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‘Today is for Tomorrow’

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NEWS FROM WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 10 Wednesday September 25, 2019.

Principal Report

Families,

I know this will sound a little scary but it is really important we are all prepared in case we experience a bush fire this season. In order to be ready for the season, we are currently reviewing and updating our emergency management plan. This plan outlines procedures for both Sheltering (remaining on-site) and Evacuation, to enhance the protection of everyone from the threat of a bush fire. The decision to assemble prior to shelter in place or evacuate, will depend largely on the size of a fire and how quickly it is spreading. We will communicate the situation to families via the school Facebook, the school website, and through written notes. Of course if it becomes necessary we will be making phone calls to families directly. If we have a bushfire in the area, I will be in regular consultation with local Emergency Services, Director, Public Schools and HS Directorate to determine action to be taken in case of emergency. If an evacuation is deemed necessary will walk the students to Wallacia Panthers Golf Club at 13 Park Rd, Wallacia NSW 2745. We will be conducting a fire drill this week, so staff and students are confident in what to do in the event of an emergency. Our evacuation sound is a continuous siren. This is a good time for families to consider what their plan is if there is bushfire in our area.

School Car Park - I would like to clarify some communication that has been shared about the use of our school car park. There has been some miscommunication between OOSH and Wallacia Public School which has ended up sending an incorrect message home to families. I know families would like more use of the car park. I also understand it is an inconvenience to have to park out the front, unload the kids, and make your way into the grounds for drop offs and pick-ups. We have had multiple near misses with both vehicles and pedestrians in the car park. Adults, kids and vehicles have been placed in danger due to the use of the staff car park. No school families are permitted to use or walk through this area for this reason. This is Department of Education policy.

The school only has seven car parking spaces and on average we have ten staff work each day. Staff is experiencing difficulty in getting a parking space as there is not enough parking spaces available when they arrive in the mornings. This issue is exacerbated as OOSH families are regularly using the spaces in the morning. The increased traffic flow is also having an adverse effect on the condition of the asphalt.

There will be no use of the staff car park permitted by WPS or OOSH families in the mornings at all please. There was some mention of fines and cameras being installed in the staff car park. This is ridiculous and is not reality. We will be relying on trust and a shared understanding that our priority is to keep everyone safe. We are still seeking clarification of how, why and where this decision came from. As with all processes in our school, I will monitor and review the situation as required.

Sporting Schools Australia - I am excited to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from Sporting Schools Australia for term 4. We are planning to be able to provide fully trained AFL coaches to led lessons for our students on Fridays, starting from week 1, Oct 18. The plan is for AFL to run each week, except for November 8th (Week 4).

Dance festival - What an incredible event at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. The children were truly amazing to watch. I was so proud of our awesome kids who engaged with such high quality! What an outstanding performance. Congratulations kids!

It was great to see our very own school captains, Adam and Hannah MC-ing the night. What a bunch of stars our kids are! And speaking of stars, I cannot say a huge enough thank you to Miss Carroll for all her legendary efforts to prepare, organise and lead this event. A very special thank you to all our families who helped with the outfits, transport and strong support for this special event. What a team!

Life Education – Last week we enlisted the Life Education team to work with the students to support the development of healthy relationships, life choices and cyber bullying. The Program addresses many of the objectives within the NSW PDHPE Curriculum.

Special Celebrations - We will be holding our special student acknowledgement day this THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER. This is our chance to celebrate and acknowledge all the students who have worked really hard with their work, effort and behaviour to achieve their best this term. All students who have attained a Bronze, Silver or a Gold badge level this term will be permitted to wear mufti on the Thursday. They will be invited to the Principal Morning Tea at recess time to celebrate their special achievement personally with Mr Mason. We will supply a special treat at recess for these super special students.

