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‘Today is for Tomorrow’

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

NEWS FROM WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 11, Tuesday 9/04/2019

Welcome families,

Thank you for a wonderful term of learning and support. I am looking forward to meeting our more experienced supporters in the near future for our special Harmony & Grandparents Day.

We have moved the day to Thursday, 23 May (Term 2, Week 4) to support school organisation. We will start the proceedings at 12 o'clock on the grassed area near the flag pole. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of Harmony Day. Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to be a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Harmony Day is all about togetherness and kindness, about sharing experience and knowledge. In a small but meaningful way, this day of celebration and respect for diversity, works to create the conditions that erase fear and create friendships. This goes hand in hand with our values for Grandparents Day.

Of course, this year's celebration comes at a difficult and challenging time, following the terrible attacks in New Zealand. We are shocked and sobered by what we have seen, but we increase our resolve to make our society one which celebrates our history, our multiculturalism, and recognises that together we are so much richer for what each of us brings and contributes to our community.

Parents and teachers will scramble to find orange t-shirts, often frustratingly difficult to source but gleefully worn by throngs of excited children. Communities have come together and really celebrated difference and diversity – as well as the things that we have in common. Our very best chance for a happy and harmonious future comes with what our students learn together every day in our rich and diverse school community. I believe the rest of society could learn much from how our schools go about their work every day, as beacons of tolerance and respect. This Harmony Day I hope you enjoy the fantastic events that our schools and workplaces put on. I hope that for our Harmony and Grandparents day, every student, every member of the school community, and all staff, enjoys the feeling of belonging and the strength of community that comes from cultural respect and friendship. My hope is also that this feeling and celebration of our diversity is something we all continue to embrace and reflect upon on a daily basis as we live our value of equity as a school and as individuals.

Wallacia Public School will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on the last day of term, Friday 12/04. Students are encouraged to wear blue. Supporting students with Autism to achieve their full potential is a vital part of our efforts to uphold the core values of the school and our education system. This reinforces our belief to speak out against discrimination, celebrate the diversity of our community and strengthen our commitment to the full inclusion and participation of people with Autism.

We have been accessing ongoing feedback on our school reporting process over the last 2 years. You would have noticed a range of updates and tweaks to our formal reports and process in response to this welcome feedback. I have been sharing this process and consulting with staff and the P&C to ensure we are able to provide the best format possible to enhance this process. After much valuable discussion and consideration we have decided to trial a new reporting system for the Half Year School Reports. This will be reviewed and evaluated after the process is completed to guide and drive any future directions.

We will provide an end of semester (Half year) written A to E grade report which will highlight grades for all Key Learning Areas: English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Personal development, Health and Physical Education and a combined unit grade for Science and Technology, History and Geography (as was the case previously). This will include feedback on social development & commitment to learning levels at the end of Term 2.

Most of the feedback and consultation was around the value of the written comments in the reports. The report comments for Literacy, Mathematics and the General Comment will be replaced with a 3 way student, parent and teacher interview with the inclusion of an individual student learning portfolio. Parents and students will be invited to a 3 way academic interview with the teacher, but it will remain the parent's choice if their child is to be involved. There will be some flexibility and individualism around this on a per case basis. For example, your child could start the interview and leave for the last 10 minutes for a more comprehensive parent/teacher conversation. To support the organisation and times for all families, we will be providing 20 minute time slots from 8.10am through to 5:50pm. Of course if none of the times are suitable, then a new appointment, on a different day, can be made as always. We will be using an online booking system for interview organisation. We will notify parents well in advance of when the interviews will take place and how to book. Families with siblings will be notified first to ensure they are able to align interviews with their other classes as best as possible. Then we will notify everyone else. 2/3 and 5/6 will be on Monday, 20th May. Kindy will be on Tuesday, 21st of May.

When you are notified early next term that Reporting Interview Bookings are open, the process will be; Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Enter the code (this will be available early next term, when bookings are open). Then enter your details, select the teachers you wish to see, select the appointment times that suit your family best. When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately.

Shave for a Cure – Please join us for this special even at 2.40p.m (near the silver seats) on the 13th of May. A big thank you to the P&C who will be providing the Students with the opportunity to have their hair coloured (with spray) for a gold coin donation. Students are also invited to wear crazy socks and contribute a gold coin donation. Mrs King will be having her head shaved during this time.

