



Term 4

Week 7

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Air Conditioning—Are We Aren't We



Last term the school submitted an application to be part of the Cooler Classrooms Initiative, announced mid year by the NSW Premier. Prior to this the school and P&C had been working closely together to provide our school with air conditioned classrooms. So this weeks announcement of our school being on the list is excellent news. The next stage now appears to be that a team will be visiting the school to make some assessments and hopefully prioritise schools on the list. Some of the listed schools will be getting updated equipment to replace the old units, whilst schools such as our own will be receiving infrastructure to enable energy efficient units to be installed. As we become aware of the prioritisation of schools we will be better equipped to inform our community. Stay Posted!!!!

New Science Syllabus Commences 2019



Change is a constant feature in educational circles. In 2019, we have a revised Science & Technology syllabus being introduced. There are a large number of changes to the previous syllabus including a reduction in the overall number of outcomes from 58 down to 40. Similarly, the number of strands covered has also been reduced down to five (5):

- **Digital Technologies**
- **Living World**
- **Physical World**
- **Earth and Space**
- **Material World**

Additionally the new document provides greater opportunities for types of thinking to be incorporated into the knowledge, understanding and skills.

The four thinking skills are:

- ◇ **Computational Thinking**
- ◇ **Scientific Thinking**
- ◇ **Design Thinking**
- ◇ **Systems Thinking**

The teaching staff will be planning how we can best implement the syllabus to suit the needs of our students at the beginning of next year.

Thank You Morning Tea

One of the successful factors of our school is the ongoing support that we receive from our school community. As a small gesture of our appreciation, the staff would like to say thank you to all members of the school community who have assisted the school throughout the year. The morning tea is on Monday December 3. It will begin at 11:00am and this year it will be held in the WOOSHC. We hope to see you there!

2019 Textbook orders



Dear parents/carers

The LJ Harper website is now open for ordering of 2019 textbooks – please use the Chrome search engine (there are problems with Explorer)

The Booklist ID for this School is: **WID19**

Packs will be available online until: **Friday 8th February 2019**

Payment to be made through the LJ Harper website www.ljharper.com.au

TEXTBOOK REQUIREMENTS	PRICE
Year One	\$21.90
Year Two	\$28.90
Year Three	\$47.85
Year Four	\$47.85
Year Five	\$28.15
Year Six	\$28.15

Go to the www.ljharper.com.au

1. Click on "School Booklist" located in the top menu on the homepage then "Search"
2. Enter the Book Code **WID19** then choose the year group that you are purchasing for and click "Continue"
3. Select the pack and/or items you would like to purchase, add to cart, and then "Continue"
4. Enter the student's First Name and Last Name and click "Validate" and then "Continue"
5. Check your shopping cart to ensure you have selected the items you require and click "Proceed to Checkout"
6. Fill out shipping details and click "Next" (All orders will be delivered to school, however, for billing we require a personal address)
7. Fill in card details and click "Place Order"

Your order has now been completed. If you were purchasing for more than one student you will now be taken back to the booklist code page to begin your second order and will receive a receipt via email.

Please Note: Your Child/Children's pack will be delivered to Wideview Public School on Tuesday 19 February 2019 and will be distributed at the School.



School Calendar

The Calendar is updated each week. Please check regularly for any additions or changes which will be marked in red for your convenience.

Term 4 2018		
December		
3	Monday	Parent Helper Morning Tea
7	Friday	Presentation Day
10	Monday	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
12	Wednesday	Showcase Matinee & Twilight Performances
13	Thursday	Showcase Evening Performances
14	Friday	Service Awards Assembly
18	Tuesday	K-2 Fun Day, Stage 2 Picnic, Stage 3 Surf School
19	Wednesday	Last day of Term 4 for students
January 2019		
30	Wednesday	First Day of Term 1 2019 for students

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program.

The past couple of years has seen a decline in the number of students regularly depositing, this has led to the decision to cease running the program via the school from the end of this year.

The last day for banking will be Wednesday December 12.

Thank you for your participation in the student banking program over the years.

Mrs Wadling – School Banking Co-ordinator.

