



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

It was great to see so many parents that came along to our Meet the Teacher sessions last week. A big thank you to our Teachers and Assistant Principals for the thought and effort that went into preparing and presenting the learning overviews. Thank you to the parents for partnering with us to engage in your child/ren's learning. If you missed the evening session you can contact your child's teacher for any handouts .

Keeping our Community Safe

A big thank you is extended to every parent and carer who models good road safety practices to the children, particularly around our school at busy drop off and pick up times. Sadly, school zones present an extra layer of danger due to the volume of road traffic, the inexperience of children and because so many people are in a hurry. Your children see and imitate the behaviour of others, so the wonderful care you take now may save a life one day! Another way to assist is to park away from the school, taking the opportunity to walk part of the way, which would help reduce congestion.

High Standards of Uniform & Attendance

Thank you to all our families for their ongoing support to ensure that our students are always dressed in full school uniform. The wearing of school uniform instils a sense of pride, creates a unified community and improves school spirit.

Going to school every day provides the opportunity for best school results and positive social experiences. It is imperative that students arrive to school on time as it allows children to be part of the daily school routines, not miss out on important information presented at the beginning of the lesson and settle into school routine a lot better. The school encourages families to take vacations during the school break. For any vacation where the student is absent from school for more than 10 days, parents are required to complete an application for extended leave available from the school office no later than 2 weeks prior to travel. Please note that documentation also needs to be attached to the application form upon submission.

Textbooks

The students are using their textbooks in their classrooms. They have been distributed to all students who have paid. A number of students have not paid for their textbooks, these can still be ordered online through LJ Harper, please forward a copy of the receipt to the office and a pack will be delivered to class.

Anaphylaxis

Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented a number of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person's breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. It is estimated that up to 400,000 (2%) Australians, including 1 in 20 children suffer from food allergies and some of them will experience a life-threatening (anaphylactic) reaction. Symptoms of food allergy can include:

Mild to Moderate Symptoms	Severe reaction Anaphylaxis
Tingle of the mouth	Difficult/noisy breathing
Hives, welts, body redness	Swelling of the tongue
Vomiting, abdominal pain	Swelling or tightness in the throat
Swelling of face, lips , eyes	Wheeze or persistent cough
	Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
	Persistent dizziness or collapse

To learn more about anaphylaxis and food allergies, go to <https://allergyfacts.org.au/>

Please consider the child with food allergy when packing your child's lunch or when sending in food for any special occasion, including birthdays, special events and school excursions. We understand that dairy products are a component of a healthy diet for children and that children will consume dairy products at school. Foods that 'May contain traces of various foods' are fine for the non-allergic students to consume at school as long as they do not share food.

Permission Notes and Payments

As you can appreciate there is a lot of organisation needed to make events such as excursions and incursions run as smoothly as possible: students need to be confirmed so that teachers know who is attending · numbers submitted prior to the date, deposits to organisations made, non-attending students need to be allocated to appropriate learning areas, payments need to be processed and reconciled, transport organised when applicable. The school appreciates your prompt attention to payments made and permission notes returned on time in order to assist for organisational purposes. If there are any financial difficulties, please contact me so alternate arrangements can be made.

COVID Safe Procedures

The COVID-19 acknowledgement process and visitor sign-in **has now** consolidated into two steps:

Step 1 – Sign in using the school iPad

By doing so, you agree with the responses in the acknowledgement section of the **COVID-19 requirements for visitors**.

Step 2 – Check in with QR code

All visitors must check in using the Service NSW COVID Safe Check-in QR code, the office staff will need to process manually if you do not have this set-up already. Visitors, contractors and service providers must do both steps to ensure their safety and the safety of others while on school sites.

Access to the school is still limited. If you are entering the school grounds for any reason it is mandatory that all visitors present to the office and follow the steps for check-in.

If you are collecting your child/ren for an early departure we ask that you please call the office prior to your arrival so it can be arranged for them to meet you in the office, please do not go to their classrooms.

Regards,

Mr McTernan

Premier's Reading Challenge. Ready, set...

The Premier's Reading Challenge is almost upon us for 2021. The Challenge begins on 1 March, which is Monday next week! The challenge is a fantastic way to encourage and support extensive reading of quality books. When the challenge is combined with students borrowing books from the library, reading books in class and supported by you at home, the students discover the wonders of reading.

The basic rules are:

Kindergarten to Year 2 – students must read **30** books (including 25 from the PRC list)

Years 3 to 6 – students must read **20** books (including 15 from the PRC list)

Parents and carers need to log all the books their child read on the PRC website.

Information, including book lists, reading logs and rules, is all found at the address below:

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

The PRC ends on 20 August 2021.

Happy reading!

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.



NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens Monday March 1

Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft



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 widerview-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.

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		
March		
Thursday	4 March	Interrelate Year 5
Friday	5 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday	11, 18 & 25 March	Interrelate Year 6
Friday	19 March	Colour Fun Run
Monday	29 March	Easter Hat Parade
Tuesday	30 March	Florimo Cup—Montview Oval
April		
Thursday	1 April	Last day of Term 1
Term 2 2021		
April		
Tuesday	20 April	Students return

Merit Awards

KGM	Jed R, Emily W	KH	Charlie W, Chaise W	KS	Jordan S, Emily F
1P		1S	Paityn H, Savvy B	1/2F	Beau F, Alina T
2C	Arlen D, Maddy A	2D	Noah M, Hannah S	3H	
3T		4LA		4/5AV	Darcy S, Matilda T
5C	Cohen J, Marli F	5/6J		6H	James L, Isabelle B
6L		Library			



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P&C Update

Next P&C Meeting Monday 15 March in the library

Colour Run – 19 March

All the kids should have their colour run info come home by now and hopefully most of you have set up your fundraising accounts and started fundraising. We've set an ambitious target this year which we're hoping we can achieve, if not exceed. The day is going to be so much fun; we'll have some sneak peaks of the obstacles coming out in the lead up so keep an eye out in the newsletter or on our Facebook page / in the year fb groups.



The School Fun Run have been running these events across Australia successful for the past few years. They actually found despite COVID schools were able to raise more money than previously. Their marketing formula works, and the ability to raise funds online proves to be successful and on average, nationally, each child raises \$120, if we could manage this average it would be a phenomenal fundraiser for the school raising close to \$50,000!

Imagine what we could do with that money!

Share the link to your Facebook page, email relatives, chat to your friends and families. Every dollar counts. Get creative! We hear there's one creative Mum who has organised a high tea and donating the proceeds raised to the colour run!

In the meantime, our wonderful Colour Run team are working hard behind the scenes to ensure the day is a success and a fun 2021 day to remember for all involved.

As well as the kids earning prizes for raising money, there will be a prize for the class that raises the most money. As I write this on Tuesday evening, 1S is currently in the lead, very closely followed by KH with 4/5AV, KGM and 2D hot on their heels. We have 3 classes not even on the board at the moment.

We're quite low on participation rates at the moment (Tuesday). The kindergarten classes have the most people signed up so far but still less than half the kids in kindy are signed up. Most classes have on average 5 people signed up. It will be great to have every child in the school signed up and trying to raise funds for our school!!

Despite our low participation rates, we have so far raised over \$3,000! This is amazing. If every child signs up and raises money, we will raise an amazing amount of money for our school.

