



Newsletter

3rd December 2018 Term 4 Week 8



Principal's Report

Student Success

A huge congratulations to Isaac from 3P who this week was ranked number 9 in Australia and 50th in the world for his achievements on Mathletics! Wow! Well done, Isaac!

End of Year activities

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we have many end of year activities coming up for students. The annual presentation day will be held next Thursday 13 December. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Party day for all students will be held on Monday 17 December and the Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 10 December. Please see separate notes for details.

PBL Macot

I would like to introduce Millsy, the rainbow lorikeet. Millsy was voted by the students, staff and community to be the school mascot as part of our PBL implementation. Millsy will appear on newsletters, notes and signs around our school to remind students of our school expectations – respect, safe, active learner.

PBL Awards

As part of our wellbeing review and the implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) we have been reviewing our awards system for students. At the beginning of 2019, we will begin our new awards system which is in line with our school expectations of Respectful, Safe Active Learners. Students will still collect awards to gain a bronze, silver and gold award, however students will be able to achieve these higher level awards in a shorter timeframe than they can in the current system. Details of the awards will be sent home early in Term 1.

PBL Fun Day

As part of our PBL Gotcha program, we will be having a PBL fun day for all students on Friday 14 December. This fun day will be a water play day. We have been very impressed with the number of students receiving Gotchas for displaying the school expectations! Please see the separate note for details.

Student reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Tuesday 18 December with students. I would like to thank the teachers for the time and effort they have put into writing the reports. If you have any questions about your child's report, please see the class teacher.

Warm regards,
Deb Hall
Principal

Upcoming Events	
Tue 4th Dec	Yr 6 Pool Day
Thurs 6th Dec	Stage 2 Cricket Blast
Thurs 6th Dec	Last Uniform Shop Day for 2018
Fri 7th Dec	Yr 6 WBHS Orientation
Mon 10th Dec	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wed 12th Dec	Canteen Christmas Pack
Thur 13th Dec	Presentation Day Mrs Beards Farewell Morning Tea
Mon 17th Dec	Party Day
Wed 19th Dec	Last Day for Term 4 Year 6 Clap Out

PBL Focus—Term 4	
Week 8	Presentation Day Being respectful throughout Presentation Day
Week 9	Party Day Being safe and respectful during Party Day



Library News

As the term rapidly comes to a close it is great to see so many students remembering to return their library books. This is the last week of library lessons for the year. Last week was the last chance to borrow and all loans are now due back. Please help your children find all library books and bring them in this week. Any books in class are due back next week. If you are paying for a lost book could you please do so this week. If you would prefer to replace a book with the same title, that would be great too.

Thank you so much for your help with this. Warners Bay parents have always done an outstanding job in finding missing library books. Please see me if you have any concerns about overdue notes your child receives.

Regards,
Ros Beard

Farewell Morning Tea for Mrs Beard

Please join us for Morning Tea on Thursday 13th December to wish our Librarian Mrs Beard well on her retirement. Mrs Beard has been our School Librarian since 2004 and has made a wonderful contribution to our school during her time here.

Come along to the Library after the morning session of Presentation Day (approximately 11:00am) and join us in thanking her for wonderful service during these years.

OSHC

There's lots to see and do in OSHC from fun outdoor games, to arts and crafts, science, cooking, building and construction activities and much more. Most recent is our everyone-have-a-go handball competition. There's also quiet time for the children in the program to catch-up on some reading, finish off their homework or relax. Please feel free to stop by the program, meet our team and see what happens in our program each school day.

Your OSHC service finishes up the same as end of term 19th December and reopens at the start of term 29th January 2019.

Bookings for holiday vacation care is open with the nearest Camp Australia centre located at Barnsley. Re-enrolments for 2019 are also open, so jump online to ensure a position for your child www.campaustralia.com.au. For new families, the First use free offer is only available who register between the 5th of November and the end of Term 4 (does not include Vacation Care or Pupil Free Day).

Kindest regards,
Pam Connell

Volunteers

With lots of end of year activities underway and many wonderful volunteers helping out in the school, it is timely to remind everyone that there are requirements as stipulated by the DEC that must be adhered. All volunteers are required to provide 100 points of ID and complete the necessary paperwork which is available in the office. This is a once-only requirement and carries forward to the following school year. If you are unsure if this has been done, please contact the office who can verify.

P&C Meeting

Please note that there will be no December meeting taking place for P&C due to the Year 6 Farewell scheduled for this time. Meetings will commence again in February, 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has attended meetings throughout the year and those who have volunteered and helped to support our school community. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday break.