All Gold and Principal Award Winners are also invited to join Mr Mason in the middle session (on Thursday) for a very 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 the office in the morning. The devices will be stored for safe keeping until the special middle session event is on, and then returned to the office for the rest of the day. If families choose to permit their child(ren) to bring a device, then we ask that all devices and accessories are clearly labelled with the child's name. It will also be each student's responsibility to collect his or her device from the office at the end of the school day. Congratulations to all our students who have demonstrated a strong effort to follow our school values to be safe, respectful learners.

Book Week - Thank you to all the students who were able to dress up as their favourite Book Character and participate in our Book fair parade last week. Book Week parade is where we focus upon acknowledging 'book characters' over dress-ups and, the most important ingredient, the combination of our staff, students and families working together as a united front. The Book parade and Book fair were a really fun and sensational event. Thank you to all the families who were able to come along and support this event.

Next year we are looking at holding a Quality 2nd hand Book Fair. The idea is to promote reading and the sharing and re-use of valuable resources. We will be providing plenty of notice so our entire learning community is able to contribute and engage. We would be relying on families to sort through some of their pre-loved books and selectively choose any high quality texts that they would like to donate to our School children's book fair. We would then sell the books for a small monetary donation at the Fair as a special fundraiser engagement event.

The days are slowly getting longer again. May you get the chance of a bit of a breather after a hectic three terms. And to anyone who might be able to sneak a few days off, I hope you get the chance to rest and renew. Please have a safe and relaxing time during the school holidays. Kindest regards

Trev Mason



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 2
SEPTEMBER 2019 - **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

Book tickets online at
penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au

ALL
EVENTS
HELD @
PENRITH
CITY
LIBRARY



Family Shows



TONY'S MAGIC SHOW

with Tony Finch

"Voted No.1 Most Popular Kids Entertainer in Australia 2018"*, Tony the magician will captivate and amaze kids of all ages with his hilarious magic show with one side-splitting laugh after another! See the workshops list to book a place in Tony's magic and balloon workshop after the show.

WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 2 October, 10-11am
TICKETS: \$7 per person (children under 2 free)



WAKE UP AND READ

with Frank Ozo

This funny comedy show combines music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus all linked with short charming tales. Every tale is a piece in a story puzzle about how Frank the comedian became an avid reader, how reading is cool and can change your life. Frank's tales are full of real world fun, laughter, colour and fantastic tricks.

WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 9 October, 10.30-11.30am
TICKETS: \$7 per person (children under 2 free)



Young People



HENNA WORKSHOP

with Ranjeeta Saini

Have fun with henna in a hands-on workshop. Create your own designs, get tips on handling a henna cone and learn the secrets to make your own henna paste at home. Practice a range of motifs then decorate yourself in your own henna style.

WHO: 10-16 year olds
WHEN: Wednesday 9 October,
2-4pm
TICKETS: \$18 per student

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT...

Draw your own
Graphic Novel
characters
July School Holiday Event

"Excellent. It was fun and
taught me a lot. I liked
creating characters and
making the poster"

13yo, Emu Plains



* Awarded by ActiveActivities for entertainers that have the highest levels of visits, engagement and positive reviews from their website users, by location for each calendar year.



TELL US
WHAT
YOU
LIKED

Jump online at surveymonkey.com/r/OrbitEvents and tell us what you liked about Orbit's holiday shows and workshops. You could find your comments in our next edition of Orbit.



Children

ZANY SCULPTURE

with Na'ama
Atzmon-Simon

Use wire, clay, paint and colourful materials to create a 3D clay and wire sculpture that can hold your favourite photos and postcards. Use wire-bending, construction and decoration techniques to make your zany sculpture unique.

WHO: 7-12 year olds

WHEN: Tuesday 1 October, 10.30am-12.30pm

TICKETS: \$18 per child



WILD HULA HOOP CRAFTSHOP

with Suzy Spindoll

Each child decorates their own professional and durable hula hoop to take home. Children enjoy 60 minutes of crafting time using a variety of art supplies and 30 minutes for a hoop dance party and games to learn how to use your new hoop.

