



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

Everyone Belongs at Wideview

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. We celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Week occurs in March each year and includes 21 March, the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The ongoing theme of Harmony Week is 'everyone belongs'. By participating in Harmony Week activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. **In support of this students can choose to wear something orange tomorrow, 19th March, to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.**

Easter Hunt—Monday, 29 March

This years' Easter Hat parade will be replaced with an Easter Hunt. The hunt will involve orienteering, where each class will follow a map and hop around the school reading clues that lead them to different places, the final place being where they will collect their class basket of chocolate eggs which will be provided by the P&C.

If your child would like to decorate and wear an Easter Hat for the hunt they are welcome to wear it on the day. Please note that due to continuing COVID restrictions there will be no Easter Hat Parade and parents will not be able to participate in the hunt.

Medical Needs

Principals are required to request an immunisation certificate at enrolment. If this is not provided then children may be considered to be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease or if they come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease, even if there is no outbreak at the school. Please ensure that you communicate with office staff and your child's teacher if there has been an update regarding your child's health. Students with asthma should have an asthma management plan provided by a GP. All medication provided to the school needs to be promptly replaced when old medications have expired. Thanking you for your support in helping to keep our students safe.

End of Term burnout

The end of term has approached very quickly and some of our students may be feeling 'out of sorts'. Many of our Kindergarten and some of the older children may be thinking... 'I've done school now, that's enough for me'.

This is not uncommon. Here are some handy tips which might help parents to refocus their children.

Be positive: Speak positively about school, while also listening to children's concerns and reassuring them that it is ok to feel the way they do. Tell them this feeling is short term and will often pass.

Keep them informed: Answer their questions honestly and appropriately for their age.

Practise routines: Allow them to manage their own belongings, establish routines; e.g . when you come home from school you will ... play time is... bed time is ... etc.

Promote problem solving: Talk with your child about what they would do in different situations, such as when they are in class, on the playground, at the park, on a play date, overnight visits etc.

Listen: Make sure your child has opportunities to talk about school, friends, activities but don't overwhelm them with questions. Don't be surprised if they're not very responsive or if they tell you they did nothing and played with no one. When they're ready they will talk.

Get involved: Having parents and carers who are involved in a child's education and school community can help them develop a sense of belonging.

Celebrate: Take time to celebrate success stories, with the whole family.

Stop feeling guilty: Do the best you can, within your lifestyle. Whilst there are many opportunities our children are offered they don't have to participate in them all. You are the parent, you make the decision.

Check-In Assessments

The Check-In Assessments have been designed by the Department of Education to supplement existing school assessment practices in reading and numeracy. Much like NAPLAN, these assessments aim to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students in Years 4 & 6 will have completed these assessments in 2020 also, providing an opportunity to take a closer look at progress between Year 3 and 4.

Term 1 and 2 Correction

Term 1 finishes for everyone on Thursday, 1 April and Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday, 20 April. Term 2 will finish for everyone on Friday, 25 June. Please make sure you note these on your calendar.

Student Safety

This year more than ever, I have received communication from the community of concerns about near misses of children and cars. It would appear some children are not using the designated crossings between the school and their homes to cross roads safely. We teach road safety and advise children of the safe manner to cross roads. However, it requires good role modelling and reinforcing from you to become entrenched behaviour. We respectfully seek your support, to help us help your children.

Regards,
Mr McTernan

STRENGTHENING OUR CONNECTION TO COUNTRY

At Wideview, we are proud of our Indigenous history on Darug country.

We are seeking First Nations People to work with us towards a stronger connection to country. This could be anything from sharing knowledge and information with us, to volunteering and presentation opportunities within the school.

If you or someone else in the wider community would be of any assistance, please contact Miss Hefford - chelsea.hefford4@det.nsw.edu.au

Trash-Free Tuesday Class Challenge

The class with the most “trash-free” lunchboxes next Tuesday will earn the right to call themselves Wideview’s Waste-Free Warriors. They will also earn a bonus 15 minute recess (at a time of their teacher’s choosing).

Talk to your Mums, talk to your Dads, or even better- make your own lunch!

Rethink the way you package your food.

Can you use a reusable container? Can you bring fresh fruit and vegetables? Can you buy food in bulk and portion it into smaller containers? Could you bake something fresh at home?

Does your class have what it takes to go trash-free?

Round 1 begins on Tuesday!

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 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.