Cross Country – Well done to all our students who competed at the Nepean Valley Small Schools Cross Country event. This was a wonderful opportunity for our kids to engage and participate with other students from our neighbouring schools.

The Zone Cross Country will be held on 8th May (next Term, Week 2).

We held our Fun Run for Kindergarten to Year 2 (up to 7 year olds) on Thursday last week.

Easter Hat Parade - We will be holding our Wallacia Public School's Community Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 11 April. We would like to invite all parents, family and friends to attend Wallacia Public School's Easter Hat Parade for 2019. All students are participating in a simple hat making exercise in class to ensure all students have a hat for the parade. Donations of any craft materials that would assist us to make these Easter Hats are still being welcomed by each class. The P&C will hold the annual Easter Raffle on the day. There are baskets provided in the rooms for any Easter Egg donations for the raffle. Any students who donate an egg will be placed into the raffle draw which will be held at the conclusion of the event.

GPLA Student Leadership Day – Congratulations to our student leaders who attended Glenmore Park High School for our Glenmore Park Learning Alliance (GLPA) leadership day. The day was focused completely on the students to share, build skills and mindsets to enhance their leadership roles. The day included many activities and high profile guest speakers.

Environmental Group – A very special mention must go out to our WPS Environmental Group. I love watching the kids working behind the scenes to take responsibility for our local school environment. I have seen a huge effort go into recycling, composting, a range of gardening and tidying up on a regular basis. And this work is being completed by students, led by Mrs Tritton, during recess and lunch times. I am very proud and impressed with the impact this important work is having on our school. These students are great role models for the rest of us. Never in history has it been more urgent and important to recognise the fragility of our world. Keep up the great work team!

Principal Reward Day - All students who have attained a Bronze, Silver or a Gold badge level this term are invited to wear mufti this Thursday 11/04. They will also be invited to the Principal Morning Tea at recess time to celebrate their special achievement. This will be held near the flag pole.

All Gold and Principal Award Winners are invited to join Mr Mason in the middle session on Thursday 11/04 for a special fun session in the library. As part of our special session all Gold and Principal Award Winners are permitted to bring in a personal electronic device to use during the special session. All devices must be brought to office in the morning. The devices will be stored for safe keeping until the special middle-session event.

Student Representative Council – Our leaders, Blaike and Kai, have been working over time with our School SRC Class leaders and the teachers this year. They have met on various occasions to organise and ensure a strong student voice is active across the school. They have discussed a range of processes for consideration and have already discussed, shared and provided me with very strong feedback on the Power Chart and what the overwhelming student voice wants for the Principal's Reward Day. The team organised for the handball courts to be updated and painted, this has already been put to good use by a lot of students. They are making arrangements around Autism Awareness Day and they have a few other ideas developing in the background.

Staff Development Day Term 2 – All the staff will be starting back on Monday, 29th of April. We will be leading a professional learning event on wellbeing and class planning and assessment. Students return back to school on Tuesday, 30th of April.

NAPLAN – the 2019 NAPLAN test will be held in week 3 next term on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th of May. Mr Mason will lead this assessment process in the library.

2019 Penrith Council School Leaders Reception – Our School Captains Hannah Ison and Adam Parsons, with their families, are invited to attend the Penrith Council School Leaders Reception at the Evans Theatre. I am really looking forward to attending on the evening of 22 May.

Warm regards, Trev Mason



Student toilets (Girls)

Assets Management Unit has approved funding to refurbish/repair the girls student toilets.

AMU and Health and Safety have ascertained we have sufficient toilets to accommodate our female students while refurbishment is completed. This includes our OOSHC service.

We have made available, the female staff toilet (to senior girls) and the library disable toilet (to junior girls). This is working well and all students have been informed as to which toilet they should be using.

It is estimated the work will take approximately 4 weeks. This being Week 11 of Term 1 to Week 1 of Term 2, inclusive.

Stage 2 Camp Years 3 & 4 – Yarramundi 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year the students in Years 3 and 4 are invited to attend an overnight camp to The Outdoor Education & Camping School Program at Yarramundi in Term 4. The camp provides many opportunities for participants to experience enhanced personal growth, a strengthened sense of community and a connection with the natural world. Wallacia Public School will attend the camp along with Mulgoa, Luddenham and Orchard Hills School, (organising school).

When: Thursday 7 November – Friday 8 November (Term 4, Week 4)

Travel: By coach

Accommodation: Shared rooms on the campsite.