PBL Gotcha Draw winners



Uniform Shop

This Thursday 6th December will be the last day of operation for 2019 for the WBPS Uniform Shop. Please see trading dates below:

Thursday 6th December 2018: 9:00am—10:00am

Tuesday 29th January 2019: 10:00am—12noon

Wednesday 30th January 2019: 9:00am-11:00am

Thursday 7th February 2019: 9:00am-10:00am (normal trading resumes)

Canteen

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy your yummy Christmas Pack from the Canteen on Wednesday 12th December. All packs are \$7 and include a choice of wrap, popper, jelly, Santa cake and a surprise Christmas treat. Orders must be in by Thursday 6th December and spare order forms are available from the office.



Ethics Classes

We would love to provide the opportunity for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to participate in ethics classes at our school in 2019. Each week the children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum.

Ethics classes are taught by volunteer ethics teachers. If you would like your child to learn these valuable lifelong skills, then consider volunteering so that we can offer the program to all stages.

Ethics classes will be held from 2 -2:50pm every second Wednesday; to coincide as an alternative to scripture lessons. Lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics, so you don't need to create your own lessons.

Primary Ethics will be holding 2 day teacher training workshops in Newcastle in early Term 1, 2019.

Grandparents and other members of your family and friends' network might be interested – so please speak to them about volunteering.

Ethics classes include scenarios, poems and stories, group work and activities to encourage the children to think about what they should do in different situations, about how those circumstances might make a difference and about the consequences of their actions.

Children discuss topics such as:

- * How do others feel?
- * How do we treat living things?
- * How do we disagree in a respectful way?
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If you have been considering teaching ethics or you know of a friend or family member who might be interested in volunteering, please visit the Primary Ethics website at www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Volunteering Manager, Maria McCarthy at maria.mccarthy@primaryethics.com.au or 0410 348 574.

School Banking

This week will be the last school banking for the year. You have until Tuesday morning to get your bank books to the office for processing. All rewards that have been ordered should arrive before the end of the school term.

Cake Stall—Year 6

Thank you to all the students, parents and carers who donated cakes and slices for our Year 6 Cake Stall. We raised just over \$400 which will go towards the year 6 gift to the school.



Going to the Supercars by Year 6

Broom, broom, broooooom, was all that you could hear all day long.

It was great, it was fantastic. All the old cars, the yummy food and spending quality time with our parents.

The year six students at Warners Bay Public School experienced the Newcastle 500 live on Friday 23rd of November and had a blast. The year sixes had a great day with their mums, dads and carers. The day started with the muscle cars which were first to race on the track, the lights went green and the race began. Then the others races started, there was the utes and the supercars 2 also. The parents and carers had an amazing day and made some fantastic memories with their children.



Wizard of Oz: The Arena Spectacular

Congratulations to the following students for successfully auditioning for the Wizard of Oz: Arena Spectacular.

Mallory Pearson (5MR), Bronte Hayes (4M), Kali Atilano (4J), Isabella Borham (6W), Madeline Christie (6B) and Allira Hunt (6B).

We can't wait to see you all perform at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in 2019.

Tickets are on sale now.



Infants Assembly—Boys & Girls Dance

In Week 8, the following Dance Groups will be performing at the Infants Assembly held on Thursday 6th December at 2:00pm.

- K-2 Girls Dance
- Kindy Boys Dance
- Yr 1 Boys Dance

NB: Yr 2 Boys Dance will not be performing as they have progressed to the Primary Boys Group in preparation for next year.

Lost Property

We have had a number of items handed in to the office recently which may belong to you.

- First Aid Kit (small)
- Raincoat (left over from Bathurst excursion)
- Bookclub item—ordered last issue with no name
- Uniform items—found in a bag outside the school grounds

If any of these items may belong to you, please contact the office.

Breakfast Club

A huge thank you to our parent helpers who have helped out with Breakfast Club this year. This Friday (7th December) will be the last Breakfast Club for 2018. Special thanks to Bakers Delight at Warners Bay who have been providing 10 loaves of bread each week.



Kindergarten News

What an outstanding year Kindergarten have had! We are amazed at the progress everyone has made this year and we're grateful for the strong learning partnerships and support provided by our families. There are some very lucky Year 1 teachers for next year.

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the year of learning with special assemblies, presentation day and class parties. It is a very busy time. A few reminders for the coming weeks:

- **Christmas Craft activities concluded today.**
- **Special K-2 Assembly -Thursday 6th December at 2.00pm.**
- **Presentation Day-Thursday 13th December.**
- **Party Day- Monday 17th December.**



The Kinder teachers would like to thank the Christmas Craft volunteers. We hope you had fun. Your children certainly did! This Thursday is the final K-2 assembly for the year. One student from each class has been selected to host the assembly. As always, parents are most welcome.

