



# Wideview Public School

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## Messages from the Principal

### Our P&C is Outstanding

Every year the P&C provides outstanding service to the school. This year has been particularly challenging for the P&C due to the impact of COVID. The P&C normally coordinates fundraising events and provides extensive services to the school community through sub-committees and supporting/coordinating school activities. Although most of these functions have not eventuated this year the school still benefitted through the Canteen refurbishment, the synthetic grassed area and Father's Day and Mother's Day stalls. Our P&C are truly an outstanding organisation, led by Kath Edgar, who have still managed to continue supporting the Wideview Community despite the challenges.

### NSW School Updates App

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW Public Schools. The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis. The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users. We believe this will be very beneficial for many families trying to co-ordinate their movements as we approach bushfire season.

[Android Users](#)

[IOS Users](#)

### Bushfires—Temporarily Ceasing Operations

If our school determines that a decision to temporarily cease operations is appropriate for an emergency situation, including natural disasters such as bushfire or flood, we are required to make contact with the Health and Safety Directorate to provide details. This will also allow the Department to fulfil its obligations for advising the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) of any temporary closures during an emergency event. We will also advise the school community via a number of means including our current School app, our School Bytes email and our school webpage. In addition to this, if the school has to temporarily cease operations for a day or more, each Stage team has already prepared a remote learning environment for the students to support and continue their education. . The links for these environments will be released only when required and this will be via our above stated social media platforms.

## Reports

At the end of the term, students will receive their Semester 2 report. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this report will return to the usual reporting format. The report format will include student achievement and application in all Key Learning Areas. Teachers will comment on each student's progress in English and Mathematics, as well as providing a general comment that includes information about the other Key Learning Areas and the student's work habits.

## Parents Matter

Research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers and a positive relationship between the home and the school, are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents. The Department of Education has now released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

We're getting in early with our preparations for 2021 and thought we'd help you get in on the act too! Below is a link to an excellent NSW Department of Education web page with lots of information on:

Starting preschool

Starting primary school

Starting high school

Term dates 2021

Wellbeing

Parent and Helpers Toolkit

School transitions

Please take your time to explore the link; I am sure you will find it useful.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers>

## Lost Property

We have a large pile of hats jacket and jumpers in our lost property department. Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID it has been difficult for parents to check for the stray jumper or hat and many a child is too busy having fun playing with friends to check. Over the next few weeks we will be parading clothing, lunch boxes and other odds and ends on the front fence of our school morning and afternoon. Please come by and check to see if your child's items are there. Anything left over at the end of week 9 will go to charity.

Regards,

Mr McTernan

## Emails from School Bytes

School Bytes, which is the platform from where we send newsletters, permission notes, fee reminders and other important information, now has the ability to email both Parent 1 and Parent 2 from our admin database.

This was not previously the case and a lot of families had asked us to add additional contacts in School Bytes. Due to the recent change we have since deleted all additional contacts for families where both parents are listed as living with the student. If you have stopped receiving emails due to this change, we apologise in advance and ask that you please email the school to be added again, [wideview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wideview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Kinderlinks

This week is the last week for Kinderlinks. Kinderlinks is our Transition to School Program. Our Kindergarten 2021 children have been coming once a week for 4 weeks. Over the last 4 weeks they have participated in literacy, numeracy and PE lessons. They visited the computer room, library, hall, canteen 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 2021.







# SNOW BALL RAFFLE!!



RAFFLE TICKETS ON  
SALE THIS  
THURSDAY 26/11  
TILL 18/12. (LAST  
DAY OF SCHOOL)

50C EACH OR 3  
FOR A \$1

YEAR 6 WILL BE  
SELLING TICKETS  
EVERY MORNING AND  
LUNCH TIME.

RAFFLES WILL BE  
DRAWN LAST DAY  
OF SCHOOL.



## COVID Symptoms and absences

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for any students showing any symptoms. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore or scratchy throat
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of smell/taste

Students with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. We ask that you please forward results to the office at [wideview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wideview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) please DO NOT send to the class teacher. When completing an absent note we kindly ask that you please be specific in terms of reasons , if only 'unwell' or 'sick' is noted we will have to follow up further.

Parents are also reminded that students should not return until symptom free, regardless of whether they require a COVID test or not.

## No Access to School Premises

A reminder to all parents/visitors that you must gain approval before entering the school grounds, please contact the office (T: 9456 1655) and state your business before accessing the premises. All parents/visitors, including parents dropping off late and picking children up early MUST go straight to the office and sign in as a visitor and complete the 'External Visitors to School Site' form acknowledging their responsibilities to health and hygiene as well as leave their details for the purposes of contact tracing. If you are collecting a student early, please organise with the office staff prior to your arrival to have your child ready in the office, please do not collect your child from their classroom or the playground and please do not walk around the school grounds for any reason.