WHO: 7-12 year olds

WHEN: Thursday 3 October, 10.30am-12pm

TICKETS: \$20 per child



MAGIC TRICKS & BALLOON TWISTING

with Tony Finch

Join the magician Tony for a great hour of fun entertainment with a hands-on balloon and magic workshop. Tony teaches you amazing magic tricks and shows you what you need to perform them at home. Learn how to twist balloons and take home your balloon creations too. Tony describes this event as "engaging, a lot of fun, hands-on and very magical."

WHO: 7-12 year olds

WHEN: Wednesday 2 October, 11.15am-12.15pm

TICKETS: \$15 per child



WEARABLE ART! DESIGN A CAP

with Donna Gilbertson

Design and decorate your own personalised cap for summer! Create a painting, slogan or an abstract picture then use high quality, non-toxic fabric paints to create your own unique piece of wearable art to take home. Loads of colours, loads of fun!

WHO: 7-12 year olds

WHEN: Thursday 10 October, 10.30am-12.30pm

TICKETS: \$20 per child



WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT...

**Amazing Magic
Craig Show**
July School Holiday Event

"What a fabulous show!
We laughed the whole time."

Brooke, Leonay

"It was the best magic show I have
been to. All the children were
captivated by his performance."

Maureen, Penrith

"Excellent. It was perfect and
want more of these kind of events."

Rajneet, Glenmore Park



**TICKETS ON
SALE FROM
MONDAY 2
SEPTEMBER
2019**

Book tickets online at
penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au

All events are at Penrith City Library. Bookings are essential. Book early as tickets sell quickly. No refunds or exchanges available for tickets purchased. For family shows, every adult and child over 2 years old must purchase a ticket. For other events, accompanying adults attend for free. All events are supervised by professional facilitators and staff. Images displayed in the newsletter are for promotional purposes only.

For more information contact Children's team on 4732 7891,
email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city or go to penrith.city/younglibrary

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601 High Street, Penrith 2750



penrith.city/library



Hannah had a great time away in Mudgee last week with the Sydney West girls touch team playing at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association State Championships.

After 12 games of touch football against 12 regions across our state, Sydney West finished 3 overall.

Unfortunately they lost their semi final against Polding (who went on to win the Championship).

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Today we celebrate the best and finest in the education profession at Wallacia Public School as part of our World Teachers' Day Celebration. When we reflect on our experience at school, most of us can remember an inspiring teacher that made an impression on us. A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hand, opens our mind, and touches our heart. Our teachers have the capacity to shape the minds and futures of many, and they do so at all kinds of critical life stages. They introduce young minds to the wonder of learning, and to the tools of learning that students will use their entire lives. Our teachers are charged with inspiring young minds - teaching them the nuts-and-bolts of content areas while showing them how limitless their life possibilities are. And in combination, across an individual's lifespan, it is an army of teachers, families and friends who have ultimately shaped how that individual understands the world and his or her place in it.

In many countries across the world, World Teacher's Day is a special day where teachers of schools are honoured. World Teachers' Day was inaugurated on the 5th October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO (International Labour Organisation) recommendation concerning the status of Teachers. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

The official event will take place on Monday, 7 October at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris in collaboration with the convening partners, including UNICEF, UNDP, the International Labour Organization and Education International and will be celebrated globally with various events.

To all our sensational teachers at Wallacia Public School, Mrs Tritton, Miss Carroll, Mrs Tarveran, Mr Rush, Mrs Sweeney, Mrs Bryan and Mrs Checkley, we salute you!

back to school



REQUIRED STATIONERY

T E R M 4

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.

