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## ‘Today is for Tomorrow’

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# **NEWS FROM WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Term 4 Week 10 Tuesday 18 December 2018**

### **Principal’s Report**

Merry Christmas families. I hope everyone has a sensational break and is able to reconnect and engage with loved ones over the holiday period. It has been a pleasure to have led our School this year. We have achieved a fantastic impact on our kids over the last 12 months. I have been informed by the Department of Education that next year our School has been selected to participate in the external validation process. Objectivity, transparency and consistency are important elements for ensuring a system-wide approach that supports schools in their ongoing improvement. While improvement efforts are designed, driven and assessed on an ongoing basis by each school, an external process is important for providing an assurance to the school and the system that the progress and impact being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework. The external validation process provides a development opportunity for schools to reflect on their practice and evidence of impact, make on-balance judgements using the elements of the School Excellence Framework and discuss their judgements and the evidence that underpins them with a panel of peers.

We will be sharing our strong focus on academic achievement. We are very strategic in our approach to ensuring the best possible opportunities for Literacy and Numeracy. All classes ensure Literacy and Numeracy learning takes place, at the same time, with the same format, across the school, during prime learning time. We cater for the range of learning styles based on student needs from our comprehensive whole school assessment process.

We have experienced some very significant improvement in student learning outcomes as a school, especially in mathematics.

We really treasure our Arts, Sports and extracurricular programs, because we know this builds our student's social and emotional capital and provides opportunities for students to experience success, build belief and develop confidence.

Our students have engaged in Public Speaking, in choir, in our sensational Dance team, performing exceptionally at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. Our students participated in a range of Sports including soccer, netball and cricket. Every student across the school was able to access Gymnastics, Touch Football, and Hockey. Our senior students were offered the opportunity to engage in Lawn Bowls. We had Excursions to the Gold Fields in Bathurst, School camps to Kincumber and School camp at Wisemans Ferry. We led Environmental groups and strong engaged student voice through our Student Representative Council. We led Cross country, swimming and athletics carnivals, and swim school. We held incursions on Bullying, physical development, and on building resilience. We celebrated with our community for Harmony day, Grand-parents day and with our Easter Hat parade.

I really want to extend all our appreciation and special thanks for the enormous efforts of our staff, both in teaching and administrative roles, who work tirelessly to create, plan, arrange, organise and led opportunities for our students. Smaller schools don't have the volume of staff that many larger schools are able to draw on; but due to the efforts and highly dedicated team, we are able to provide such a sensational environment. I attribute our schools success to the dedication of our hard-working staff, our conscientious students and close-knit community.

We have an amazing P&C, and families, who provide and support us with passion, expertise, energy and people-power to make a difference. I would like to thank the community for their willingness to act as partners in their children's education. I would like to thank those who have worked tirelessly on our P&C to support decision making and to raise funds. Thank you to those families who have driven children to sporting events, those who have assisted in classrooms, those who have assisted in covering library and reading books, and to those who have taken the time to simply drop in for a chat to talk about the great things we do at Wallacia Public School and be a part of positive culture army.

It has been a very successful year of learning. It has been a privilege and I can't wait until next year.

We do have a few changes ahead, which all depends on student enrolment numbers. If all goes to plan, Miss Carroll will be leading our Kindy/Year 1 class. Mrs Tritton will be leading our Year 2/ and 3 class. Mr Kelly and Mr Rush will be sharing our Year 4/ 5 and 6 class. Mrs Kitching will providing Learning and Teaching Support. Mrs Sweeny and Mrs Bryant will be providing School Learning Officer Support. I will be leading and providing Learning Support across the school. I know the plan has changed a few times and I thank everyone for their patience and understanding in this matter. Everything depends on numbers. From this I then make decisions in what is in the best interests of the students.

A huge congratulations to our new 2019 vice school captains, Dane Micsko & Monique Gray, and to our 2019 School Captains, Hannah Ison & Adam Parsons.

Today the P&C are holding a BBQ for families to celebration our sensational year at Wallacia Public School.