Cost: \$205 per student

The final cost will be determined once student numbers are finalised and will include all meals, activities, accommodation and transport to and from the venue. To help with the cost of the trip payment is in four instalments. All camp payments must be finalised by the due dates and paid either online or at the school office.

*To secure your child's place for the camp, please complete and return the permission slip below along with your **non-refundable deposit of \$50 BEFORE 13 May 2019.*** The tour company requires numbers of students attending by this date to determine final costs, **so it is important that you have your permission slip and deposit returned as soon as possible.**

Payment 1 –	BEFORE Monday 13 May 2019	DEPOSIT of \$50 (non-refundable)
Payment 2 –	Monday 29 July 2019	\$50.00
Payment 3 –	Monday 26 August 2019	\$50.00
Payment 4 –	Monday 21 October 2019	BALANCE (to be confirmed)

Kind Regards,

Mr Trev Mason
Principal

Mrs Fiona Tritton
Stage 2 Classroom Teacher

Mr John Rush
Stage 2 Classroom Teacher

Stage 2 Years 3 & 4
Camp – Yarramundi 2019 - Permission Slip

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I give permission for my child _____ to attend

The Outdoor Education & Camping School Program at Yarramundi from Thursday 7 November to Friday 8 November 2019.

☐ I have enclosed (cash) \$50 non-refundable deposit and agree to pay the next instalments by the due dates.

☐ I have made an online payment \$50 non-refundable deposit and agree to pay the next instalments by the due dates.

Receipt number: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

Parents/ Carers Name: (please print) _____

Date: _____



Education
High Performing Students Team

Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

2020

(Parents must read this document before submitting an online application)

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Application website opens

Friday 17 May 2019

Application website closes at 5.00pm

You must apply by the due date.

Wednesday 17 July 2019

Test authority letters sent to applicants

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2019

Placement outcome information is sent

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents* should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team^A.

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 30 April 2019** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and closes on **Friday 17 May 2019**. You must apply by the due date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **30 April 2019**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: The tear-off strip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2020. Yes ☐ No ☐

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the department's website. Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, either:

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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25th March 2019

Wallacia Public School

REORDER PHOTOS

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at
www.theschoolphotographer.com.au using the Online Order Code below:

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The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each, 2 for \$30.00, 3 for \$42.00, 4 for \$52.00 or 5 for \$60.00

Any additional photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase **ONLINE ONLY**

Name of Group	Name of Group
Dance Group	Environmental Group
SRC Leaders	SRC
SRC FUN	Sports Captains
4/5/6 FUN	

* N.B. School Captains - Photos will be taken
Tuesday

April 30 2019
[Day 1 Term 2]

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The Music Bus is the teacher, instruments, curriculum and classroom (the bus), all in one complete package! And... it's now rocking at your school.

Tuition in Keyboard, Ukulele, Singing, Drums, Guitar and Rock Band.

Only \$16 per week (Drums \$18).

The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well-known songs backing tracks, games, awards and much more to truly engage with students.

Limited space available, so be sure not to miss out!



"It's so great being at school. They're learning something new each week and the rapport the teacher has with the kids is wonderful." Sarah, Parent, NSW.



Did you know...?

**You can Apply to Receive \$100
Towards your child's Fees in 2019**

Simply use your Creative Kids voucher for lessons at The Music Bus

- 1. Apply for your Creative Kids Voucher:** Visit Service NSW at www.service.nsw.gov.au. This benefit is available to all families with school aged children in NSW.
- 2. Redeem your Voucher at The Music Bus:** Once you have received your voucher contact The Music Bus on 1300 168 742 or email creativekids@themusicbus.com.au

