



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

Please note that this is the last Newsletter for 2020!

I have received several requests for information about **when school will return to 'normal'**. This will depend entirely on what happens in terms of COVID-19 but if we continue on our current trajectory, I have been informed that we can expect an announcement of some sort from the NSW Department of Education during the school holidays.

As soon as we hear anything, we will pass it on to the school community. For now, all current school restrictions remain in place until the end of term, or until we are notified otherwise.

Thank you for your patience and great understanding.

Class Formations 2021

This procedure begins with the placement of students with the teachers who we believe will bring the very best out of each student. Every class must have a mixture of boys and girls and a mixture of ability groups. We take into account their relationships with their peers. Teachers know if 'best friends' can work productively in the same class or not. Some friendships are best suited to the playground only. There are no guarantees that they will have their closest friend in their class. We ensure that our students understand this from now. We seek your support to reassure your children that they will cope with their new class setting in 2021. The placement of our students in the appropriate class with the appropriate teacher and mix of students is our top priority. Whilst we consider academic results, more importantly we take into consideration student's social and emotional wellbeing. All classes offer a differentiated curriculum. This means that all classes will have ability groups within them. Our learning programs are designed to meet the needs of each ability group.

Covid - Safe Summer Packs

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

We will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow

Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#).

It's the Thought that Counts

Teachers love what they do because they enjoy guiding students to learn. I have had some parents ask whether it is appropriate to give their child's teacher a Christmas gift. The short answer - "yes". There is an old saying - "It is not the size of the gift that matters; it is the thought that counts". We do not expect nor want you to buy elaborate gifts for teachers. Children writing a message of thanks in a Christmas card or providing a small gesture to show their appreciation is the thanks teachers love to receive. A wonderful alternative to students giving their teachers letters/Christmas cards/small gifts would be by simply saying "thanks" before the end of term.

Helping your child

Many parents ask teachers at this time of year how they can help their child over the summer break. In addition to daily reading, we recommend that you talk to your child/ren about where you are going and what you are doing. Talking builds vocabulary which is vital for improving reading comprehension so that they understand what they are reading; and then the more specific, interesting and detailed words can be used when writing. We recommend that you view the 'will need to' comments in your child's Semester report for further information on the learning goals that have not been achieved – yet!

Thanks for Watching Over the School

With school holidays approaching, we would like to remind parents that schools are not appropriate places for children to play. In anticipation, we thank our neighbours and passers-by for keeping a watchful eye over the school. If you see any concerning activity during the holiday period, we ask that you contact the Security Unit on 1300 880 021.

Year 6 Students

Thanks to our Outgoing Year 6 Students, we will be celebrating the contributions that our senior students have made at our school when we recognise Year 6 students at their farewell. I have been incredibly proud of our 2020 Year 6 students who have endured a year like no other. They have missed out on many of the events that make Year 6 extra special, like Canberra, fun day, sporting events and performances. As a group they have continued to remain positive, show care and compassion, work hard, stay focused, display respect to staff and visitors, and be outstanding role models for the younger students. They have also maintained high work standards, balanced nicely with a wonderful sense of fun and creativity. On behalf of the entire school community, well done to our Year 6 students - enjoy your farewell and the last week of our fantastic school. We would like to thank the Farewell committee members for their hard work and support setting up

the celebration that meets the COVID guidelines. I'm sure it will be a special night for all of our Year 6 students. A special thanks to Mal Harpur and Chelsea Hefford for the long hours working to provide outstanding learning opportunities and extra-curricular activities for the children.

Kind regards,

Mr McTernan

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 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.

Term 4 2020		
December		
Monday	14 December	Stage 2 Gibberagong Excursion
Monday	14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday	15 December	K-2 Fun Day
Wednesday	16 December	Students' last day
Term 1 2021		
January		
Wednesday	27 January	Staff Development Day 1
Thursday	28 January	Staff Development Day 2
Friday	29 January	Students return - Years 1 - 6
Friday	29 January	Best Start 1 - Kindergarten 2021
February		
Monday	1 February	Swimming Carnival
Monday	1 February	Best Start 2 - Kindergarten 2021
Tuesday	2 February	Best Start 3 - Kindergarten 2021
Wednesday	3 February	Best Start 4 - Kindergarten 2021
Thursday	4 February	Kindergarten 2021 Begins
Tuesday	9 February	LJ Harper book pack orders close