**Farewell** - It is with sad emotion that I announce the departure of Miss McClelland. Miss McClelland will be leaving us at the end of the year to embark on the next part of her journey as she moves onto a different teaching experience. Miss McClelland is an absolute asset to the teaching community. Her level of dedication to the learning and wellbeing of all students is second to none. I know the entire community will join me in wishing Miss McClelland 'all the best of luck' for her future endeavours. A massive thank you and a special farewell to Miss Jessica McClelland.

**Year 6 Farewell** - This year's year 6 Farewell was held at Wallacia Bowling Club. The students and families met down by the river for special photos before congregating at 6 p.m. at the Bowling Club. The team looked fantastic and it was a very special evening of celebration. A huge thank you to the P&C Year 6 fundraising committee for their efforts to support and lead a range of fundraising events to support our kids to able to enjoy a fantastic evening where they reflected and debriefed on finalising their journey of primary school at Wallacia Public School.

**P and C AGM Meeting** - Our P&C AGM will be held next year, on Monday 04/02/19 (Week 2) starting at 1.30pm in the school library. During the AGM a new P & C executive will be voted in.

I would like to thank our 2018 P&C executive for their hard work in supporting our school throughout 2018. Your dedication has been greatly appreciated. The P&C AGM will be directly followed by the first P&C Meeting of the year. Our current P&C President, Jeanette Cullen, is moving on so I strongly encourage and welcome everyone to attend.

# **Presentation Day**

Our Presentation Day for 2018 was held at the Hubertus Club on Wednesday 5 December. Special guests joined with parents, families, staff, and students to celebrate the achievements of all students during the past year.

Several performances showcased the talents of our students in choir and dance.

A number of students were recognised with major awards, sports awards, and class awards. Congratulations to all of the following award recipients, we applaud your efforts!

## **Major Awards**

**John Jee Resilience Award** – Maria Andreou

**Paul Chisholm Maximum Effort Award** – Kai Sluyter

**Wallacia Public School Citizenship Award** - Seth Fischer

**Wallacia Public School Dux Award** – Katie Astley

**Mulgoa Encouragement Award** – Lily Lewis

**Wallacia Public School Creative Arts Award** – Josiah Fonokalafi

## **Sports Awards**

### **Swimming**

Junior Girls Swimming Champion - Hannah Ison

Senior Girls Swimming Champion - Jessica Preston

Junior Boys Swimming Champion – Harrison O'Hara

Senior Boys Swimming Champion – Adam Parsons

### **Cross Country**

Junior Girls Cross Country Champion – Hannah Ison

Junior Boys Cross Country Champion – Logan Thirkell

Senior Girls Cross Country Champion – Jessica Preston

Senior Boys Cross Country Champion – Adam Parsons

### **Athletics**

Junior Girls Athletics Champion (Tie) – Hannah Ison and Olivia Zizik

Junior Boys Athletics Champion – Zeke Sluyter

Senior Girls Athletics Champion – Jessica Preston

Senior Boys Athletics Champion (Tie) – Josiah Fonokalafi and Tino Fatai

**Sports Person of the Year** – Jessica Preston

## **Outgoing School Leaders 2018**

School Leader – Katie Astley

School Leader – Jessica Preston

School Leader – Sienna Gatt

School Leader – Josiah Fonokalafi

## **Class Awards**

### **Graduating from Kindergarten 2018**

Ava Blair  
Mario Crafa  
Kenleyah Gray  
Rhys Holcombe  
Monica Messina  
William Parsons  
Connor Ritorto  
Chyanne Semken  
Beau Thirkell

**1 / 2 –Academic Achievement (English)** – Emilee Harvey  
**1 / 2 – Academic Achievement (Mathematics)** – Jacob Vella  
**1 / 2 – Consistent effort** – Ben Saliba  
**1 / 2 – Outstanding Academic Achievement-** Owen Sweeney

**2/3/4–Academic Achievement (English)** – Olivia Zizik  
**2/3/4– Academic Achievement (Mathematics)** – Zeke Sluyter  
**2/3/4- Outstanding Academic Achievement-** Oscar Zizik  
**2/3/4– Consistent effort** – Lani Micsko, Havana Hoera, Mili Presentado, Jayda Fonokalafi  
**2/3/4– Most Improved** – Tayah Fonokalafi