Merit Awards

KGM	Benjamin Q, Leilani B	KH	Ryan P, Hannah B	1T	Zalia W, Eric S
1/2F	Jarod C, Zara B	2D	Declan S, Hamish M	3H	Toby H, Heidi B
4LM	Royce T, Lincoln J	5L	Lana W, Eliza B	4/5C	Angus S, Jessica K
5/6T	Mitchell L, Sam H	6H	Layla S, Byron J		

Kinderlinks

This week is the last week for Kinderlinks. Kinderlinks is our Transition to School Program. Our Kindergarten 2019 children have been coming once a week for 4 weeks. Over the last 4 weeks they have taken part in literacy, numeracy, music and PE lessons. The children visited the computer room, library, hall, office and several of the classrooms. Our Kinderlinks children have been paired with a Year 5 buddy. This year 5 student will also be their buddy next year. The children enjoyed drawing, reading and playing games with their buddies. All of the Kinderlinks children have settled very well in to 'big school' and we look forward to them joining us in 2019.



Please Respect Our Neighbours!!

It has come to my attention that some parents continue to not follow designated road signs and are parking in or across driveways of our neighbours. The choice to do this is both dangerous and unacceptable. This morning I had a neighbour of our school inform me that they were running late for work as a parent had parked across her driveway and she was unable to leave until the parent returned. I ask that we show patience and respect the safety of others by parking in appropriate areas and using the crossing as required.

Showcase Concerts— No restrictions on tickets!

As part of Wideview's Creative Arts Program, we would like to invite parents and friends to our Showcase concerts:

Matinee Concert—Wednesday 12th December beginning at 11:30am

Twilight Concert—Wednesday 12th December beginning at 5:30pm. Students to be at school at 5:00pm

Evening Concert—Thursday 13th December beginning at 7:00pm. Students to be a school at 6:30pm

All tickets are available through TryBooking.—WPS Showcase 2018.

Link and event code is: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=430862&>

1. Do I need a ticket?

Yes, either a printed one or one displayed on your phone. All seats will be labelled and ushers will assist you.

2. Will the students see other classes perform?

Yes, at the Dress rehearsal on Monday 10th December. **Parents cannot watch this rehearsal.**

3. What does my child wear to school on Monday 10th December?

For the dress rehearsal all students will be expected to either come in their costume or get changed at school at 9:15am. Your child's teacher will let you know.

All students are required to change back into their school uniform following the dress rehearsal. Please label all costume and school uniform items and place in a labelled bag.

4. What does my child wear to school on Wednesday 12th December?

School uniform and make-up, if required. Students will have an early recess then get changed.

All students are required to change back into their school uniform following the matinee.

5. What does my child wear to school on Wednesday 12th December for the twilight and Thursday 13th for the evening concert?

Costumes and make up, if required. For the evening performance please have your child wearing shoes to school. A quick snack/dinner prior to the concerts will give them stamina for the night and we request that the students do not bring food/lollies.

6. How long will be concert be?

1 1/2—2 hours with no intervals. All students will be part of a finale so once they have performed their class item they need to remain with their teachers in the classroom until collected.

7. Where will the students be when they are not performing?

In their classrooms. Students need to be signed out from their classrooms by their parents following the show.

8. What costume will the students be wearing?

Your class teacher has already been in contact with you. Some classes will have limited costumes and others will require more work. If parent involvement is required, your help would be of great assistance.

9. Times to be at school?

5:00pm for the twilight performance and 6:30pm for the evening performance

10. When will be doors be open?

15 minutes prior to the show starting.

Primary Drama Club Workshop with Ed Lembke-Hogan



Tuesday 27 November the Primary Drama Club were privileged to be able to partake in a half day workshop with NIDA trained actor Ed Lembke-Hogan. Ed is a Berowra boy and a past Wideview student. He is skilled as an actor in film, theatre and television and as a Drama teacher. Ed was able to teach the students a great deal about movement, voice, improvisation, team building and even threw in a little of Shakespeare! He was incredibly positive and encouraging to the children as well as a lot of fun and I'm sure each one would've take away something new. A great time was had by all.

Mrs Chapman

Year 2 Band tryouts.

On Wednesday some of the year 2 classes got to have a try at playing a band instrument. There was much excitement along with some interesting and amazing sound emitting from those instruments. All the kids would have been given a band information sheet which, if they are interested in playing an instrument, need to be filled out and returned to Mr Harpur. Unfortunately 2cool missed out on that day but never fear, next Wednesday they are invited, along with any other year 3 to 6 to come to Mr Harpurs room first half lunch to blast out a note or two.

Any queries, please ask either myself, Pippi Eisner, Pippieisner@hotmail.com or Mr Harpur.



Wilson has arrived!