Merit Awards

KS	Freddie R, Ashley P	KGM	Cooper B, Emily Y	KH	Emma H, Jed B
1L	Madeleine S, Harland A	1S	Addison P, Sam R	1/2F	Luke A, Billy C
2C	Mila M, Jake P	2D	Daphne L, Grace D	3P	Zara C, Luke B
3T	Maggie R, Samika H	4AV	Jack W, William K	4LR	Oli M, Issy G
5C	Jake A, Ava B	5J	Will J, Isla H, Lucy D	5/6M	Maeve C, Jade T
6H	Lincoln J, Madi R				



Wideview Public School Book Packs 2021

Book Pack Requirements	Price
Kindergarten: NSW Targeting Handwriting Student Book Yr K	\$16.95
Year 1: Targeting Mental Maths year 1 (AC New Ed), Writing Time Book 1, Brainy Bug Beginner's Dictionary	\$37.40
Year 2: Targeting Mental Maths Year 2, Writing Time Book 2	\$29.45
Year 3: Think Mentals 3, Writing Time Student Book 3	\$29.90
Year 4: Think Mentals 4, Writing Time Student Book 4	\$29.90
Year 5: Think Mentals 5	\$14.95
Year 6: Think Mentals 6	\$14.95

To guarantee delivery please place order prior to **Tuesday 9 February 2021.**

All Book packs will be **DELIVERED** to your Child's school and distributed on **Tuesday 16 February 2021.**

How to Order Online

SCHOOL CODE: LJWIDE

1. Go to the www.ljharper.com.au
2. Click on the yellow **'STUDENT PACKS'** button located at the top of the homepage
3. Click on **"Enter your school code"** then enter code: **LJWIDE** and click **"SEARCH"**
4. Select the **Year Group Pack** and/or items you would like to purchase and click **"PURCHASE"**
5. 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"**
6. 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"**.
7. 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**)
8. Your order has now been completed and you will receive a confirmation email from LJ Harper Books.

School Travel for 2021



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>

SCHOOL BUS TIMETABLE

www.transdevnsw.com.au
T: (02) 8700 0555



Opal, the only way to travel to and from school

Although some might have a free pass,
all students must tap on and tap off, every time
so we can adjust services if necessary.

Report lost, stolen, or damaged card immediately.

While waiting for the replacement Opal card, students must use a Child/Youth Opal card or purchase a Single Trip ticket.

Visit transportnsw.info/school-students or call **131 500**

Wideview Public School (Berowra Heights)

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Route Number	Departure Time	MORNING Route Description
597	08:15	<u>From Hornsby Interchange (Stand E)</u> via Route 597 (L) Yallambee (R) Gwandalan (R) Kywong (R) Redwood (R) Brambil (L) Kauri (L) Greenview (L) Geneva (R) Brambil (L) Yallambee (R) Anembo (L) Waratah (R) Crowley (L) Berowra Waters to Berowra Christian School (08:47) (R) Warrina (R) Hillcrest (R) Berowra Waters (L) Barnettts (L) Easton (R) Wyanna (L) Barnettts (L) Turner to Alston, return (L) Alan (R) Wideview to school (09:05)
8013	08:15	<u>From Brooklyn Wharf</u> via Brooklyn Road (L) Old Highway (R) Fraser (R) Chandler (L) Alberta (L) Park (L) Fraser (R) Old Highway (R) Berowra Waters (R) Gully then return (R) Berowra Waters (R) Hillcrest (R) Berowra Waters (R) Alan (L) Wideview to School (08:56)

Route Number	Departure Time	AFTERNOON Route Description
9012 597	15:22	<u>To Hornsby (Alston & Turner)</u> via Wideview (R) Alan (R) Turner to Alston, return Turner (L) Elizabeth (R) Woodcourt Hillcrest (L) Berowra Waters (R) Crowley (L) Waratah (R) Anembo (R) Yallambee, Gwandalan (R) Kywong (R) Redwood (R) Bambil (L) Kauri (L) Greenview (L) Geneva (R) Bambil (R) Yallambee (R) Pacific Highway becomes Route 597 to Hornsby Interchange (Stand E) (16:12)
9020	15:23	<u>To Brooklyn Wharf</u> via Wideview (L) Evelyn (R) Wideview (R) Alan, Berowra Waters (L) Barnettts (L) Easton (R) Wyanna (R) Barnettts, Berowra Waters (L) Warrina (R) Hillcrest (L) Berowra Waters (L) Gully to Mary Wall, return Gully (L) Berowra Waters (L) Old Highway (L) Fraser (R) View (R) Alberta (R) Chandler (L) Fraser (L) Old Highway (R) Brooklyn Road to Brooklyn Wharf (16:08)

Legend:

(L) Bus turns Left.

