



Wideview Public School

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On behalf of staff, I would like to wish all students, parents and community a very merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays! Enjoy playing, relaxing and celebrating with family and friends.

Thanks to Staff

There are many thoughts and interpretations about what constitutes as a highly effective education system. Many comments and opinions are put into the public domain but I believe the true marker of success is what happens in classrooms every day. Students learning a new skill; teachers recognising every success; the collaboration that teachers and students share and the respect for learning. At Wideview Public School, all staff (teaching and support) have worked hard to improve the learning opportunities for students. Thank you to all staff for the great work they have done this year.

Thanks to the P&C and Volunteers

Whilst staff make a difference in classrooms and at the front office, our various parent-operated committees and structures have allowed students to thrive in a supported and well-resourced environment. Thanks to the P&C and various committees for your strong support this year. Thanks again to all parents who have volunteered time and effort to support our school this year. You are treasured!

Monitoring the Air Quality Index (AQI)

The air quality index (AQI) is a measurement provided by the State Government to advise people of the pollution levels in their local area. It is an indication of how clean or polluted the air is in areas across NSW. Last week Cricket NSW advised that all games for children under 16 years of age were to cease once the AQI reached 150. On Tuesday the AQI averaged 349 for parts of the Upper North Shore The Department of Education has advised schools that:

Schools should look for ways to minimise exposure and adverse effects of bushfire smoke. These include:

- Stay indoors, with windows and doors closed, or stay in air-conditioned premises, if possible. Air conditioning can help to filter out smoke that gets into the building.
- Consider cancelling sporting events and unnecessary outdoor activities
- Keep staff and students indoors for recess and lunch breaks
- Keep students calm and avoid vigorous exercise

At Wideview Public School we are monitoring the conditions daily and have strong systems in place to keep the children safe. I encourage all families to consider downloading the "IQAir –AirVisual" app onto your phones to help you plan your own families movements.

Staffing for 2020

Our numbers for 2020 are indicating that we will have 16 classes next year. The make up of staff unless some unforeseen circumstance intervenes will be:

Kindergarten

Mrs Griffin	Miss Hayward	Mr Shilling
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Year 1

Mrs Shaw	Mrs Lukachich	Mrs Fullagar year 1 & 2 composite
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Year 2

Mr Coleman	Mrs Donohue
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Year 3

Mr Thomas	Mrs Pardo
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Year 4

Mrs Asmanas /Mrs Van Epen	Mrs Lake/
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Year 5

Mr Carlos	Mrs Chapman	Mr Harpur 5 & 6 Composite
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Year 6

Mrs Hefford

Bushfire Procedures

During the course of the week through parent conversations we were made aware of a need to repeat our bushfire course of action.

We submit to the DoE our extensive evacuation/management plans that are drawn up with the support of Emergency Services such as the Rural Fire Service

Below is a overview of the procedures should we be faced with the worst.

Please bear in mind that the DoE and emergency services will in most cases make early calls for school closures.

Before school start time:

Listen to the radio for fire updates - Check the Wideview Public School Yourphoneapp for any alerts

If there is a threat of fire, you will be notified via the App and email most likely the night before.

Notification of school closures also appears on the DoE website.

Evacuation Procedures or Shelter in Place

1. School is contacted by SES to signal that evacuation is necessary. And will help make decisions regarding "shelter in place" or evacuate.
2. If we are evacuating the notification will go out on the App. Children will not be allowed to leave unless parent is present to sign them out.
3. If an evacuation is deemed to be unsafe as per Emergency Services advice we will shelter in place. Please do not call the school to see what's happening. We need these to be available for us to contact parents. Parents are requested to use their friend and community networks to collect their children should they not be able to in person. Please ensure the school has your written permission for the elected friend / community member to collect your child from school.

Remember we will only shelter in place if there are no other options. Our biggest concern is the movement of vehicles around Wideview Road in an emergency.

4. After the initial rush is over, remaining children will be brought together. Children can be collected from our school hall area. Please ensure that your child is signed out so we can track every student.

5. Staff will be evacuated if possible. The school will ensure there is adequate supervision for remaining students.

6. Staff will now begin to ring parents of remaining children. Parents will be asked to arrange for students to be collected by themselves or nominated person.