**5/6 – Academic Achievement (English)** – Katie Astley  
**5/6 – Academic Achievement (Mathematics)** – Adam Parsons  
**5/6 – Outstanding Achievement** – Sienna Gatt  
**5/6 – Consistent Effort** – Dane Micsko

### **Incoming School Leaders 2019**

Dane Micsko  
Hannah Ison  
Adam Parsons  
Monique Gray

Wallacia Public School thanks the following friends and helpers. We could not offer as many opportunities to our students without your ongoing support:

- Mrs Tanya Davies, MP
- Mr Paul Chisholm
- Rotary Club Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley – President-Elect Mrs Kerry Rosano
- Mrs Elaine Bonning
- Wallacia School P&C Association



A huge THANK YOU to the team at ***Hubertus Country Club***, Blacktown Workers Club Group, for their support of Wallacia Public School's 2017 Presentation Day Assembly.

Contact the Club at: 205 Adams Road Luddenham 4773 4444



## P &C News

What an amazing year we have had. Thank you to all the families that have supported us over this year. Thank you to all the helpers on presentation day, it was an amazing success. Staff put on a great show.

Congratulations to the raffle winners, we raised over \$450 for our beautiful little school. Next meeting is February 4th at 2 p.m. in the library. All welcome. Please come along to find out information about your school and have your say.

Merry Christmas and hope everyone stays safe over the Christmas holidays.

Jeanette Cullen  
P & C President



### **REQUIRED STATIONERY**

#### **K – 2**

HB pencils x 4, coloured pencils (pack of 12), glue sticks x 2, sharpener (with case preferable) and eraser x 2.

#### **3 – 6**

HB pencils x 4, coloured pencils (pack of 12), glue sticks x 2, sharpener (with case preferable), erasers x 2, 30cm wooden or plastic ruler, blue pens x 4, red pens x 2 and small scissors x 1.

Please ensure that students' belongings are clearly labelled and fit into one small pencil case. Additional stationery can be kept at home. Please don't send any items not listed, as these can be distracting, and lead to unnecessary competition between students.

**Please monitor your child's supplies regularly to ensure your child has everything they need for the whole year.**



## **CommBank Student Banking**

Please note that owing to circumstances beyond the control of school volunteers, there will be no more student banking in 2018.

Banking will re-commence in 2019.

Thank you for your understanding.

**Commonwealth**Bank



## **Wallacia Public School** **2nd hand uniforms**

All stock available at the rear of the office, a gold coin donation for any items purchased is appreciated.

Donations of dresses, school shirts or school jumpers/jackets will be gladly accepted and then available for other families to buy.



Thank you for supporting this project!

## **PERPETUAL SHIELD/PLAQUE**

Congratulations to the worthy recipients of a perpetual shield/plaque, at the recent Presentation Day Assembly.

Could you please return the shield/plaque to the school office.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



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## 2019 Kindergarten Commencement Schedule



<b>Weeks 1-2 Term 1 2019</b>		
Wednesday 30 January to Tuesday 5 February (inclusive)	Best Start Assessments	Scheduled times: As stated on your personal letter (to be distributed on Orientation Day, Thurs 29 November)
Wednesday 6 February	Kindergarten Commences 8.55am Parents Invited to Morning Tea (9-9.30 am) "Tissues and Tears!"	Finish/pick up time <b><u>12.30pm</u></b>
Thursday 7 February	Kindergarten Commences 8.55am	Finish/pick up time <b><u>1.20 pm</u></b>
Friday 8 February	Kindergarten Commences 8.55am	Finish/pick up time <b><u>1.20 pm</u></b>
<b>Week 3 Term 1 2019</b>		
Monday 11 February-Friday 15 February	Kindergarten Commences 8.55am	Finish /pick up time <b><u>3.00pm</u></b>

## KEY DATES

Tuesday December 18	Principal Reward Session & Morning Tea	Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards & Principal Awards	
Tuesday December 18	P & C BBQ Lunch	Whole School	
<b>Wednesday December 19</b>	<b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>	<b>HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30 2019</b>	<b>ALL STUDENTS YEARS 1 – 6 RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>WELCOME BACK! 2019 WOW</b>	
<b>Tuesday February 19</b>	<b>Twilight Swimming Carnival</b>		
<b>Tuesday February 26</b>	<b>School Photos</b>		

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