



## Term 1

## Week 7

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## 2019 Priorities

This year sees all Public Schools in New South Wales move into their second year of the school planning cycle. Wideview Public School has three goals we are working towards. These are:

Strategic Direction 1 (SD1): Quality Teaching/Learning Practices

Strategic Direction 2 (SD2): Productive Pedagogy

Strategic Direction 3 (SD3): Effective Collaboration and Communication

These goals provide guidance for us as we review our current practices. They allow us to continually improve as we strive towards excellence. For example, under SD3 we identified the importance of partnerships with parents, our local community, other schools and organisations that can support and add value to our work. The Department of Education also has a strategic plan that was instrumental in the forming of our school plan. You can find out more about the Department of Education's strategic plan:

(<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-strategic-plan>)

In future school newsletters, these strategic directions will be reported on to the community. The P&C meetings are also a way to stay informed and have a voice in the future direction of the school.

We greatly appreciate the emails and individual feedback from parents and family members received this year and the support for the school.

We are definite in our commitment that every child at Wideview Public School feels known, valued and cared for. As part of this, we are focusing on the school processes that enable this. The building of positive relationships is essential for everything we do in schools. We know positive relationships foster connectedness and belonging and are essential for wellbeing. These relationships are characterised by constructive interactions that provide genuine support. They are important because they help to build social and emotional skills and in turn nurture other positive, caring and respectful relationships.

Relationships embody all connections within the school community that increase the opportunity for students to be known, valued and cared for. As such it includes relationships within schools between students, teachers, support staff and parents and, within the broader community. Young people who develop positive relationships whilst at school are better equipped to experience success in life beyond school.

Throughout the year we will be providing opportunities to foster this communication through parent forums, workshops and information sessions. Parent-Teacher interviews is one such activity where parents get to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss the learning, social and wellbeing of your child. In the classroom students are being supported to set goals for future progress in areas they feel need improvement and then receiving feedback regarding their progress with these goals.

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy will be held on the following dates in 2019:

14 May – Language Conventions and Writing tests

15 May – Reading test

16 May – Numeracy test

Students from Wideview PS in 2019 will complete their tests online.

Only Years 3 and 5 students will complete the tests.

If your child requires disability adjustments please see your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible for further information.

## First Aid

Students who require first aid are generally assessed by a teacher and (where possible) sent to sick bay, where they are supported by our administration staff. All staff at Wideview Public School have first aid and emergency care training. All staff are trained in CPR and Anaphylaxis every year, our last course completed last week. None of us, however, are qualified as medical staff. We do assess an injury as per our training and then make arrangements for professional care to be provided to our students. This may mean informing the parent who will take the child home for observation or to their GP.

The Department of Education has very strict procedures in place regarding the administration of medicines.

We are limited to what we can administer to students outside of asthma and anaphylaxis medication.

Throughout the year your child's medical needs may require updating. Our office staff will make contact with you about this. We respectfully ask that all forms sent home are returned promptly, allowing us to provide the best possible up to date care for your child. Where you know that your child's circumstances have changed it is important that you make contact with the school as soon as possible.

# SMART Spelling

*Michelle Hutchison*

This year we have introduced the SMART Spelling approach from Kindergarten to Year 6. If you would like to know more about the SMART Spelling approach at Wideview, please come to an information session.

For parents of students in Years 1-6, the information session will be **on Friday 15 March 2.15-3pm in the 2F classroom**. Angela Griffin will be organising a session for Kindergarten parents at a later date.

If you have any questions please contact Virginia McNally or Michelle Anthonisz

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## Berowra RSL Swim Club State Championships

Sunday 10 March, four Wideview students represented Berowra RSL swim club as part of zone 6 at the state championships in Muswellbrook.

Jasmine and Tyler TJ, Ava and Campbell D all swam sensationally. Tyler came home with 2 bronze medals, Jasmine and Ava two golds each and Campbell two bronze.

This was all achieved after backing up from the school zone swimming carnival on Friday. They were amazing!

Zone 6 is one of the smallest teams in the state and still managed to place third overall at the carnival.



## 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 1 2019		
March		
Tuesday	26	African Choir/Harmony Day
Wednesdays	To April 10	Gymnastics Wks 2 -11
April		
Friday	5	Crazy Hair Day
Friday	12	ANZAC Assembly
Friday	12	Last Day of Term



