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NEWS FROM WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 9 Date: Thursday 12 December 2019

Principal's Message

It has been a privilege to lead our School for 2019. We have achieved a fantastic impact on our kids learning and wellbeing over the last 12 months. We are a school that has very strong focus on academic achievement. We really treasure our Arts, Sports and extracurricular programs, because we know this builds our students' social and emotional capital and provides opportunities for our students to experience success and develop confidence. This year our students have engaged in public speaking, in choir, and in our sensational dance team. Every student across the school was able to access gymnastics, AFL and tennis. The Year 3 & 4's were invited to attend a Sport and Recreation camp. Our Year 5 & 6's were invited to attend our excursion to Canberra. Miss Carroll led our Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics carnivals and the infants excursion to the zoo. We celebrated with our community for Harmony Day, Grand-Parents Day, Easter Hat Parade, and we held a really special Book Fair Parade and event.

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 lead opportunities for our students. I attribute our school's success to the dedication of our hard-working staff, our conscientious students and our 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. Please have a safe and very Merry Christmas, and enjoy some special time together.

Staffing 2020 – Mr Kelly will be taking Leave-With-Out-Pay for 2020. As such, he will not be returning to Wallacia Public School next year. I have done an Expression Of Interest for this position for 2020. Mrs Michele Van Vliet was the successful applicant and will fill the vacancy left by Mr Kelly. Michele is currently an Instructional Leader at Whalan Public School.

Year 6 Farewell – The year 6 Farewell will be held on the evening of 17 December. The students will meet for photos at Blaxland Crossing from 5:15pm. All the students will then meet at the Wallacia Bowling Club around 6:00pm for a 6:30 start.

Kindergarten Orientation Program - It was great to see so many students and parents attend our Special Kindergarten Orientation Program last week. The children really enjoyed the special morning with Miss Carroll. I really enjoyed leading the Orientation Meeting in the library with the parents. We will be putting a call out to families to join us for next year's Tissue and Tear event.

Best Start Assessment - Each new kindergarten student in 2020 will engage one on one with the teacher for our comprehensive Best Start Assessment which provides us with detailed information so we are able to plan for each individual's needs from the very start of their school life. This assessment will take place between Wednesday 29 January to Thursday 30 January. Kindergarten will commence from 8.55am on Friday 31 January. On this day parents will be invited to Morning Tea (9-9.30 am) for our special "Tissues and Tears event!". We really want our army of P&C to be around on this day to mingle and offer support for our new families on this special day. The Kindy kids finish early for their first day at 12.00 p.m. The next week of school (week 2), on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (3.00pm 05/02) the students will finish at 12.30 p.m. On Thursday and Friday (06-07/02) the students will finish 1.20pm. We have found this supports a strong start to beginning Kindergarten as the reduced time supports lowering the cognitive load and sets up our kids for a successful start to school life. From Monday 10/02 (week 3) all students begin full days, so will finish at 3.00pm.

Presentation Assembly – This was a lovely event, thank you to everyone who attended and offered support. All classes performed a special item and it was great to have lots of families along to enjoy and celebrate this event. Please have a look at the photos on FB.

Presentation Day Award Recipients

Thank you to all the parents, special guests, friends and family members who attended our Presentation Day at the Hubertus Club yesterday! It was a privilege to be able to celebrate the achievements of our students during the past year.

Here is a list of the students whose achievements were recognised with an award.

Class K/1

Graduating Kindergarten Students:

Ella Bell
William Bell
Charlie Cooke
Margaret Faletau
Mia Holcombe
Meila Keough
Aaylah Pleavin
Alec Powell
Bella Presentado
Amelia Vella
Grace Vella
Izabella Voulistiotis

Year 1

Academic Achievement - English - Ava Blair
Academic Achievement - Maths - Rhys Holcombe
Consistent Effort - Connor Ritorto
Outstanding Achievement - Beau Thirkell

Class 2/3

Year 2

Outstanding Achievement - Owen Sweeney
Academic Achievement (Mathematics) - Jacob Vella
For improvement in all areas - Trisha Anne Parker
Consistent effort - Anton King

