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NEWS FROM WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Wednesday December 8, 2021

Principal's Message

Dear families, thank you for all your support during such a complex and challenging year. It has been really appreciated. 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 have worked tirelessly to create, plan, arrange, organise and lead opportunities for our students. 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 really want to thank the community for their willingness to act as partners with the school.

We have a few staffing changes next year. Miss Stapleton has been successfully appointed as a targeted graduate at Prestons Public School. Miss Carroll has accepted a position closer to home at Kurrajong North Public School. Mrs Bryan will be fully retiring from her school learning support officer role. It will be very sad to farewell Miss Stapleton, Mrs Bryan and Miss Carroll from our school. I know I speak for everyone when I say we wish them a sensational future. They haven't just come to end of their length of time with us, they have lived the width of it too. Trust is built in the work we do together, and as one of my favourite dad quotes goes 'the quality of your life is the quality of your relationships' (Tony Robbins). All these special ladies are wonderful people and incredible advocates for our kids, our community, our team, and they are sensational advocates for all women, as they have shown through their actions to selflessly go above and beyond to serve others. I have learned from them that we are at our best when we are serving others. I salute them all and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We will be welcoming Mrs Kibble as one of our esteemed teachers next year. Mrs. Kibble was successful with her application and is very excited at the opportunity to teach at Wallacia Public School next year. I asked Mrs Kibble to put together a small bio so we can introduce her to our community. Please see over, and a warm welcome to Mrs Kibble.



My name is Bronwyn Kibble and I am excited to join Wallacia Public School next year. I have been teaching in a range of roles and schools for over 25 years and am currently working at another small school in Western Sydney as the K/1/2 teacher. I love being part of a small community and a caring, nurturing learning environment. My husband and I enjoy camping and kayaking when we have the opportunity. Our children are grown, with the youngest completing his HSC studies in 2022. I am looking forward to meeting you all and having fantastic fun-filled learning at Wallacia in 2022.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Sweeney in 2022 and Mr Varley has become part of our school learning support team in 2021. Mrs Checkley will also be back with us in 2022, in her roll of school learning support also.

We are very excited to announce that we will be also be welcoming Mrs Alecia Martin in a learning and support teacher role. We are very well positioned to cater for everyone's learning needs and make a strong start to 2022 school year.

PBL Student Acknowledgement Day - We will be holding our special student acknowledgement day next week, on Wednesday, 15 December. 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 day. These students will participate in a special in-class activity to celebrate their special achievement.

All Gold and Principal Award winners are also invited to join Mr Mason in the middle session (on Wednesday) 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 students before lunch for the rest of the day, as it is the last day of school. Congratulations to all our students who have demonstrated a strong effort to follow our school values to be safe, respectful learners.

Year 6 Farewell - Our Year 6 Farewell will be on next Wednesday night 15/12 at the Wallacia Hotel. Families have been invited to start COVID QR coding from 6.00pm - 6.20pm. The Year 6 farewell will start officially at 6.30pm and run through to 8.00pm. Due to COVID-19 we are not able to invite parents into the venue. At the completion of the event we will guide students outside where we will need to witness a family member in person, where we can then send off the kids one by one. A big thank you to all the parents for their help to ensure we are able to go ahead and provide this event for the kids. A big thank you to Mr Kelly for all his preparation and effort to organise and set this wonderful event, especially given such a difficult year for everyone.

Kindergarten Orientation – It was really lovely to welcome and meet our newest arrivals for next year's Kindergarten at our Transition Program morning. This visit was a great opportunity for the Pre-school children to meet Miss Carroll and receive an orientation to the school environment to support their preparation for starting school next year. We held our Parent Kindergarten Orientation Meeting via Zoom the next week which went really well and was well attended.

2022 Organisation – the first two days of school, 29 and 31 January are NSW DoE Staff Development Days. Students in Years 1 through to Year 6 first school day will be on the Tuesday, 01/02. Kindergarten will start later than the rest of the School. We will conduct a Best Start Assessment with each student individually before they formally begin Kindergarten. The Best Start Assessments will be held on 1-2-3 of February 2022. Each child has been given an assigned time slot of 45 minutes on one of these days where their child works individually with the teacher completing this assessment. The students will then start Kindergarten with an early finish time in order to best support their beginning school journey. Their first Kindergarten day will be on Friday 04 February 22 from 9. 00am to 1.20pm. This will be the same for Monday 07 February, from 9.00am. to 1.20pm. Then from Tuesday 08 February 2022, students will start fulltime days from 8.30 to 3.00pm.