The following Thursday (13th) is the K-5 Presentation Day Assembly starting at 9:30am. This will be in the Primary COLA. If you are attending, you might want to arrive early to claim a seat. There will be 8 class awards: Academic Excellence, Academic Excellence Literacy, Academic Excellence Numeracy, Citizenship, Consistent Effort, Most Improved, Sports and Library Award. Then across the stage there is the Public Speaking Award. Children receiving awards will have a letter sent home in the next few days. After lunch, the Special Year 6 Assembly will begin.



Last week, we had the draw for Secret Santa. Please reinforce that your child's special friend is a secret. The gifts are due back to school on Wednesday 12th December and will be exchanged the following Monday (Party Day).

Be on the lookout for a party day food note over the next week or so. Children are asked to bring a SMALL plate of food to share. Every year we end up with so much left over food, so please just a small amount of food is more than enough. Some children will be asked to bring lemonade or plates and cups. The party food will be stored in the classrooms on party day until we return from the movies.

Some children have been involved in the transition to Year 1 program. This involved some visits to the Year 1 classrooms to meet the teachers and to check out the Stage 1 area of the school. The program will continue this week.

It has been our pleasure to watch your children grow each week and we will miss them when they go into Year 1. It has been an incredible year with so many opportunities and stand out events.

Have a fabulous week and a happy Christmas and all the best for the holiday season.

What's happening in KM?

We farewelled Mrs Dowey last week with a small class party. We made some smiley face biscuits on her last day. Thank you Mrs Dowey for all the work you have done with KM over the past 4 weeks, and best wishes for your future teaching career.



Stage One News

Wow! What a fabulous week we've just had...

Mackellar Girls High School

We were treated to a performance by the Mackellar Girls High School Band and Choir. It was an extremely entertaining concert with lots of audience participation. It was a terrific introduction to the world of musical instruments for the students.

K-2 Disco

The K-2 Disco was so much fun! The students had a great time dancing and playing games. There was even a surprise visit from Santa and Miss Mitchell did a wonderful job being his helper.

Christmas Craft

We would like to thank everyone who has come to help with Christmas Craft. We wouldn't be able to do it without you. The children have really enjoyed having you visit the classrooms and the teachers REALLY appreciate your help. The children are so proud of what they have made.

Upcoming Events

K-2 End of Year Assembly

This will take place on Thursday (6th December) afternoon, commencing at 2pm in the hall.

Party Day

We will be travelling by bus to see 'The Grinch' at Event Cinemas Glendale on Monday 17th December. Please make sure you have filled out, signed and sent back the permission note to your child's class teacher. Party Day payment was part of the Term 4 invoice and should have already been paid.

Secret Santa

Secret Santa notes were due back last Wednesday as the names of the participating students should have gone home last week with their Secret Santa. 2M's have gone home today, as Ms Morton was away. Presents are then due back to class on or before Wednesday the 9th December. Just check with your child's teacher as to when they need them back. The children will be opening their Secret Santa present on Party Day. Please remember there is a \$5- \$10 limit.

Presentation Day

This will take place on Thursday 13th December commencing at approximately 9:30am. Year 2 are reminded to wear their full school uniform as they are performing in the Signing Choir.

What's happening in 2M?

As part of our homework this term, the students were given the opportunity to make a musical instrument. Here are some of our fabulous creations!



Stage Two News

My last newsletter entry of the year.....

What an amazing year we have had! But, it isn't over yet! 3/4H students are still busy working hard on their incredible writing skills, identifying angles, growing their own little plants INSIDE the classroom; the list goes on!

As we reach the end of the year, please ensure your child is being sun safe at school and is equipped with a hat. This is especially important when preparing for the Year 3-5 Party Day. A day in the sun spent at the pool is fantastic. The day after, can go two ways. Make sure your child is sun safe at our party day!

Lastly I want to express my thanks to all the parents and carers who have contributed to making 2018 a wonderful year. I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Rock on,
Mr Hull

Stage Three News

It's been a busy term in 5W. At the start of the term we were busy with our buddies and getting ready for our Bathurst excursion. Since the excursion we have been getting stuck into our work and completing a heap of assessments.

Last week was an exciting week with School Captain speeches. The students were nervous and excited about these and everyone who stood up and did a speech should be proud of their effort as they all did a fantastic job. This week the students who wish to be House Captains for 2019 are doing their speeches so good luck to all of them.

We are continuing to work hard in 5W and although it has been a long term and the students are getting tired they are putting in a lot of effort. We are all counting down the days until the holidays and looking forward to the end of year activities. Thank you for a great term 4 everyone.

Nat Winter



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