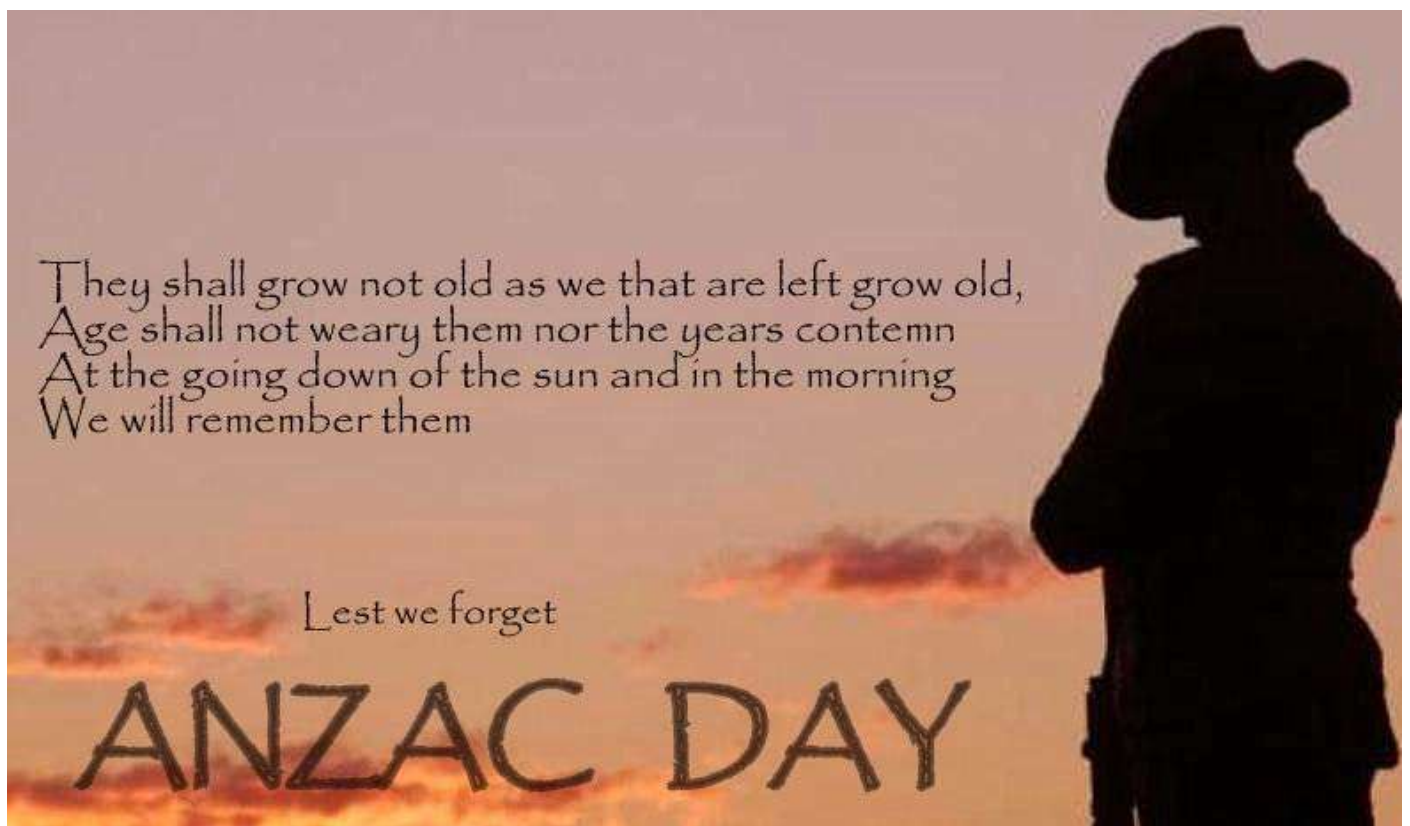
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ANZAC DAY

Donna Sweeney has kindly volunteered to be our parent representative at the Warragamba day ANZAC Day ceremony this year on 25/04/2019. She will lead our students in the march on ANZAC Day 25/04 (during the holidays) at Warragamba. Students will need to wear full school uniform for this event.

Everyone is invited to attend ANZAC Service in the Memorial Park at Warragamba on Thursday 25 April, 2019 (week 2 of school holidays). All students who wish to march are asked to meet at the Warragamba/Silverdale neighbourhood Centre @ 10.30am.

If you require any further information please contact ANZAC Committee member Mrs Elaine Bonning on 0704 674 478.



INVITATION

EASTER HAT PARADE - Thursday April 11th 2019 - 9.30am



We would like to invite all parents, family and friends to attend Wallacia Public School's Easter Hat Parade for 2019.

- *Thursday April 11th at 9.30am*

All students will participate in a simple hat making exercise in class to ensure all students have a hat at the parade. Donations of any craft materials that would assist us to make these Easter hats would be greatly appreciated. It would be great if each student could please bring one item to share with their class.