## 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.

<b>Term 4 2020</b>		
<b>November</b>		
Tuesday	3—24 November	Kinderlinks
Thursday	5—26 November	Kinderlinks
Friday	6—27 November	Kinderlinks
Monday	30 November	Stage 3 Surf Day
<b>December</b>		
Wednesday	2 December	Primary Presentation Day (3-6) students only
Monday	7 December	Infants Presentation Day (K-2) students only
Monday	7 December	Stage 3 Movie Day Excursion
Tuesday	8 December	Stage 3 Gibberagong Excursion
Monday	14 December	Stage 2 Gibberagong Excursion
Monday	14 December	Year 6 Farewell
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15 December</b>	<b>K-2 Fun Day</b>
Wednesday	16 December	Students last day

## Merit Awards

<b>KS</b>	Evie O, Ryan A	<b>KGM</b>	Jordan I, Sienna M	<b>KH</b>	Paityn H, Theo E
<b>1L</b>	Holly F, Lucas B	<b>1S</b>	Annabelle J, Sebastian M	<b>1/2F</b>	Ruby B, Amelia S, Jimmy W
<b>2C</b>	Max W, Luke P	<b>2D</b>	Maisie P, Sophie R	<b>3P</b>	
<b>3T</b>	Cooper G, Tara L	<b>4AV</b>	Riley W, Lucy E	<b>4LR</b>	Max S-Y, Olivia K
<b>5C</b>	Thomas B, Lily M, Hayden B	<b>5J</b>	Kieran M, Jed D, Veronica C	<b>5/6M</b>	Campbell D, Theo G
<b>6H</b>	Lily P, Tom O				



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# 60th Anniversary 2020 → 21

*Photo by Peter Svans*

*Provided by 1979 School Captain*

*Stephen Pickering*



## Asquith Boys High School

Our school has provided decades of public education for the upper north shore to the central coast.

**A weekend of events** to celebrate this is now planned for 10-12 September 2021 (due to COVID).

**A 60 Year Anniversary 'coffee table' book** is also being prepared, and contains hundreds of photos, illustrations, anecdotes, clippings and reports on school life from students, teachers and the wider community.

**For further information, please visit our website:**

[asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/old-boys-club](https://asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/old-boys-club)

**Or contact Chris Kent direct:**

[christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au)

Chris Kent, former student 1960-65, former teacher 1982-2005, editor Old Boys Newsletter since 2006.

# School Travel for 2021



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## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.



Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## **New Concession Entitlement Cards**

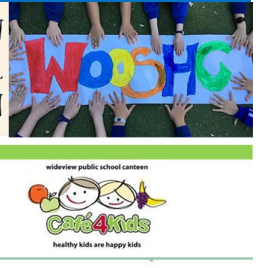
Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



**Email:** [wideviewpandc@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewpandc@gmail.com)



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## P&C Update

### Next P&C Meeting

Our P&C meetings have concluded for the year, the next one will be in 2021!

### Canteen Manager Job Advertisement

We are looking for someone to work Thursdays and Fridays running the Canteen. Michelle will continue to work on Wednesdays. This person will need to be able to cover all aspects of running a canteen including managing the volunteers, ordering stock, food handling, compliance, dealing with suppliers, serving food to the kids and other things. You will need to have excellent customer service skills. The role reports to the Canteen Committee and the P&C. We are hoping once things settle next year post COVID to be able to open the canteen more days so someone who has some flexibility in days would be beneficial. To find out more or apply please email [wideviewpandc@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewpandc@gmail.com).

### Wideview Uniform Shop News

#### Orders and Shop Opening hours

Due to Co-Vid restrictions the shop is open by appointment only.

The opening hours are:

Monday 2:30 – 3:00pm

Friday 9:30 – 10:30am

Please be in touch via email [wideviewuniform@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewuniform@gmail.com) or via the Facebook page to make an appointment.

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date:

<https://www.facebook.com/wideviewuniformshop>

#### Clothing Pool

All donations of good quality items are welcome. If you wish to donate clothing, please leave at the front office.

Our new hats and polar fleeces contain Smart Tags.

When you purchase, please pair the tag to your phone.

If the item is lost and placed in the lost property cupboard, you will receive an SMS alert letting you know your item is in the cupboard ready for collection.

## Exciting News!

Our school uniform  
is now SMART!

### Smart Tag Lost Property

How it works

1



Our jackets/jumpers  
now come with  
Smart Tags  
already attached.

2



Pair your Smart  
Tag to your  
phone with a  
single SMS.

3



Receive an automatic  
SMS alert when  
your item is placed  
in lost property.

 **RagTagd**

Exclusive to Spartan

 **SPARTAN**  
We Support You