Staff, families, and students, thank you so much for all your dedication and support through a very complex and challenging year. I completely love our school and working here at Wallacia PS, because of the awesome team and wonderful people that support, lift and carry each other through whatever is required. You will notice a small special learning gift will be coming home with each child this year to provide an extra lift to help finish off our year as positively as possible. Everyone, please have a safe and very Merry Christmas, and enjoy some special time together.

Warm Regards and Season's Greetings
Trev Mason
Principal
Wallacia Public School

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KINDERGARTEN 2022

*The pathway to learning starts with the first steps
in Kindergarten*



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Thank you WPS Community!

Dear WPS Community,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU so much for all your support over the past six years while Wallacia Public School has become my second family. I am so grateful for the students I have taught, the memories, experiences, friendships, and opportunities that have come my way during my years teaching at Wallacia.

The kids at Wallacia Public School are incredibly lucky and over the years I am so proud to have contributed incredible opportunities for them to experience and share some of my biggest passions, dance, sport, art, gardening, animals and learning something new every single day. It has been my absolute privilege to lead Wallacia across K-6 in the areas of Sport and Dance opportunities. Over the past few weeks reflecting on this journey and looking to this next exciting chapter it has been really moving to feel so appreciated by the students and to feel the impact and influence that I have had in my time here. I will take many special memories with me! To all the staff I've had the pleasure of working with thank you all so much!

Wishing every family and student a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday and a very happy new year in 2022! Thank you very much for having such a special impact on my life!
Wishing you all the very best!

Kindest regards,
Miss Talia Carroll



K/1 News!

Term 4 has been very busy in K/1. The kids have been working hard and I am pleased with how we are travelling after what was quite a different kind of year for us all. We have focussed on making the most of the opportunities we are given and appreciating the little things that really matter.

K/1 have been busy in the veggie garden and it is looking wonderful with summer veggies. The kids love being out in the garden on sunny summer days with their watering cans looking after the veggies. It is a very special learning space where there are always things to explore and learn about.

We recently had our K/1 bike day! Thank you so much to the families for making this activity possible. Everyone had the opportunity to ride their bikes around and they had so much fun cheering each other on as they all rode around the bike course. The kids even created a little bike fix it shop and pretended their bikes were getting checked over and fixed when they stopped for a drink break. After a week of rain, we were incredibly lucky to have the sunshine come out for a really fun day! ☺

The K/1 dance group are going to do a mini performance in our classroom in week 10 and invite Mr Mason to come and watch as our special guest. A note will be sent home with more details. Both dance groups, K/1 and Senior (years 2-6) were successfully selected in the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival this year, unfortunately due to Covid restrictions these events did not take place. The Senior Dance group which has over half the school in it has not been able to recommence as restrictions still prevent classes mixing for this activity.

As Christmas approaches, our class elf Rosy Sparkles has made an appearance. Each day finding a new spot to hide in the classroom for kids to find. K/1 are enjoying our Christmas activities and the excitement of decorating their very own Christmas tree.

It is an absolute pleasure to have lead K/1 through this year, a year that had its ups and downs, but we have experienced them together, supported one another and given our kids the very best start to their first years of schooling. Thank you so very much for all your constant support and trust, it is truly appreciated. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be part of the K/1 family at Wallacia Public School this year!

Have a safe and fantastic Christmas holiday! Wishing you all the very best next year!
Signing off for my last WPS Newsletter! Best wishes and goodbye!

Kindest regards,
Miss Talia Carroll
K/1 Teacher

BACK TO BASICS SCHOOLWEAR

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Dear Parents,

Due to the international shipping delays of the like never seen before, stock deliveries are running 8 weeks minimum behind schedule and are expected to continue into next year. These delays are also affecting our local wholesalers with fabric availability, which is impacting our local manufacturing at Kingswood and in Fiji.

We would encourage all new students to purchase or order uniform if out of stock prior to the end of the year to ensure they are catered for prior to the new school year.

Appointments are required to maintain instore social distancing of 1 person per 2 square meters. We also ask that customers QR check in and provide proof of Vaccination certificate on entry to staff members as required under the Governments COVID restrictions.