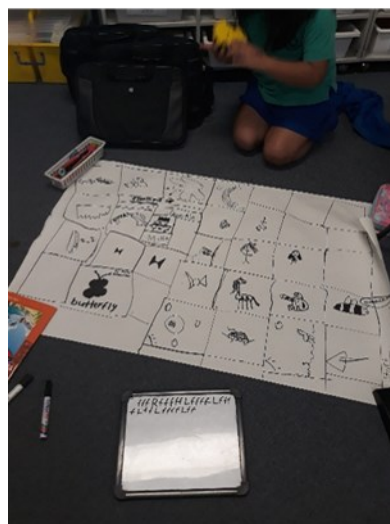
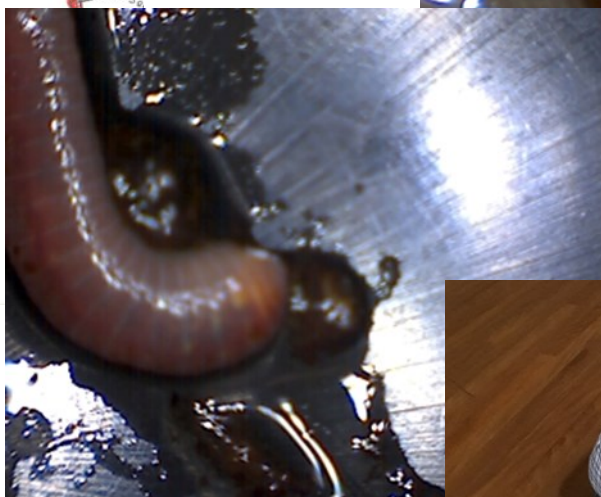
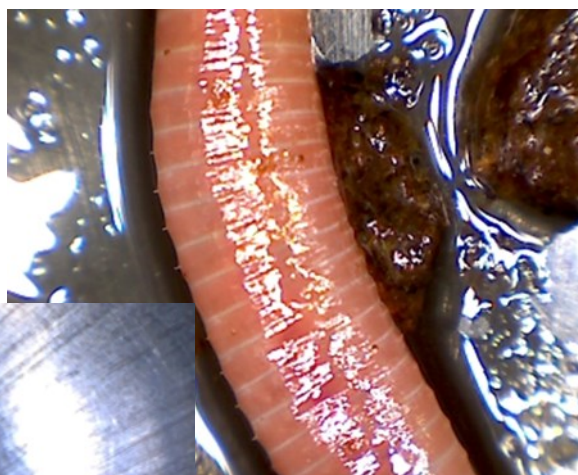
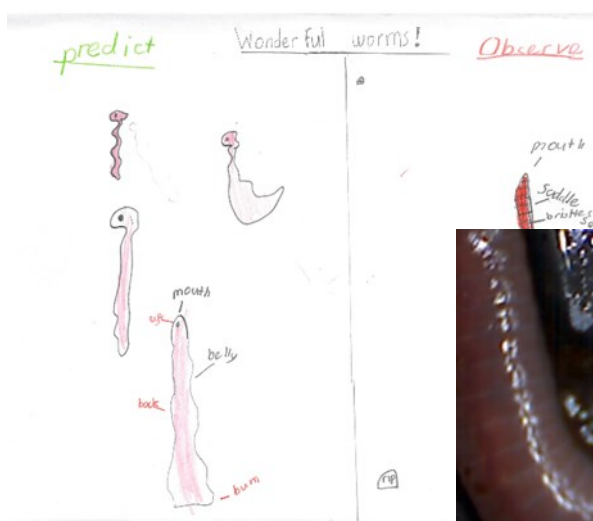
## Cool Science

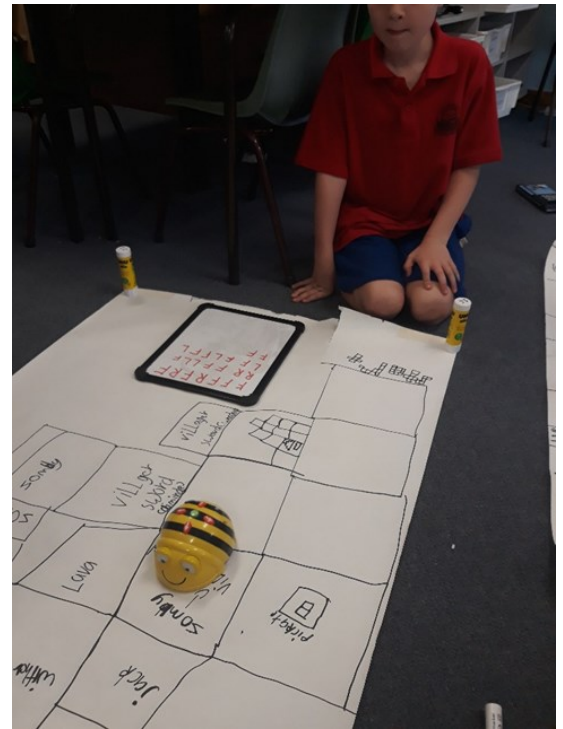
This term 2C have really been getting into Science!

We have started our Schoolyard Safari unit and have been hunting worms, predicting what they look like and observing them under a digital microscope. We've re-drawn our worms and added labels to match the parts of a worm.

In our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lessons with Mr. Parks we have learnt about BeeBots. We have learnt to program them properly by using logic and directions, we have made our own maps for them to follow, we have written programs for them to follow and had others in our class test our programs.

Our work in Science has helped us to think creatively and critically and has helped us to communicate with others and work as a team.





## HARMONY DAY

Harmony day celebrates all the wonderful cultures that are represented throughout Australia. Its focus is to remind us all that no matter where we are from our overall goal is to promote tolerance and understanding of all people.