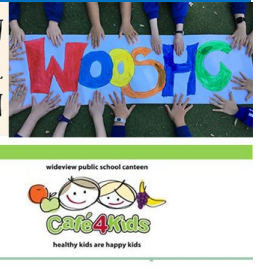
School Calendar

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	11, 18 & 25 March	Interrelate Year 6
Friday	19 March	Colour Fun Run
		Harmony Day Assembly
Monday	29 March	Easter Hunt (no parade)
Tuesday	30 March	Florimo Cup— St Ives Showground
April		
Thursday	1 April	Last day of Term 1
Term 2 2021		
April		
Tuesday	20 April	Students return

Merit Awards

KGM	Ollie J, Zoe K	KH	Jack M, Selina H	KS	Olivia A, Rumi L
1P		1S		1/2F	
2C	Sam R, Freddy L	2D	Jimmy W, Axl A	3H	Sam I, Maisie P
3T		4LA	Zara C, Zak G, Samika H	4/5AV	Charlie H, Keira F
5C		5/6J	Talia R, Hanna L	6H	Issy F, Tyana W
6L	Kaelem A, Annabelle S	Library			



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P&C Update

Next P&C Meeting Monday, 15 April in the library

Colour Run is TOMORROW!!!!

A weather update will be sent out via the school app by 10am.

The excitement in the team is high, we're all set to go. Our volunteers are ready, and we've got our fingers and toes crossed that the weather is good. If the weather is inclement, we will make a last-minute decision Friday morning.

The fundraising has been great this week!! Thank you to each and every parent who has signed up their child/ren, shared it with family and friends, shared it on Facebook. Don't forget that all donations are now **tax deductible**! Yes, that's right, all donations are tax deductible! Unfortunately, those who made donations prior to the Colour Run changing our tax-deductible status won't have a tax-deductible donation.

This will be our major fundraiser for the year as with COVID it was too much of a gamble to organise a fete so there will be no fete this year. Please put your efforts into last minute fundraising for the colour run. At this stage, the fundraising will be open until 26 March.

Don't forget you will need to send your child in a white t-shirt for the day. If you don't already have one, head up to Kmart or Target to see what they have.

What do the winners get? Slime the Principal for the top 5 and a Tablet for the highest fundraiser!

The top 5 are moving quickly and we've got some last-minute contenders coming through.... I think it may come down to the wire! Due to timing issues on Friday, we have had to postpone the slime the Principal which will now be held on the last day of term in the hall. We're still keeping the top 5 as at Thursday 18 March at 5pm as the winners of this. We have the Lenovo tablet as the prize for the top fundraiser at the end of the fundraising period. The top 3 are changing every few hours... It will be a close contest.

Class Prizes

It's still a close competition at the moment with 1S in the lead by a couple of hundred dollar, 4/5AV and 3T have been battling for second place, then 3H and 4LA making a late surge. I look forward to seeing which

class will win a birthday bucket from the canteen and have a mufti day as a reward for raising the money. I know the P&C Executive have had some competition between our classes, all riling each other up and to whose class is going to raise the most money.

Where are we at overall....

Our average number of profiles per class has increased this week and we have an average of 15 kids per class signed up. 3T have the most kids signed up with 25. A total of 266 kids have an online profile, with 228 of those are fundraising online. We have over 400 children at Wideview and we've had an amazing surge this week of kids signing up, it would be awesome to have every child signed up and having raised even just \$10 to assist cover our costs. We have 3 children battling it out for first place at the moment, both have raised over \$500 each, amazing! Even if you can only raise \$10 it still goes towards the school, we would love for every child to be involved and support the school. If you'd like to make a donation but don't want to get the prizes or sign up please let us know, we can organise this!! Email wideview-pandc@gmail.com or DM us on Facebook.

Students with Asthma

All students with asthma management plans/medication as advised by parents to the school will be provided with a wrist band so that they are easily identifiable on the day.

Students Asthma medication will be in a central easily accessible location on the school oval.

Powder will be squirted on students with asthma lower on the waist or back.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in any part of the colour run please let your class teacher know ASAP.

P&C AGM – change of timing

More on this next week but due to regulatory issues, we have had to move our Annual General Meeting from October to May. This means all the roles will be vacated and opened up for elections. All subcommittees will be holding their AGMs in advance of the P&C AGM. Stay tuned for more information.

Wideview Uniform Shop News

Orders and Shop Opening hours

Due to COVID restrictions the shop is still 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 or via the Facebook page to make an appointment.

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date at <https://www.facebook.com/wideviewuniformshop>

New stock of polar fleeces and bomber jackets has arrived.



Our new hats, polar fleeces and bomber jackets 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



Exclusive to Spartan



How it works

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Our jackets/jumpers now come with Smart Tags already attached.
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Pair your Smart Tag to your phone with a single SMS.
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Receive an automatic SMS alert when your item is placed in lost property.

Clothing Pool

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

18 MARCH 2021

wideview public school canteen



healthy kids are happy kids

CANTEEN NEWS

MORE LUNCH OPTIONS / MORE HEALTHY CHOICES

Recess Orders

Students collect their recess orders from the canteen themselves.

Canteen Stats!

Chicken nuggets are the most popular item this term!

Orange Quarters



Cheese Sticks



Cucumbers Carrots Or Mixed



Available RECESS and LUNCH

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