remember to brush up on the art of politics. It's been so exciting to have whole school assemblies again. We love watching the smiles on people's faces when they receive their awards. Congratulations to everyone who competed at regionals and congratulations to Ryan for breaking a record and making it to state. We hope everyone has a wonderful end of term one. And don't forget the cross-country carnival is next week! If you have any questions we'll be running around the playground so feel free to stop and have a chat.

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT PART 2: Mindfulness

Today's presentation from The Resilience Project is all about Mindfulness.

*Mindfulness is about practising a moment-to-moment awareness of thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment – with curiosity, and without judgement.*

Thousands of studies have proven benefits include reduced stress, reduced rumination, increased memory, increased cognitive function and physical health benefits through improved immunity.

View Part 4: Mindfulness of the series here:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub/>

Mindfulness can be practiced through meditation, yoga, flow-states and daily activities such as cooking.

For mental health resources and support information, visit The Resilience Project's Support Page.



## SCHOOL TOURS & KINDERGARTEN 2022

We are pleased to announce school tours have been arranged for Term 3. Dates are Tuesdays at 10:00am on 3, 10, 17 and 24 August, 7 and 14 September.

Please see flyer for more information.

## 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 ([alexbieter@musicpartnership.com.au](mailto:alexbieter@musicpartnership.com.au)) to register interest.

## HEADLICE

In recent days the school has been alerted to a number of cases of head lice. If there is a case of suspected head lice in your child's class a note will be sent home with all students advising parents to check hair and if required, follow up with the necessary treatment. Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website at:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx>

## NUTS AT SCHOOL

As our new families settle into our school it is a great time to remind the community that at Waverley students are asked not to bring nut products to school. We have a number of students enrolled who are highly allergic to a variety of nuts including peanuts, cashews and walnuts. Eating at lunchtime is supervised by teachers and the sharing of food is not encouraged. Following this simple request will ensure the safety and wellbeing of students.

## 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>



Application for Extended Leave and Certificate of Extended Leave forms are required when a student will be absent from school for more than five (5) days. Return the completed forms to the school along with relevant travel documentation such as



an e-ticket or itinerary (in the case of non-flight bound travel within Australia only).

Application for Extended Leave & Certificate.pdf

The form can also be found in the Permission Notes & Forms section of this newsletter.

PERMISSION NOTES & FORMS

- 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
- Application for Extended Leave & Certificate

CAR LINE

- When entering the school, slow down and take extreme care. The school is a 5km/hour zone.
- Drive down the driveway to the car park following the traffic flow. Do not use the disabled space to execute a 3-point turn.
- Car line operates between 8:30 and 9am. Students are not to be dropped off before that time without a booking with After Care. A staff member will be on duty at the drop-off point. Children should get out of the car on the left-hand side.
- In the afternoon, parents will need to be patient. The car line may have over 20 cars waiting. A staff member will be on duty from 3pm ensuring all students get safely into cars. Children should enter the car from the left side.
- Students should be getting into and out of cars from the supervised car line point and not from the car park.
- To assist with the flow of the carline, please teach your child to open and close the car door. Students need to be able to buckle and unbuckle their seat belt independently to utilise carline.

- It is helpful if bags and items for school are kept inside the car at drop-off rather than in the boot.
- Adult drivers and passengers must remain in the vehicle at all times and drivers must never leave their car unattended. Teachers will assist students when required.
- Drivers should ensure the handbrake is applied when stationary.
- Tell your child in the morning that they are being picked up from the carline. If there has been a last-minute change, you will need to phone the office. If your child hasn't come to the carline, you'll need to park your car on the street or do a lap around the block and come back.
- Mobile phones should never be used while driving on school premises.
- The staff car park is for staff members of Waverley Public School.
- Double parking is unsafe and not permitted. Overtaking is also unsafe in and around the carline.
- Parking in the disabled zone is reserved for those who require access to disabled parking and have a disabled sticker.
- Do not turn right out of the driveway between 8:30-9:30 and 2:30-3:30 which are peak times.
- Please remember that teachers are there to supervise and keep your child safe. Please treat them with courtesy and respect.

Thanks for your commitment to keeping our students safe!

P&C NEWS

- P&C Meeting
- We had a very productive meeting on Monday. Please find the draft minutes attached. We were very happy get spending on a range of items for the school. Over the last two meetings we've committed to fund:
  - A new set of 10 iPads for Kindergarten
  - A set of 16 laptops for Stage One
  - Laptops for all the teachers (so they're not tied to the dated desktops in their classrooms)
  - \$5k in Sports Equipment
  - Furniture for the staffroom
  - Whiteboard storage cupboards for 2 classrooms
  - Air conditioning units for the remaining classrooms & staffroom
- The next meeting will be on Monday 17th May at 6pm – all welcome.

## Colour Run 2021 – Tuesday 29 April

Sadly, we had to postpone the Colour Run yesterday due to the terrible weather. Please update your diaries with the new date of Tuesday 29 April.

On the bright side if give us some more time to fundraise our \$20,000 to replace the AV/Sounds System in the hall. If you haven't done it already you can still set up an individual fundraising page for your child to share with family and friends here: <https://www.schoolfundraising.com.au/>

## End of Term Sausage Sizzle – Thursday 1st April

There will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime on the last day of term - big thanks to Bridie & Mark (Holly Yr1) for organising. A sausage in bread will be \$3 with Twisted Frozen yoghurts also available for \$3 – all profits to the P&C. Vegetarian and gluten free options available. Please order on Qkr! before that week's canteen deadline of 8pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Canteen – Orders in by 8pm Monday

Thanks to Catherine Lygoe (Zara Yr3, Chloe Yr1) for cooking up our pasta sauce this Hot Food Friday. Also, thanks as always to all of our volunteers. 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)

What do I do if I have a query about my canteen order? Please send all enquiries to [canteen@waverleypublicschoolpandc.com.au](mailto:canteen@waverleypublicschoolpandc.com.au) NB: Please do not email to try to order if you have missed the 8pm Monday deadline - it is not possible to order after this time. The strict deadline allows us to run the canteen efficiently and offer food at reasonable prices while also making profit which the P&Cs put into school resources.

## Secondhand Uniform Shop

Aiming to run next Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>) from 8.15-9am by the front date. Drop Chris (Charlie Yr2) a line on [chris.rayment@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rayment@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out.

All items are \$5 – we prefer payment through Qkr! (app available from App Store or Google Play). As well as canteen and the uniform shop, Qkr! is used for all school events hosted by the P&C. Its free and easy to use. Just download and search for Waverley Public School. You can all pay on the Qkr! Website.

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/qkr/id589799471>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mastercard.labs.qkr&hl=en\\_AU&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mastercard.labs.qkr&hl=en_AU&gl=US)

These tours are only available to prospective Year 7, 2022 students. Only 1 parent and 1 student can attend.

Please contact our school office for further information on 8345 8200.

## Waverley Council School Holiday Program

Looking for things to do these School Holidays? Waverley offers a range of online and face-to-face activities. The program includes both free and paid activities facilitated by a combination of Waverley Council specialist staff, artists, industry professionals and partner organisations. These activities are designed to be easy, fun and accessible which your child is sure to enjoy. For more information visit:

<https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/recreation/events/shp>



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Randwick Girls' High School

As COVID-19 restrictions have eased further, Randwick Girls' High School is now able to offer school tours.