The Kingswood retail store located at 52 Cox Avenue Kingswood is open Monday to Friday from 8am – 4.30pm and Saturday 9am to 12 noon and will be closed from the 22nd December.

Cowan & Lewis are very mindful of the inconvenience this may cause with restricted accessibility whilst avoiding unnecessary queuing and delays to ensure the safety of our Staff, Parents and students.

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website www.cowanlewis.com.au. Select shop online, locate your schools crest, and click on the booking link and select the appropriate date and time.

- Each appointment will have a 20-minute duration.
- 1 Adult and 1 Child per booking
- For each additional sibling a booking will be required
- We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment
- If you arrive more than 5 minutes late to your appointment, we will unfortunately ask that another time be made to ensure the next appointment is not delayed

Alternatively, online orders can be made and delivered to school twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays during the school term. Exchanges can be arranged back through the school office by contacting Cowan & Lewis or leaving an exchange form in the bag to be collected, the exchange form can be located on the Cowan & Lewis website on your school's page.

Please note the appointment system above may change at any time as the State Government provides further advice. Changes will be notified on our website.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through this challenging time and look forward to welcoming you to our store. Please feel free to contact our staff via email sales@cowanlewis.com.au or phone 4721 7422 should you require any further information.

Staff and Management
Cowan & Lewis Pty Ltd



BACK TO BASICS SCHOOLWEAR SHOP INSTORE

Uniform can be purchased from our retail outlet

52 Cox Avenue, Kingswood

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm

Saturday 9.00am to 12noon

DUE TO COVID - ALL STORE VISITS ARE VIA APPOINTMENT ONLY
Please make your booking through our website - www.cowanlewis.com.au

Back to School Trading Hours

Back to Basics will be closed from Wednesday 22nd of December 2021
and will reopen on Monday 3rd of January 2022

Trading hours for the month of January 2022

Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm

(Closed for the public holiday - Wednesday 26th of January)

Saturdays - January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - 9am to 3pm

Sundays - January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 10am to 1pm



Uniforms can now be purchased online at
www.cowanlewis.com.au

Order and pay online to have your order delivered to the school FREE of charge

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Warradale Little Athletics
"Family, Fun & Fitness"

Curious about Little Athletics? Thinking of joining?

Warradale Little A's is a family orientated, not for profit sporting club located in Warragamba, focussing on fun and fitness for children of all abilities aged from 3 to 16 years.



Events include: Throws, Jumps, Sprints & Distance Running, Walks and Hurdles.

Competition is held on Friday nights at Warragamba Sporting Oval from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Our U6-U17 competition program is run over two weeks, while our Tots (3 & 4yr old) enjoy a modified program that involves play-training activities. Both programs are inclusive to athletes of all abilities.

2021.22 Season Registration

Due to the current extended COVID-19 restrictions, our club's registration information will be advised as soon as possible, but in the meantime, you can **"REGISTER YOUR INTEREST"** via LANSW website or via our email (see below) and we'll let you know when registration opens.

Once open, **Registration MUST be done On-Line** via the **GAMEDAY website** using our **club's unique URL:**

<https://regoform.mygameday.app/#/45W57hBvSonTa6arv5/c0fgKleLDddhEvq6Ed>

Payment is via credit/debit card or PayPal. **No** manual registrations will be available at club. Use your ACTIVE KIDS Voucher to supplement payment. Don't know where to get one? Go to Service NSW website and follow the ACTIVE KIDS Voucher links **BEFORE** you register!

2021.22 Season Fees: Tots - \$100.00, U6-17 - \$135.00, Fundraising Fee per family - \$25.00

*Family discounts for 3 or more children.

Season start: TBA when current restrictions are lifted. We will be following the COVID-19 protocols for a safe Return to Play.

New athletes (those who have not done little athletics or trialled previously) are welcome to trial for two weeks at a cost of \$10.00 also done on-line. Balance to be paid on-line when fully registering. Proof of age is required e.g birth certificate, hospital blue book, passport or stat declaration.