In Term 3 we had our school Art Show. Along with the Art Show we had a Young Wilson sculpture competition encouraging our young artists and designers to come up with sustainable sculpture designs for our playground.

Harry G and Blake D (pictured) were amongst some of the students who designed a Wilson as part of their Young Wilson entry.

He finally has arrived! Wilson has been made from offcuts of fence posts, rope, old gumboots and different old plastic off cuts. He looks fantastic. He will be keeping an eye on what goes on in the Infant's playground.

A special thank you to Darren Cosier for making Wilson and Alison Kirk (Woon) for painting and creating the rest of Wilson. We are so grateful for our supportive school community.

Mrs Chapman



From the P&C Grant for the canteen

In exciting news, some months ago we applied for a government grant to help with the Canteen. I'm pleased we have been successful in obtaining a \$20,000 grant from the government to re-do the kitchen bench top and add some more storage in the canteen. Many people were involved in applying for the grant but special thanks to Katie Gompertz and Alison Glendining for their work. We are still working through the process but we're hoping to have the work done over the school holidays.

Thanks, Kath Edgar

P&C President

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wideview public school canteen



Canteen News

Sushi Wednesdays

Mini sushi boxes are now available for you to order.

Choose from Avocado, Crispy Chicken, Cucumber, or Tuna.

Order by 11am Tuesday.



Our Sushi Christmas lunch pack is now available to pre-order for Presentation Day for \$5.

Select your choice of sushi and it comes with a fruit drink (mango free) and a special Christmas chocolate and Christmas sticker.



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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAFE4KIDS

Other Info

Stock

As we are heading towards the end of the school year we will start winding down stock so you may see some 'out of stock' items during this time.

Canteen Opening Hours - Last week of term

The canteen will be open on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th at recess and lunch for counter sales only.

Volunteers Needed

If you are able to spare an hour to help prepare the sushi packs for Presentation Day please contact Michelle, the Canteen Manager.

WPS Presentation Day Christmas \$5 Lunch Pack Order Form

Friday 7th
December

What's in the \$5 lunch pack?



- 1 Sushi roll, or 1 baby mini sushi pack (additional sushi \$3 each)
- 1 Fruit Juice Box (tropical – mango free)
- 1 Christmas chocolate

Who can order?

Anyone who is attending on Presentation Day: parents, grandparents, siblings!
Please fill in your child's class if you are attending to watch.

How to order?

1. Fill in the form below and return to the canteen by *Thursday 6th December 9.15am*
- OR
2. Use Munch Monitor: select the pack, your sushi choice and pay online.

When are the packs ready?

Infants will be ready at the normal lunch time of 1.10pm, after the morning presentation.
Primary will be ready after 11am, before the afternoon presentation.

Is the canteen open on Presentation Day? Yes! The Canteen times are:
from 11am – for all school & visitor snacks, drinks, and Primary Lunch packs
from 1.10pm – for infant lunch packs
from 2pm onwards – for post presentation snacks and drinks



Return the form below with your payment to the canteen

Presentation Day – Paper Bag order & label

Name _____

Class _____

Please tick 1 choice below:

Large Sushi Rolls

<input type="checkbox"/>	- Crispy Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/>	- Tuna
<input type="checkbox"/>	- Teriyaki Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/>	- Avocado & Cucumber

Mini Sushi Packs

<input type="checkbox"/>	- Crispy Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/>	- Tuna
<input type="checkbox"/>	- Avocado
<input type="checkbox"/>	- Cucumber

Please tick if
you are a:

- ☐ WPS Student
☐ Attendee
☐ Teacher

1 Sushi pack \$5 + ____ x \$3 additional sushi = \$_____
My payment is included with the order.



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VACATION CARE

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1- Mon 14th Jan - Thurs 17th Jan

Week 2- Mon 21st Jan - Thurs 24th Jan

Incursions

Fun filled
activities

Drone and
Rockpool
Incursions

arts & crafts

Outdoor
Summer Sports
Day

Excursions- Ninjas and Monkey Baa Theatre



Summer Water
Fun Day with
Giant Water and
Slip and Slide

For bookings and enquiries please email:
wooshcholidays@gmail.com

(Vacation Care is open to ALL students of Wideview Public School.)

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

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DO YOU NEED HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH
TOYS OR A HAMPER FOR YOUR
FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS
PLEASE CALL

HORNSBY SALVATION ARMY

ON **02 9477 1133**

OR CALL IN AND SEE US AT
29 BURDETT STREET
TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT

