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‘Today is for Tomorrow’

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

## **NEWS FROM WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Term 1 Week 3 Date Tuesday 12 February, 2019

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### **Principal’s Message**

As I engaged in our classrooms last week and this week, I saw children ready to learn and teachers with great enthusiasm and expertise. We will be working as a team to continue to improve and deliver the best possible outcomes for all children.

Our School Learning Support Officers and Learning support teachers will be working closely with students in classrooms this year, so that learning is supported and integrated directly into class programs. Over the last few weeks,

Mrs Lisa Kitching, our School Learning Support Officers and myself, have been closely working with teachers across K-6 to implement a range of intervention programs and provide the necessary accommodations for all students to meet their specific learning needs. Provisions for these students are being discussed and developed with our teachers.

We are developing Individual Education Plans to support the teacher to differentiate the curriculum and ensure all children can access the class work. If your child has any specific needs which you think the teacher may not be aware of, please ask to speak to your child’s teacher over the next few weeks.

Our Parent Class Information Session is this afternoon, Tuesday 12 February. We are holding 2 sessions to accommodate parents who have children in different classes. The first Parent Class Information Session will begin in your child's classroom at 4:00pm. The second (repeated) Parent Class Information Session will begin at 4.30pm. Please choose a time that suits you best. This is an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of what your child is doing in class and the expectations for the year. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Please note that this session is not a parent-teacher interview. As always, if you wish to speak to a teacher individually please make an appointment, so the teacher can give their full attention to the matter you wish to discuss.

We are very sad to announce that Mr Kelly will be leaving us for this year. His leave is required for a personal family situation. I am currently working on the best options in regards to our 4/5/6 class. As this process unfolds I will be supporting Mr Rush with our 4/5/6 class.

Our Year 6 students will be selling Ice Blocks on hot days (during lunch eating time) as part of their efforts towards raising money for their Year 6 farewell. This will be led by the Year 6 students.

# **2019 SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME**

Wallacia Public School will be taking part in the NSW Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

*Please note, this program was run in Term 4 2018, but we are reverting to our more usual date of Term 1 for 2019.*

The Special Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn-to-swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. **Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25 metres confidently and unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate.**

The Scheme focuses on non-swimmers in Years 2 to Year 6.

The Swim Scheme will take place at Warragamba Pool under the instruction of qualified teachers.

The Scheme will continue each day for one week in Term 1 Week 6, **Monday 4 March to Friday 8 March 2019, inclusive.**

Lessons each day will be from 12.30pm to 2.00pm. Students will be transported by the Warragamba Workers Club Courtesy Bus, driven by their volunteer driver and accompanied by a teacher. Parent transport will also be required to transport other students.

**Students will leave school (if parent helper transport / pick up) at 12.00pm and return to school after the conclusion of their lessons from 2.00pm**, again transported by Warragamba Worker's Club Bus and driver and parent transport.

We are very grateful to Warragamba Workers Club for their generous support transporting our students to this valuable program and to the parent for their transport.

**COST:** There will be no charge for instruction or transport; however pool entry per student for the 5 day program is \$14.55. **Please return permission note and full payment B E F O R E Friday 22 February 2019. Please note NO LATE NOTES OR PAYMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED DUE TO ORGANISATIONAL RESTRAINTS. Your child will miss out if notes are not in before closing date.** Your help in this is greatly appreciated.

If parents wish to enter the pool to accompany children, the entry cost is \$2.70 (pay as you enter).

Each child should bring:

- a swimming costume (including rash vest if possible),
- two (2) towels,
- a t-shirt,
- hat,
- sunscreen, to be applied regularly,
- a jumper/track suit in case of cool weather,
- plastic bag with dry underwear,
- **asthma Puffer** (if needed),
- **epipen** (if needed)

**Please return permission note and full payment B E F O R E Friday 22 February 2019.**

**2019 SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME**

Swim School payment \$14.55 can be made by direct credit via the school website “\$Make a payment” or by returning the attached consent form and correct money (\$14.55 per child) in an envelope, placing the envelope in the red payment box at the school office, **B E F O R E Friday 22 February 2019.**

Please also note, should the minimum number of students (approximately 15) not enrol, or we cannot obtain enough parent transport, the scheme is unlikely to proceed.

Yours with thanks  
Mr Trev Mason  
Principal



**2019 SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM CONSENT FORM**

I hereby consent to the participation of my child\_\_\_\_\_ in the

Special Swimming Scheme to be held at Warragamba Pool from Monday 4 March to Friday 8 March inclusive.

I have made an online payment on DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$14.55 per child.\_\_\_\_\_

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise the seeking of such medical assistance on my behalf as my child may require.

Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (e.g. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be able to assist with transport to and from:      Yes                      No

Number of students in addition to my child\_\_\_\_\_

# COMBINED SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

## Tuesday 19 February 2019

Our **2019** Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be a Twilight Meet and will be held in conjunction with Penrith South Public School's Swimming Carnival in Term 1, Week 4; Tuesday 19 February, 2019. **Only students who can swim 50 metres competently and will be turning 8 or older in 2019 are invited to attend the carnival.**

- **Date :** Tuesday 19 February 2019
- **Venue:** Ripples Penrith
- **Time:** 7:00pm- 9:00pm
- **Transport :** Parents are responsible for transport to and from the carnival
- **Cost:** Per swimmer is \$5.00 (adult spectator pool entry is \$3.00). Pay at gate on entry.
- **Medical/asthma requirements:** If your child may require medical/asthma treatment at the carnival, please ensure that all equipment is brought with the child.
- **CPR qualified teaching staff will be in attendance at the carnival.**

Would you please complete the attached form and place it in the RED box located in the office by Friday 15 February 2019. **Late entries cannot be accepted for organisational reasons.**

Regards,

Trev Mason  
Principal

Talia Carroll  
Carnival Organiser

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### Permission Note

Combined Swimming Carnival with Small Schools & Penrith Sth PS

Please return to RED box in the office **BEFORE Friday 15 February 2019**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the swimming carnival at Ripples Penrith 2019. I understand that arrangements to and from the venue are my responsibility.

My child will bring correct money for entry (\$5 per swimmer) and pay on entry to pool.

My child is able to swim the stroke competently and unaided, he/she is turning \_\_\_\_\_ years old in 2019 and will compete in the following events.

My child will bring with him/her any medical/asthma treatment requirements.

**Please INITIAL your acknowledgement of each distance in which your child will be competing**

Freestyle 50 m \_\_\_\_\_ 100m \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Breaststroke 50m \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Backstroke 50m \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Butterfly 50m \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Medley 200m (4x 50m butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle) \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.





## **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.**



**No pedestrian access via the Staff car park gate.**

Please use the small gate at the front of school. There have been some “near misses” with cars and pedestrians. This includes drop off and pick up from OOSHC. Thank you for your support.



## KEY DATES

Tuesday February 19	Twilight Swimming Carnival		
Tuesday February 26	School Photos	Notes due out Week 3	
Monday – Friday March 4 - March 8	Swim School		





## **DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENTS TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL ONLINE????**

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

### **What expenses can be paid online?**

- ♦ Voluntary School Contributions
- ♦ Textbook & Exercise Book Fees
- ♦ Excursions
- ♦ Sport /Swimming carnivals
- ♦ Excursions
- ♦ Sales to Students (Yr 6 Shirts etc.)
- ♦ Other (can be titled to suit)

### **HOW ??**

Log onto the School web site –Google

Wallacia Public School or log onto

<http://www.wallacia-P.schools.nsw.edu.au/>.

Click on “\$Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payments via Visa or MasterCard.

Make a payment for each child separately. Enter student name, class and date of birth. You do not need to enter the student registration number.



# **Year 7 2020**

*Year 7 Expression Of Interest Form*, for enrolment in Year 7 in 2020.

Could you please complete the form and return it to the office no later than **Monday 18 March 2019**. Additional forms are available from the school office.

***All students are required to complete an “Expression Of Interest Form”, even if they are applying to enrol in a Selective High School or applying to enrol in a Private School.***

## **School Banking at Wallacia Public School has begun for 2019 😊**

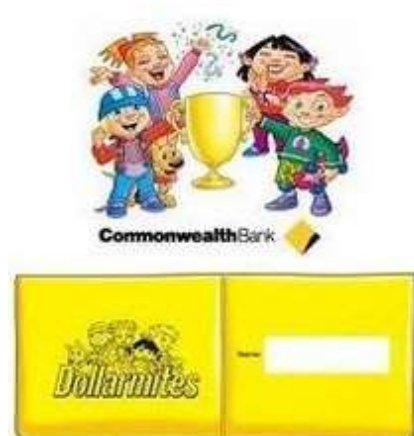
Please be sure to hand your deposit books into the front office on Thursdays.

New students to Wallacia Public School who are already signed up for school banking with a previous school, you can submit your deposit books and I will adjust your new school banking location for you.

For anyone not signed up who would like to join in school banking, please set up your account either online or in person at your local Commonwealth Bank branch and submit your deposit book the next banking Thursday and I will add you to our system.

I look forward to another year of helping our students develop good saving habits.

Natalie Micsko - School Banking Coordinator



## **K/1 News**

I would love to extend a really warm welcome to the new Kindergarten families joining our Wallacia Public School community this year. I am so excited for your children to join our little K/1 family. As your children settle into school I hope they share with you lots of stories, about the things they learn, the adventures we have and the friendships that they will make here at school. A very special thank you to the fantastic Year 1 and Year 6 buddies, who have played such an important role in Kindergarten having such a fun start to school. Over the first few weeks we will be establishing new school routines for Kindergarten and getting Year one back into the swing of things ready for a huge Term 1.

I look forward to working closely with the K/1 families and please always feel free to come and chat to me if you have any questions.

Miss Talia Carroll



(Photo: Kindergarten with their Year one and Year 6 buddies)





### *School Captains*

Hannah Ison and Adam Parsons

### *School Vice Captains*

Monique Gray and Dane Micsko



### *School Leadership Team*





**School Sports Captains**

Daniel Warner and Harry Love

**SRC Leaders**

Kai Sluyter and Blaike Keough



**Environmental Leaders**

Aiden Archer, Mystique Hoera and Monique Gray







*Year 6 Fundraising Co-Ordinators*

Diego Zayya and Patrick Zayya

# Zooper Dooper ice blocks 50 cents

Year 6 will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50 cents. They will be for sale from the window near the sports equipment. All money raised goes to Year 6 farewell.



Come and cool down!!

Year 6 parents if you want to donate a packet of Zooper Doopers that would be great.