For more information regarding registrations, call Annette on 0422 564 601 after 3:30pm weekdays or email: warradale45@gmail.com or follow our Facebook page Warradale Little Athletics Club or via @warralac





Run, Jump, Throw, Walk or Roll TO BE YOUR BEST

Sign up for your local Little Athletics Centre this Summer **Fees**
Warradale Little Athletics Centre
 welcomes you and runs Friday Evening
Visit lansw.com.au to join today
Active Kids vouchers accepted

Ages
 3-16yrs

Tots - \$85
U/6-17 - \$100
Trial - \$10

Little Athletics is a Foundation sport that focuses on learning and developing fundamental skills with a focus on Family, Fun and Fitness!



Scan to register at your Little Athletics Centre



Season Starts
 6pm Friday
 3rd December



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REGISTRATIONS OPEN

1st November 2021



Register here

<http://www.playrugbyleague.com/>

\$150



**All ages
welcome boys
and girls**

U6-U16's

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Dear Wallacia PS Families and Friends,

What a year this has been for all of us.

As it comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for the commitment and care you have taken with supporting the students and staff of Wallacia Public School.

The P&C have remained behind the scenes at Wallacia PS quietly supporting the staff, when needed during this time where we have all felt confusion, anxiety and worry.

It has been wonderful to hear the excitement and noise at the school gates again and know that the school community as a whole, are actively engaging not only in learning, but also developing their relationships with their peers and staff again.

Although we have been quiet, we excitedly introduced a school sport shirt to the uniform list and we have been pleased to see already on Friday's many students wearing this and looking very smart!

I wanted to take this moment to give our love and best wishes to Miss Carroll and Mrs Bryan. It is with sadness we see this year out, farewelling two very important people within our school community. Their commitment and care for our school and our families will be remembered fondly and we thank you both for everything you have done in supporting our children and families.

As for 2022, we will be having our annual AGM early in the year. As always, we welcome each of you to join the P&C and be part of a growing team dedicated to supporting our school, our children.

Merry Christmas and enjoy your break over the new year. Be safe and take care.

Mrs Melanie Parsons

WPS P&C President

Presentation Day 2020 Award Recipients

Students, staff and the Wallacia Public School community congratulate the following students, who were recognised at our in-school Virtual Presentation Day, Wednesday 8 December.

Thank you to all parents and friends who tuned in on the day to support our students!

Major Awards

The 100% Award Maximum Effort Award - Caleb Maher

Wallacia Public School Citizenship Award – Piper Fischer

Wallacia Public School Dux Award – Logan Thirkell

Sports Person of the Year – Owen Sweeney

Outstanding Achievement in Creative Arts Award – Piper Fischer

Encouragement Award-Tanya Davies MP - Fox Redmond

Sports Awards

Swimming

Junior Boys Swimming Champion – Owen Sweeney

Cross Country

Junior Girls Cross Country Champion – Emmy-lee Pleavin

Junior Boys Cross Country Champion – Owen Sweeney

Senior Girls Cross Country Champion – Piper Fischer

Senior Boys Cross Country Champion – Logan Thirkell

2021 – Class Award Recipients

Graduating from Kindergarten 2021

Serenity CALROW
Hayley COCHRANE
Cidra KANAFANI
Vera MARTIN
Skyler MAUDE
James PARSONS
Kate SMITH
Mary WILLMOTT

1 – Academic Achievement (English) – Logen Mackie

1 – Academic Achievement (Mathematics) – Leo Thirkell

1 – Consistent effort – Kaylani Fonokalafi

1 – Outstanding Achievement - Sonja Martin

2 / 3 – Academic Excellence in Mathematics – Rhys Holcombe

2 / 3 – Academic Excellence in English – Ava Blair

2 / 3 – Commitment to learning – Amelia Vella

2 / 3 – Academic Excellence in English and Mathematics – Isabella Presentado

4/5/6 – Academic Achievement (English) – Mili Presentado

4/5/6 – Academic Achievement (Mathematics) – Takaiden Nicholson

4/5/6 – Outstanding Achievement – Owen Sweeney

4/5/6 – Consistent Effort – Emilee Harvey

100% Attendance 2021

Kate Smith	Kye Foster	Leo Thirkell	Beau Thirkell
Emilee Harvey	Owen Sweeney	Logan Thirkell	

School Leadership

Thank you to our Outgoing School Leaders 2021

School Leader – Caleb Maher

School Leader – Piper Fischer

Incoming 2022 Captains

CAPTAINS

Mili Presentado
Ben Saliba

VICE CAPTAINS

Tayah Fonokalafi
Takaiden Nicholson

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, by Monday December 13, 2021.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



Rotary Club of Wallacia - Mulgoa Valley, Australia

We would like to acknowledge and thank, our local Rotary Club for their generous financial support of our Presentation Day 2021.