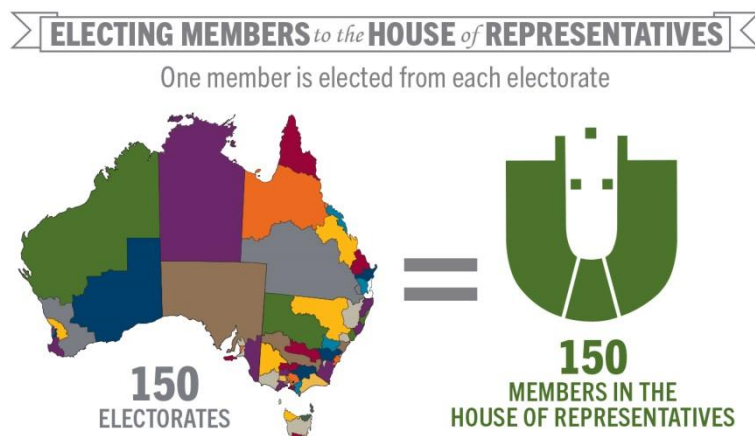
Please ensure that students' belongings are clearly labelled and fit into one small pencil case. Additional stationery can be kept at home. Please don't send any items not listed, as these can be distracting, and lead to unnecessary competition between students.

Please monitor your child's supplies regularly to ensure your child has everything they need for the rest of the school year.

Canberra Excursion

In Term 4, students from our school will be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital Canberra. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you 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 late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **You must apply before the closing 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 Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip 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 to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. 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 HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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Education

High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2021?

You must apply online at:

education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7



Key Dates

Application website opens:
8 October 2019

Application website closes:
10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent
overnight on:
4 July 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before
applying.

Parents should check the website at
education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly
throughout the application and placement
process.

Please check the website for information
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the
High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal Address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Please Note:

* In this document, the High
Performing Students Team is
referred to as the Team.

'Parent' is defined under the
Education Act, 1990, as a
'guardian or other person
having custody or care of a child'

SRC REPORT

THANK YOU everyone for donating cakes and buying cakes we raised \$265 which we gave to Westmead Children's hospital.

Kai and Blaike



P & C Report

The 2019 P and C committee has been a new team in which we have been learning about each other and the school community. As the year has progressed there have been a number of committee changes and as a result, at the end of Term 3 Melanie Parsons was appointed the President for the remaining of 2019.

The committee would like to thank the students and the parents for their support with this year's Father's Day stall and we hope all that all the gifts received were enjoyed and treasured.

Currently, the P and C are busily beginning the preparations for the annual Christmas Raffle. We have made contact with a number of local businesses who are supporting our school by donating generously. If you know of anyone who may be able to provide a donation for the Christmas Raffle this year please contact either a P and C committee member or the school for more details.

Wishing you all a restful school break.

Wallacia Public School P and C

KEY DATES TERMS 3 & 4

	TERM 3		
World Teachers' Day Staff Morning Tea	Wednesday September 25	Thank you P & C	
Principal Reward Morning Tea	Thursday September 26	Mufti for Bronze, Silver Gold PBL and Principal Awards Term 3 Morning Tea Provided	
Stage 2 and Stage 3 Camp <u>Final Payments and Medical Forms Due</u>	Friday September 27		
LAST DAY TERM 3	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27	HAPPY AND SAFE SPRING HOLIDAYS	
	TERM 4		
FIRST DAY TERM 4	MONDAY 14 OCTOBER	PLEASE NOTE NO PUPIL FREE DAY TERM 4	
Transition to School Program	Thursdays fortnightly Commencing October 17 October 31 November 14 November 28	Kindergarten 2020 9.15am-10.15am	
Kindergarten Orientation Day	Thursday November 28	Kindergarten 2020	
P & C Meeting	Wednesday October 23	9.00am – 10.30am ALL WELCOME	
Stage 3 Canberra Trip	Wednesday October 30 to Friday November 1		
Stage 2 Yarramundi Camp	Thursday November 7 to Friday November 8		
K – 2 Zoo Excursion	Friday November 8		
Dance Group to School Spectacular	Friday November 22		
Presentation Day and Christmas Concert	Wednesday December 11		
Year 6 Farewell	Tuesday December 17	Years 5 & 6	
LAST DAY TERM 4 & 2019	Wednesday December 18		

E&OE Please check all notes for official dates.

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