



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

School Holidays

Term 1 concludes today, Thursday 1 April 2021. I am sure that all of our staff, students and their families are looking forward to spending some well-earned, high quality down time together over the two week break to rest, refresh and recharge the batteries. Please be advised that the school is not open for the Share our Space program during the holidays. School resumes on Tuesday 20 April 2021 for all students. Any security concerns over the school holidays should be phoned into the School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021.

Covid-19 Update

As you would be aware, restrictions have been eased in NSW effective Monday 29 March. The Department of Education are working with NSW Health to finalise changes that will come into effect in NSW public schools from the commencement of Term 2. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Thank You Quality Teachers at Wideview

Thank you to all our Wideview teaching staff this term. As part of the new Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024, we are using many new evidence-based approaches with Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling, Creative and Critical Thinking Skills and Positive Behaviour for Engaging Learners (PBEL). Our staff have been completing extra professional learning modules in Numeracy to improve their own teaching skills and strategies with passion and enthusiasm. This will support and enhance student learning using explicit teaching practices to deepen student knowledge and ability to transfer learning.

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2022

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement for entry in 2022 is about to begin. Opportunity classes cater for high performance and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students.

Please note important dates below regarding the application process:

Tuesday 20 April 2021: Online applications open

Friday 7 May 2021: Online applications close (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

Wednesday 21 July 2021: Opportunity Class Placement Test

NAPLAN 2021

This is a national assessment across all schools including independent and Catholic schools. Our students participated in the NAPLAN practice test this week to test the technology. In 2021, the test will be administered over a two week period, beginning Tuesday 11 May. During class time, students have been learning the skills required in taking tests like NAPLAN, such as question reading, checking all answers in multiple choice questions and time management. This guidance will assist them to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding more successfully under test conditions.

Kiss and Drop Reminder

Please remember to always drive to the front of the Kiss and Drop Zone. Students in the afternoon will be waiting at the front of the zone for pick up. This helps our continuous flow of traffic and avoids accidents with cars moving in and out of spots.

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 to be collected. 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 absence note we kindly ask that you please be specific in terms of reasons , if only 'unwell' or 'sick' is noted the school will need to contact you for further information.**

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

Parents on site

We welcome and encourage parents to play a role in their child's education. Parents are not allowed to go into classrooms without permission as this is the teacher's working space. If at any time, you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher, please send an email to the school office. If you need to leave anything for the teacher, this can be left at the school office. Students are encouraged to hand in their own materials (such as homework books) once they have gone into class after the bell. This develops the student's independence. The office hours are from 8:40am-3:30pm .

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 2021		
April		
Thursday	1 April	Last day of Term 1
Term 2 2021		
April		
Tuesday	20 April	Students return
Friday	23 April	Colour Fun Run

Merit Awards

KGM	Shrey G, Leia H	KH	Avina S, Lochie S	KS	Theo A, Sarah D
1P		1S	Cooper B, Sophia B	1/2F	Sienna M, Max G
2C	Leo D, Maddie S	2D	Louella S, Eli G	3H	Isabel T, Amelia S
3T		4LA	Lucy V, Darcy E, Cooper G	4/5AV	Mikey W, Sasha T
5C	Amber E, Ruby L	5/6J	Miles T, Sami G	6H	Hamilton S, Veronica C
6L					



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P&C Update

Next P&C Meeting Monday 15 April (pupil free day) in the library, this will be our last meeting before the AGM in May.

SLIME!!

What a fun afternoon in the hall on Monday after the Easter Hunt. Our top 10 fundraisers got to do some sliming! Huge thanks to Mr McTernan, Mr Coleman, Mr Harpur, and Scarlett and Jack, our two school captains, for being such good sports and volunteering to be slimed, I think they secretly all had a good fun. Thanks to our photographers for both sliming events, Rachel, Mel and Sally. Thanks to Kiri and Lynsey for organising the slime.



Colour Run

Just a reminder the colour run will be held at the end of week one Term 2, Friday 23 April. At this point the system will close and you will then be able to go in and order prizes, you cannot order prizes before the fundraising closes on 23 April. This means there are still 3 weeks left to keep fundraising! We still have about 1/3 of the school who haven't set up an account or done any fundraising. We are asking all children to get involved and raise at least \$10 each. We would love to come back from the holiday break to see all 405 children at Wideview have signed up or have donated via the P&C Building Fund. This will be our major fundraiser for the year as there will be no fete this year. Please put your efforts into last minute fundraising for the colour run.

Bakers Delight Easter Drive

Thanks to Liz for coordinating the Easter Drive this year, with support from Megan and Kiri. Thanks to our families who purchased, it's great to give back to Bakers Delight who support us with bread for the canteen.

Easter Eggs

Thanks to Karen Francis for yet again organising the Easter Eggs so that each of the students received a treat for the Easter Hunt.

P&C AGMs

The Annual General Meeting for the P&C will be held on Monday 17 May, much earlier than previous years, and will be held in May going forward. As a result, all P&C Subcommittees (Band, Uniform, Canteen and WOOSHC) will hold their AGM's prior to this date. All volunteer positions will be vacated with nomination for the roles opened up and then a vote to occur. At the AGM we ratify the nomination and voting process from the Subcommittee AGMs. As we have dates and times for the subcommittee AGMs will share them. Having been in our roles for over 4 years now, both Karen Francis, as Chair of WOOSHC and Band, and me, as President, will be stepping down from our positions and will not be standing for re-election. All members who wish to remain P&C members and have voting roles will need to repay their 50c at the May meeting. We thank everyone who has been a volunteer and P&C member for the past 12 months.

WOOSHC AGM

The WOOSHC AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 May at 6.30pm in the WOOSHC building. All welcome.