Please visit Rotary Club of Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley Australia's Facebook page for further information.



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 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!



Got It!



Preparing to Return

Unsure how to prepare your child to return to school?

Step 1: Get information from your school

- Your child's school will be in touch to explain the various new procedures in place. If you have not received information or are unsure of anything, you should contact the school.



Step 2: Talk to your child about returning

- Talk to your child about the changes the school has let you know about and tell them the teachers will be there to help if they are unsure about anything.
- Reassure them with calm words and actions that going to school will be safe and fun.

Step 3: Talk to your child about their feelings

- Encourage your child to share their feelings and any concerns they have before and after returning to school.
- Reassure them that it is normal to have big and sometimes mixed feelings such as excitement or worry.
- Practice some deep triangle breathing together and let them know they can do it on their own at school to help with any big feelings there.

Triangle Breathing



Use your index finger to trace a triangle on the palm of your hand as you take deep breaths

Got It!



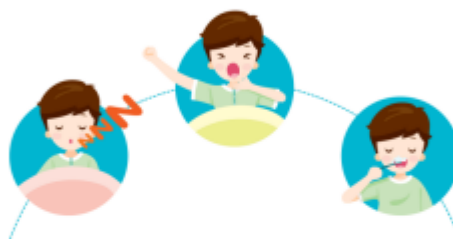
Re-establishing routines

Will your child and family need some adjustment to get back into school learning?

Getting your child and family into a regular routine in the weeks leading up to returning to school will help make the transition and change easier to manage.

The week before:

- Return to usual school day wake up, morning and bedtime routines.
- Ensure they are getting enough sleep.
- Practice having breakfast, lunch and snack times that coincide with typical school breaks.
- Create a calendar that counts down the days until their return.
- Practice getting ready to go to school e.g. finding their uniform and packing their bag.



The day before:

- Include your child in packing their school bag and getting their uniform ready.
- Talk with them about the plans for the next day including the morning routine, what to expect when they arrive at school and afternoon pick up plans.



The morning of:

- Allow extra time to get ready.
- Keep yourself calm to help your child remain calm.
- Repeat all the information you discussed with them the previous night about what their day will look like.



KEY DATES
TERM 4 2021

E&OE (Dates and information may change)

<i>Friday December 10</i>	<i>Academic School Reports Sent Home</i>		
<i>Monday December 13</i>	<i>P & C Party Day</i>	<i>THANK YOU P & C</i>	<i>In School Event</i>
<i>Tuesday December 14</i>	<i>Covid Recovery Session</i>	<i>Aboriginal Art Session</i>	
<i>Wednesday December 15</i>	<i>Year 6 Farwell</i>	<i>Wallacia Hotel Function Room</i>	<i>Covid Restriction Apply</i>
THURSDAY DECEMBER 16	LAST DAY TERM 4	HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER HOLIDAYS	



KEY DATES
TERM 1 2022

E&OE (Dates and information may change)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1	Students Years 1 to 6 Return to School	WELCOME BACK!	
<i>Kindergarten 2022 Commencement Schedule</i>	<i>See over page</i>		
<i>Monday February 7</i>	<i>P&C AGM and First Meeting</i>	<i>3.30 TO 4.30PM</i>	<i>ALL WELCOME!</i>
Tuesday February 22	School Photos	Envelopes & details early 2021	
Mon February 28 To Friday March 4	Swim School	Note to be distributed 2022	

Kindergarten Commencement Schedule 2022 Calendar



2022

2022 Tuesday 1 February Wednesday 2 February And Thursday 3 February Week 1	Best Start Assessments	<i>See your personal Letter with session time.</i>
Friday 4 February Week 1	Kindy Commences! 8.50am <i>HOW EXCITING!</i>	Finish /Pick Up Time <u>1.20 pm</u> <u>From Front of School Near Office.</u>
Monday 7 February Week 2	8.50am	Finish/pick up time <u>1.20 pm</u> <i>From Front of School Near Office.</i>
Tuesday 8 February Week 2	8.50am <i>Full Day School Commences</i>	Finish/pick up time <u>3.00 pm</u> <u>From Front of School Near Office.</u>

As at 26.11.2021 E & O E

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