Year 3

Outstanding Academic Achievement - Oscar Zizik
Academic Achievement (English) - Jayda Fonokalafi
Academic Achievement (Mathematics) - Tayah Fonokalafi
Consistent Effort - Cypress Hoera

Class 4/5/6

Year 4

Consistent effort – Piper Fischer

Outstanding achievement – Logan Thirkell

Year 5

Outstanding Achievement – Isaac Maher

Consistent Effort – Havana Hoera

Academic Achievement (English) – Olivia Zizik

Academic Achievement (Mathematics) – Zeke Sluyter

Year 6

Outstanding Creativity – Mystique Hoera

Consistent Effort – Kai Sluyter

Academic Achievement (English) – Diego Zayya

Academic Achievement (Mathematics) – Jack O'Hara

Sports Champions 2019

Swimming

Junior Boy Champion – Oscar Zizik

Junior Girl Champion – Ivy Keough

Senior Boy Champion – (Tie) Jack O'Hara and Adam Parsons

Senior Girl Champion – Hannah Ison

Cross Country

Junior Boy Champion – (Tie) Logan Thirkell and Oscar Zizik

Junior Girl Champion – Tayah Fonokalafi

Senior Boy Champion – Jack O'Hara

Senior Girl Champion – Hannah Ison

Athletics

Junior Boy Champion – Owen Sweeney

Junior Girl Champion – Ivy Keough

Senior Boy Champion – Jack O'Hara

Senior Girl Champion – Hannah Ison

Sportsperson of the Year – Hannah Ison

Major Awards

John Jee Resilience Award – Harry Love

Paul Chisholm Maximum Effort Award – Blaike Keough

Wallacia Public School Citizenship Award – Dane Micsko

Wallacia Public School Dux Award – Adam Parsons

Mulgoa Encouragement Award – Hannah Ison

Outstanding Achievement in the Creative Arts – Patrick Zayya

Outgoing School Leaders 2019

Captains – Hannah Ison, Adam Parsons
Vice-Captains – Dane Micsko

Incoming School Leaders 2020

Captains – Olivia Zizik, Alexia Gatt
Vice-Captains – Jaxon Podmore, Havana Hoera

*Congratulations to all on your
achievements in 2019!*



A huge THANK YOU to the team at ***Hubertus Country Club (Luddenham)***, Blacktown Workers Club Group, for their support of Wallacia Public School's 2019 Presentation Day Assembly/Concert.

Contact the Club at: 205 Adams Road Luddenham 4773 4444



PERPETUAL SHIELD/PLAQUE

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

Could you please return the shield/plaque to the school office, by Monday 16 December 2019.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



A Special Thank-You

Special thanks to Mrs Sluyter, who came armed with her tools to replace the bag hooks outside Class 4/5/6.



K/1 End of Year News

What a wonderful year we have had together! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wallacia Public School community, the families of students in K/1 who have been so supportive and generous throughout the year to ensure our students have a great start to their schooling and to ensure that learning is fun and that your children love coming to school. Thank you to Mrs Sweeney for all that you do in supporting the students in K/1, we are so incredibly lucky to have your influence in our classroom.

A huge thank you also to all of the families and helpers who have generously assisted in supporting extra curricular activities such as dance group, sporting opportunities, excursions and environmental initiatives that our students have been involved in throughout the year. Students would not have these opportunities without your support. Thank you! It has been a huge and memorable year and I wish you all a safe and wonderful Christmas. Enjoy the holidays!

Kind Regards,
Miss Talia Carroll
K/1 Teacher



K-2 Taronga Zoo Excursion

On Friday 8th November K-2 students were lucky enough to go on an incredible excursion to Taronga Zoo Sydney. Our generous P&C contributed the cost of the bus for this excursion, which was absolutely appreciated by our students, staff, parents and school community. Without your support opportunities like this would not be possible for our kids.