Year 6 Farewell

Thanks to all of the students, staff members and parents who attended our Year 6 farewell. The students had a wonderful night celebrating at Asquith Golf Club. On behalf of all year 6 students and the teachers, we appreciate the contributions to our fundraising events throughout the year. This night was made possible because of the Wideview community.

Miss Hefford



Code Camp

We are very excited to announce that Code Camp will be running an after-school coding class at Wideview in 2020. Code Camp is an external company which runs similar programs at many schools throughout NSW. This program is suitable for children in years 2-6 at any coding skill level. The class will be run immediately after school on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm till 4:45pm and will run for 75 minutes. There will be a ratio of 1 teacher for every 9 students and they cater for all skill levels within the one class. The cost will be \$260 per term for 8 weeks. To give our students a chance to settle in to the coding experience, Code Camp has offered us 9 or 10 weeks of lessons in term 1 for the price of \$260, however all subsequent terms will run for 8 weeks. Please note that the exact start date for the Term 1 code camp classes and the exact number of classes in term 1 will be advised closer to the time. The \$100 Creative Kids Vouchers can be used for this program. If you are interested, please book online at www.codecamp.com.au/afterschool to reserve your spot as spaces are limited.

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 2019		
December		
Tuesday	17	Fun Day, Beach Day, Stage 3 Surf Life Saving
Wednesday	18	Students last day
Term 1 2020		
January		
Tuesday	28	Staff return to school
Wednesday	29	Uniform shop open 8.30am
Wednesday	29	Students Years 1-6 return to school
Thursday	30	Swimming Carnival
Wed-Friday	29-31	Kindergarten Best start
February		
Monday	3	Kindergarten Best start
Tuesday	4	Kindergarten first full school day
Friday	7	Textbook order deadline



Wideview Public School Book Packs 2020

Book Pack Requirements	Price
Year 1: Targeting Mental Maths Year 1, Handwriting Conventions Year 1, My Macquarie Word Book	\$37.95
Year 2: Targeting Mental Maths Year 2, Handwriting Conventions Year 2	\$29.45
Year 3: Think Mentals 3	\$14.95
Year 4: Think Mentals 4	\$14.95
Year 5: Think Mentals 5	\$14.95
Year 6: Think Mentals 6, Do It Senior Diary	\$21.90

School code: **LJWIDE**

To guarantee delivery please place order prior to **Friday 7th February**

All Book packs will be **DELIVERED** to your Child's school **Friday 14th February**

How to Order Online

1. Go to: <https://primary.ljharper.com.au>
2. Click on "Enter your school code" then enter code: **LJWIDE** and click "SEARCH"
3. Select the **Year Group Pack** you would like to purchase and click "PURCHASE"
4. Enter the First Name and Last name of the Child you are purchasing for and click "ADD TO CART"
 - If you are purchasing for a second Child in the same year group click on the grey box to "Add second child for this year level and enter their First and Last name.
 - If you are purchasing for a second Child in a different year group click on "Back to all Year Groups" and click on the year group/ product and enter their First Name and Last Name then click "ADD TO CART"
 - If you are purchasing an item in addition to a book pack click on "Back to all Year Groups" and click on the item you need to purchase and enter the First and Last name of the child this product is for then click "ADD TO CART"
5. Once all items have been added to your cart click on "VIEW CART", check your shopping cart to ensure you have selected the items you require and click "PROCEED TO CHECKOUT"
6. Fill out your billing details in checkout and click "PLACE ORDER" this will direct you to pay for your order, fill in your card details then click "CONFIRM AND PAY" (Note: ***All primary orders will be delivered to school on a pre-arranged date with school, however for billing details we require a personal address***)
7. Your order has now been completed and you will receive a confirmation email from LJ Harper Books.



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P&C Update

In preparation for the P&C Presidents Report for Primary Presentation Day I asked each of our subcommittees to write a mini report to be used, or partially used. I thought I would share them here for everyone.