The annual P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



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Wallacia Public School

P&C Easter Raffle 2019



Tickets \$1 each
Drawn Thursday 11th April
@ W.P.S Easter Hat
Parade

*All proceeds are to go to the updating
and purchasing of school resource.*

**Return all books and money to the 'orange box'
located in the school office by Wednesday 10th
April.**

*Donations for the raffle will be
appreciated. Easter related novelties,
chocolate eggs and rabbits, bags and
baskets are all sought after.*



All donations receive an extra entry into the raffle.

P & C

We would like to thank everyone for their support for the BBQ and cake stall for the donations of cakes and Michael, Kylie, Natalie, Lani, Michelle, Sienna, Lexi, Kerrie, Melanie Sabastian, Blaire and Monique for their assistance on the day, with the Bbq and selling of the cakes and brekkie rolls. What a great day it was meeting members of our community.

We have our Easter raffle this Thursday coinciding with the Easter hat parade please don't forget to hand back all sold tickets and money to be in the draw. We have some fantastic prizes to give away.

We would like to see more of our parents joining the P & C to bring your ideas on how we can make our social events to raise funds for our children's future. It will only cost you \$2 to join for the year.

We have a meeting once a month on a Monday afternoon; we also have a closed Facebook page for you to follow if you're unable to make meetings.

Remember Friday will be Autism awareness day please come dressed in blue.

President
Jonmarie Gray

FOR TENDER



Lawn Mower – For Tender/Purchase As Is.

Wallacia Public School wish to “tender” a Cox, Zero Turn, Ride On Lawn Mower.

If you would like to buy it you can put in a tender (dollar amount) offer in an envelope. Inside a sealed envelope please include; Your Name, Contact Phone Number and the amount in Dollars you wish to offer for purchase/tender.

Please place the envelope in the red payment box in the office.

Your envelope will go to a, three person committee (finance) who will consider the tenders, with consideration to the highest bidder.

Please see our GA for any details required about the mower. It is a 22hp residential ride-on Cox. It has had various repairs over the years completed by our GA. Our GA has said that it would mostly likely require a new clutch, near front tyre (tube), new battery and new blades. This is not to be taken as a comprehensive description. It will require some work and it is the purchaser responsibility to ensure their own inspection. It will be sold as is.

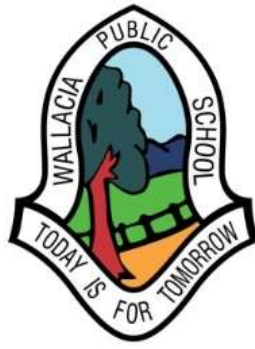
Acceptance of Tenders via envelop will be accepted up until the Friday 24th of May @ 3.00pm. No late tenders will be accepted. The Finance Committee will make decision in the week following this date. You will be contacted by phone, firstly and then in writing, if your tender was successful, or unsuccessful.

The purchase amount must be provided in due time, cash, (NO cheques) or POP payment. The mower must be collected from the school and is the purchaser’s responsibility to do so as soon as possible after payment has been received and cleared (in case of POP).

The purchaser will require a trailer and ramps to transport the mower away from the school grounds.

KEY DATES

Easter Hat Parade	Thurs 11 April 9.30 am	All welcome	
PBL Reward Morning Tea	Thursday 11 April	Bronze, Silver, Gold and Principal Award Students	Mufti for award students. Gold & Principal Awards Electronic Device Session.
<i>Last Day Term 1</i>	<i>Friday 12 April</i>	<i>Happy and Safe Autumn Holidays</i>	
<i>School Resumes</i>	<i>Tuesday 30 April</i>	<i>WELCOME TO TERM 2</i>	
School Captains Photos	Tuesday 30 April	School Captains Make up photo	
P & C Meeting	Monday 6 May	All Welcome 2.00pm	
Penrith ZONE Cross Country	Wednesday 8 May	Selected Students	\$7.00 per entry. Due BY May 1
P & C Mother's Day Stall	Thursday 9 May from 9 am	All students	
Shave for a Cure Event	Monday 13 May	2.40pm ALL Welcome	
P & C Crazy Hair/Hair Spraying	Gold coin donation		
P & C Crazy Sock Day	Gold coin donation		
NAPLAN	Tuesday 14 May- Friday 17 May	Students Years 3 & 5	
ASSEMBLY	Friday 17 May	2.15pm School Library	
ASSEMBLY	Friday 31 May	2.15pm School Library	
ASSEMBLY	Friday 14 June	2.15pm School Library	



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