(R) Bus turns Right.

Route numbers in *Italic* refer to public bus services.

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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 February 2021!

Thank You

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our incredible staff for all their hard work this year. To all our volunteers, thank you for your contribution to making our school the fantastic place it is. 2020 was a challenging year, I hope everyone has a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

2019 School Fete Donation

As some of you may remember, we promised to donate a percentage of the funds raised from the fete last year to a rural NSW school. I'm pleased to advise that we recently sent some money to Moree East schools to buy jerseys for their Year 6 cohort.

Entertainment Book

There's a flyer later in the newsletter but there's a great deal for fundraisers at the moment where the school gets an extra percentage of the sales of each entertainment book. So, if you're looking for things to do with the kids over the holidays consider purchasing an entertainment book and supporting our P&C.

Wideview Uniform Shop News

Orders and Shop Opening hours for December 2020/January 2021

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

The opening hours until 16th December are as normal:

Monday 2:30 – 3:00pm

Friday 9:30 – 10:30am

Please be in touch via email wideviewuniform@gmail.com or via the Facebook page to make an appointment.

Deliveries will be made to classrooms as per normal until 16 December 2020. The shop will then be closed until Friday 22 January 2021.

School Holidays

If you wish to order uniforms over the school holidays, the Uniform shop on QKR! will remain open. Orders can be collected on Friday 22 January 2021 or Wednesday 27 January 2021 from 10-11am from the shop. No appointment needed.

If you order online, please place all your order in 1 child's name, this will make collection easier.

If you wish to come in to try on and purchase uniforms, the shop will be open Friday 22 January 2021 and Wednesday 27 January 2021 from 10-11am by appointment only. Please make an appointment by filling in a timeslot in the following document. The shop hours will be extended if needed.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15D8wIhJoKQevyCHpPzWXsw4LKYspEZia8zPT2EcRM6s/edit?usp=sharing>

All updates will be listed on our Facebook page

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

Regular shop hours and uniform deliveries to classrooms will resume on Friday 29 January 2021.

Clothing Pool

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



Size 4 Clearance Sale!

SPORTS HOUSE BUNDLE
1 x Sports Shirt (size 4)
1 x Chair Bag
\$27 (save \$3)
Order via QKR!
Until stock runs out.

Size 4 Clearance Sale!
ORDER ON QKR!
UNTIL STOCK RUNS OUT

DRESS BUNDLE
2 X SUMMER DRESSES (SIZE 4)
1 X SCRUNCHIE
\$87 (SAVE \$6)

GREY SHORT BUNDLE
2 X GREY SHORTS (SIZE 4)
2 X BLUE SHIRTS (SIZE 4)
2 X GREY STRIPE SOCKS (9-12)
\$94 (SAVE \$12)

NAVY SHORT BUNDLE
2 X NAVY SHORTS (SIZE 4)
2 X BLUE SHIRTS (SIZE 4)
\$90 (SAVE \$6)


wideview public school canteen



healthy kids are happy kids

CANTEEN NEWS

MORE LUNCH OPTIONS / MORE HEALTHY CHOICES




THANK YOU

To all amazing volunteers,

Thank you for all you have
done during this
challenging year!

Without you the bread
'literally' would not get
battered!



We need you
on 14 December!
Can you give us a
hand and help us
with the clean
up?

P&C is currently looking for a second person to
job share the Canteen Manager role in 2021.
Please contact Michelle Ricketts, Kath Edgar, or
Vikki Rogers if interested.

JOIN US

Merry Christmas
Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
full of fabulous food.
See you in 2021!



Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date:
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAFE4KIDS](https://www.facebook.com/cafe4kids)

Order Online



Easy with QKR, download, create profile and good to go!

A time for giving & getting together

Support us & buy today

Get into the holiday spirit & buy an Entertainment Membership to help us raise an **extra \$10** or **\$20** on top of the **20%** we already receive!



Get together to eat, play & have fun these **summer holidays**

LOOK HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAVE!



Takeaway lunch for 4
Member offer: **25% off**
Savings: **Up to \$40**



Family cinema pass
Member offer: **Special offer**
Savings: **Up to \$40**



Activity with the kids
Member offer: **2 for 1**
Savings: **\$16.50**



Meal and food box delivery
Member offer: **25% off**
Savings: **Up to \$80**

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