Uniform Shop

The Wideview uniform shop has had a successful and busy year keeping the students looking their best in uniform. The start of the year saw uniform shop coordinator Kate Glenn managing flooding of our little shop and saving the stock from ruin. It has also been a time of change with Kate leaving the role and being replaced by new Wideview mum, Flor Muse. The committee has had a change as well with Caro Osborn taking on the role of chair person from Bec Szuba while Nic Jan has taken up the role of treasurer. Kylie Foster remains in the role of secretary. A number of new items have been introduced this year including sunglasses, and the girls pants and shorts are proving popular. The uniform shop has changed its opening day to every Friday 8:30- 10am and continues to open every second Monday 3-4pm. The pricing of a number of items has also changed, including a decrease in the price of girls dresses.

The shop would not run as smoothly without the support of volunteers and a big thanks to for giving up their time to support the uniform shop

More recently, Nic Jan has taken it upon herself to return misplaced items to their owners through the Wideview lost and found Facebook page. This can only happen if items are clearly labelled so please ensure all items are labelled. Unclaimed lost property is donated to the second hand clothing pool at the end of each term.

The uniform shop in 2020 will continue to supply high quality, affordable uniforms and the sub-Committee thanks all members of the Wideview family for their support. We are always looking for volunteers so please be in contact if you can spare an hour or two over the year.

Fun facts-

- Number of lost jumpers- 1000s
- Number of floodings in shop - 2
- Volunteer hours- more than 200
- Subcommittee meetings-4

WOOSHC

WOOSHC has had a positive year we have grown to be able to cater for 115 children per session with plans to grow the service to 145 in 2020. We have had some amazing community achievements including the Bake Sale which is a tradition lead by our Year 6ers raising close to \$350 to sponsor Tasmanian Devils, a Quoll and money for the Koala foundation to plant more trees. We have also had Jasmine, on behalf of the only WOOSHC in NSW, enter her artwork into the School's Reconciliation Challenge. Winning Judge's choice but also helping highlight Outside School Hours Care as a place where children are given opportunities to play and achieve. Our family partnerships have been valuable, and we have been lucky to have Darya's, Darcy, Ben and Holly's family come in and share with the children their culture, lives and work with us. We also hosted our first farewell lunch for our Year 6 children, and it was lovely to see so many of the children past and present come back, enjoy lunch and share their memories of WOOSHC. It has been a great year filled with lots of fun, happy memories, lost hats, handballs and shoes on the roof and a lot of friendships built along the way.

At WOOSHC our favourite foods are apples, sandwiches and milo. This year we have eaten 32 000 slices of apple, 450 loaves of bread and 24 large tins of milo, using 800 litres of milk.

Banking

The P&C took over responsibility for the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking in 2019.

Through regular banking, students have the ability to earn prize rewards and the school benefits by receiving financial support in the way of commission from the bank, which can be used to supplement school resources such as books, technology and sports equipment.

There are currently approximately 25 students registered for student banking at WPS. We hope to increase the number of Students banking in 2020 by regular advertising in the school newsletter. So, please keep an eye out if this is of interest.

Canteen

The Canteen is an integral part of our school and has had a busy year in all aspects of its operation.

Our Canteen Manager Michelle, with support from the Canteen Committee and Volunteers, have spent many hours behind the scenes working on improving our Canteen in various ways including:

- Compliance with the Healthy Guidelines as outlined by the Department of Education.
- Our menu now has more options and we are cooking up a storm with more and healthier food.
- Developed in house cashbook to daily track funds in and out and tracking item costs.
- And undoubtedly, the most exciting news revolves around the Canteen extension and refurbishment.
 - Final details are currently being determined. Work should commence and be partially completed over the coming summer holidays. There will likely be a few weeks at the beginning of 2020 where the canteen extension will still be underway.
 - We hope to offer a 'pop-up' type canteen during this time. This will enable the canteen to still operate in some capacity via a reduced recess, lunch and snack menu.

The Canteen also ran the following activities during the year:

- A successful Easter Bun fundraiser which coincided with the Easter Hat Parade.
- A comprehensive morning tea for students, parents and staff on Open Day.
- Providing weekly newsletter updates on new products, volunteer opportunities etc.
- Continues to run 2 Facebook Pages and provides regular updates. If you haven't yet liked the Café for Kids Wideview Public School Facebook page, please do so, it is a great way to stay up to date.