At Wideview we will be enjoying a Harmony Week with the performance of the Uganda Hope Choir on Tuesday 26 March. To help celebrate we ask that on this day all children **wear something orange or come dressed in any cultural attire** relevant to their family.

Each class will be using harmony week to research a country of their choice.





## GREAT WIDEVIEW EFFORT AT PLC!!

### Zone Swimming Carnival – 2019

Last Friday, our students participated in the Hornsby Zone swimming carnival at Pymble Ladies College. What an amazing carnival for Wideview at a very professional venue!!! Our brilliant parents cheered themselves hoarse throughout the day and many commented on the manners and team spirit of the Wideview students. It created a great atmosphere amongst our children!

A big thank you to all the parents that provided transport and team morale and especially to Karen TJ who did a great job as our team manager. We enjoyed some great results on the day and there wasn't a Wideview swimmer that didn't put in 100%!

Jasmyn C qualified for the Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival and Jasmine TJ qualified for her 50m freestyle final and our Jnr girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the relay!

### Hornsby Zone Results:

**Jasmyn C**– 10 yrs girls 50m freestyle – 3rd

### **What an outstanding achievement!**

Congratulations everyone on a superb effort! Your school and community are very proud of you! Good Luck at the Sydney North Area Swimming Championships Jasmyn .



## Merit Awards

<b>KS</b>	<b>Sadie V, Billy D</b>	<b>KGM</b>	<b>Jimmy W, Lily I</b>	<b>KH</b>	<b>Arlen D, Jonathon M</b>
<b>1S</b>	<b>Ben Q, Sophie R</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>Leila B, Eloise W</b>	<b>1L</b>	<b>Christopher B, Hayley M</b>
<b>2F</b>	<b>Luke B, Darya A</b>	<b>2C</b>	<b>Bentley B, Samika H</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>Noah E, Patrick G</b>
<b>4AF</b>	<b>Violet T, Jacob C</b>	<b>4LM</b>	<b>Maya D, Jordan L</b>	<b>4/5C</b>	<b>Keesha N, Henry L</b>
<b>5J</b>	<b>Tabitha V, Jess L</b>	<b>6H</b>	<b>Nathan A, Arianna B</b>		

## **P&C Update**

### **Next P&C Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Monday night, 18 March at 7pm in the staff room. We have a rep from Bendigo Bank coming to talk to us about their new reward system, someone else coming to talk to us about sunglasses for the kids, and another person telling us about a new school payment system he's developed and would like us to trial.... There will be an update on air conditioning, WOOSHC, what we're going to fundraise for this year, the fete.... So much to talk about. Please join us, don't miss out!

### **Canteen Subcommittee Chairperson**

Our Uniform Shop Subcommittee Chairperson has had to step down so we're seeking someone to volunteer to be our Uniform Shop Chairperson. Meetings can be held outside of business hours and it's not an overly time-consuming role, maybe a couple of hours per term depending on what's going on. No experience necessary, just someone practical who can ask questions.

### **Election BBQ Time!**

Saturday 23 March 2019 is the NSW state election and the Wideview P&C will be holding an election day BBQ. The BBQ has been very generously supported by Berowra Apex club who will be cooking our BBQ. However, volunteers are required to serve the BBQ on the day. Please consider giving up an hour or two of your time. The time slots are 2 hours but if you can only spare one hour may think about teaming up with a friend and sharing a spot.

A volunteer roster has been set up on:

<https://signup.zone/fhL7ogmDEGAZ33DvJ>

### **Election Day Cake Stall**

It's been a few years since Wideview held an Election Day Cake Stall and we are hoping to make a successful return! To achieve this, we need your help!

On Friday this week (15 March) each child will be sent home with a cardboard tray and information sheet. We hope to get lots of volunteers (parents, grandparents, kids!) baking slices, cakes, cupcakes.... whatever treat you can think of to tempt the voters on Election Day! Those who have big cake ambitions can collect a larger cake box from the office.

There are still a few spots to volunteer on the day. <https://signup.zone/FwM8bfmJhPGQJh8RH>

Thank you for your support!

### **Vacation Care – April School Holidays**

School holidays are nearly here again! In next week's newsletter we will have all the information you need to enrol your child in WOOSHC Vacation Care.

Thanks, Kath Edgar

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# Canteen News

["Eat up by Georgie Baker"](#)

Local family kitchen in Dural

Free range, hormone free meat

No numbers

Cooked by hand, Not in a factory

## Bangers and Mash



GF = Gluten Free, E = Egg Free

Locally sourced, butcher made sausages gluten free, with a rich gravy sauce, complemented with fluffy mash potato, peas and corn.



**If you are able to assist on the 5th Wednesday or Thursday of the month please contact Michelle Ricketts.**

## Lunchbox ideas

In the coming weeks we will share some lunchbox ideas for when the canteen is closed or you are stuck for ideas. You can also visit:

[HealthyKids lunch box ideas](#)

Government website:

[HealthyKids NSW Healthy Eating and Drinking](#)

For wealth of information on nutrition.

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[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAFE4KIDS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAFE4KIDS)

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