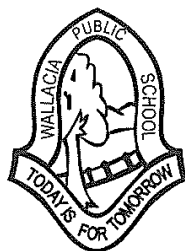
At Taronga Zoo the students had so much fun exploring the zoo and meeting all of the animals. We were lucky enough to go into Taronga's new institute of Science and Learning and went into one of the immersive habitat classrooms, where the animals could walk around looking at the children. In this environment all of our students had the opportunity to touch a range of incredible animals while a keeper spoke to the children. They kids bravely touched a blue tongue lizard, children's python, baby crocodile, squirrel glider and an echidna. After our educational workshop and animal encounters we explored the rest of the zoo. We were so lucky to have a perfect sunny day as you can see in the photos.

As our adventure came to an end we got back on the bus and after such a big exciting day it did not take long for many of the kids to fall asleep on the bus ride home. Thank you to Mr Mason and Mrs Sweeney for all of their help. A big thank you also to all of our K-2 students who showed exceptional behaviour on this outing and a level of curiosity and enthusiasm that melted my heart. It was so special to share this amazing place with you all.

Miss Carroll







WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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POLO SHIRT.....	\$35.00
BOYS BLACK SHORTS.....	\$25.00
SUMMER DRESS.....	\$58.00
SPORT SKORT.....	\$33.00
SPORT SHORTS.....	\$27.00
ZIP JACKET.....	\$45.00
SLOPPY JOE.....	\$35.00
FLEECY TRACKPANTS.....	\$28.00
BUCKET HAT.....	\$18.00
BASEBALL CAP.....	\$15.00
SOCKS (4 PACK).....	\$15.00

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and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020

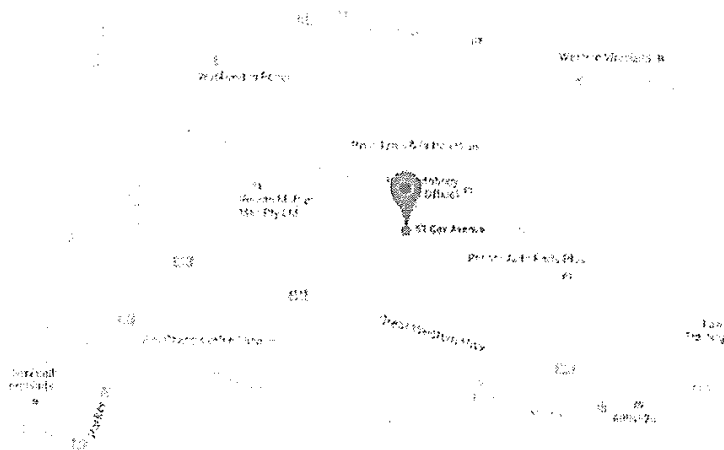
Trading Hours for the Month of January 2020

Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm

(Closed for Public Holiday Monday January 27th)

Saturdays - January 11th, 18th, 25th - 9am to 3pm

Sundays - January 12th, 19th, 26th - 10am to 1pm



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Key Dates



2019

Tuesday 17 December

- Aiden Archer haircut for charity
- Principal Reward Morning Tea and P&C Sausage Sizzle
- Principal Reward Activity Session
- Santa Visit
- Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18 December – Final day of school for students

2020

Monday 27 January Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 January Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29 January –

Students Years 1 through 6 return to school

**Monday 10 February – P&C AGM 2 pm in the school library –
All welcome**



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.



2020 Kindergarten Commencement Schedule Calendar



Wednesday 29 January to Thursday 30 January (2 days inclusive)	Best Start Assessments	Scheduled times: As stated on your personal letter
Friday 31 January	Kindy Commences! 8.55am Parents Invited to Morning Tea (9-9.30 am) "Tissues and Tears!" 	Finish /Pick Up Time <u>12.00pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u> <i>Library</i>
Monday 3 February	8.55am	Finish/pick up time <u>12.30pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u>
Tuesday 4 February	8.55am	Finish/pick up time <u>12.30 pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u>
Wednesday 5 February	8.55am	Finish/pick up time <u>12.30 pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u>
Thursday 6 February	8.55am	Finish/pick up time <u>1.20 pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u>
Friday 7 February	8.55am	Finish/pick up time <u>1.20 pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u>
Mon 10 February	Full school day, commences 8.55	Finish normal time <u>3.00pm</u> <u>From Front of School</u> <u>Near Office.</u>

EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



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