We know the kids love our food. We're getting more orders, lots more sales, so much that we're running out of space and sometimes time to make it all. The canteen is at capacity each day.

During 2019, the canteen has made and served a staggering 8,000 pieces of mini pizza, 5,000 pieces of Anzac slice and over 600 cheese toasties. Over 30kgs of carrots were used in our salads, and 656 apples were sinkied. 2,000 hash browns were cooked and served, as were 13,200 chicken nuggets. Oh, we can't forget the 7 honey sandwiches..... And that's not including the other sandwiches, burgers, drinks and snacks etc. As you can see, busy, busy, busy!

The Canteen cannot run without the support and efforts of our amazing Volunteers. We thank them whole heartedly. If you have a spare hour or half a day, there are a number of ways you could help, either:

- Volunteering on a monthly basis in the Canteen to prepare or serve the meals and to serve over the counter at recess and lunch-. This is actually a lot of fun. Michelle is a great teacher and every please & thank you, returned basket, smiley face drawn on a lunch bag, helping with the littlies at the counter, delivering forgotten lunches, and smile from a pizza makes our day
- Preparing and cooking our Canteen made Anzac slice
- Picking up the groceries from Coles on a Wednesday. The groceries are already collated and paid for and are ready to just pick up and deliver to school
- Collecting the Sushi from Darcies on a Thursday and delivering to school
- Helping to pack stock on a Wednesday or Thursday morning

If you have the capacity to Volunteer for the Canteen in some form, I would encourage you to contact Michelle in the canteen or at the canteen email address - wideviewcanteen@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing and being in our new canteen in early 2020

Band

This year we had 64 members combined in Junior and senior band, 15 members in percussion and 8 members in recorder. Our music groups entertained, grooved, impressed and whooped it up, from recorders in the Opera House to senior band in the North Shore Primary School Festival, who were highly commended by the judges. Percussion have drummed their rhythms at Woodchop and junior band have improved every week with performances at our school fete and assembly last week. The year was wrapped up with a huge combined band of 204 musicians, including our bands, raising the roof at Hornsby RSL for Berowra Music Fest. We have 20 new enthusiastic musicians ready to join us next year making the band the biggest Wideview has ever had.

Nature Playground

After being successful in a Community Grant from Julian Lessor's office, the Wideview Nature Playground could get underway. The planning & design has been done for the grant, so now we are going about ordering items and putting in the hard work.

A wonderful team of families came for our first working bee where we cleared the ground and put into place the large bits of sandstone. Over the year, the snake & bridge went in- a huge thankyou to Simon Roy for building an amazing bridge, that the kids love to use. We were lucky to be able to put some of the grant money towards this.

More wonderful volunteers helped in a huge planting day - which was harder than we thought due to the layer of cement over some of the ground. It has been amazing to see the traffic the playground gets and has made me so happy that the kids get another imaginative play space. The final report had been handed in and all done!

Thank you to Mr McTernan and all the teachers for their support in this project.

Fete

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the fete, this year's fete was the most profitable Wideview has seen, raising a staggering amount of money. Thank you to Ruth Wicks and her team, Alison Glendining, Rachel Chappell, Corrie Hassan, Sally Freeman, Mary Savage, Mikaela Burnett, Michelle Burr, Kirsten Baird and Beck Christensen. Thanks to the class liaisons, to those who donated prizes, organized prizes, came and spent money on the day, we couldn't have done it without you all.



Canteen News

Important Dates!

- * Canteen's last day is Friday 13th December.
- * Canteen Working Bee Monday 16th December – Cleaning and packing to get ready for extension.

In 2019 Students Ordered:

- Over 30 kgs carrots
- Over 200 litres of flavoured milk
- Over 600 cheese toasties
- Over 2,000 hashbrowns
- About 280 slabs of Anzac slice
- Over 13,200 chicken nuggets!

And.... Drum roll!

- 7 honey sandwiches 😊



Interested in volunteering in 2020?
Please contact Michelle.



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Market Stalls
Glow Candles

Donkey Rides
Kids Activities
Live Music



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All Welcome

Raising funds for



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Thursday 19th December
Pre-Show: 5.30pm
Carols: 7.30pm