



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

Goodbye with regret

Every journey ends and mine as Principal will draw to its close at the end of the term. It is not easy to leave a place to which I am so deeply devoted, but I believe the school is well-prepared to transition to new leadership and to seek new opportunities to better serve our students. The decision was not an easy one because of my deep commitment to Wideview, its students, its staff, and to the greater community that supports our vision. My passion for teaching and love for students has not subsided.

As I drive onto our marvellous site everyday I was excited to see students growing and flourishing! Not everyone can say they look forward to going to work each day, but I have been blessed with a passion for my career and have been fortunate to work beside dedicated staff who are truly committed.

A big thank you to all the families and staff past and present that have supported me and continue to support Wideview. I would like to thank all of you for making my time so special. I am humbled by the fact that parents have entrusted a portion of their child's education with me. I was very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be Principal at Wideview. It is a wonderful and caring community and I have many fond memories that I will take away with me.

There will be a new principal appointed at a future date but to ensure a seamless transition I will take some leave to enable the new person to get a feel for the school and to develop a clear understanding of the school's directions and vision.

I can honestly say I have loved every moment at this school and the magnificent support from the school community. Your willingness to accept ideas and directions with absolute trust in our reasoning has enabled our school to flourish.

Limited COVID-19 Restrictions Still Apply

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and provide a copy to the school, and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and have been tested should self-isolate until a negative

result is received. Location of testing clinics are available via the NSW COVID-19 testing clinics website. All visitors to the school site must be well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and the 1.5m physical distancing requirements.

Kiss and Drop

Please be sure to follow the expectations of the Kiss and Drop Zone as a courtesy to other drivers. The Kiss and Drop Zone is an area on Wideview Rd that enables you to drop your child off safely and quickly. The intention is that drivers do not wait in these zones so that traffic queues are minimised. In reality it only takes a few inconsiderate drivers to overstay in the zones and the system breaks down, leading to frustration and delays.

- The Kiss and Drop Zone is a "No Parking" area. The maximum stay is two minutes.
- Move to the front to make room for others.
- Drivers should remain with their vehicles at all times.
- When you leave home or school, ensure children are in their seats with their bags with them.
- Make sure children use the footpath side of the door when getting in and out of the car.
- Talk to older children with mobile phones to pay attention to cars pulling in, rather than looking down at their phones, as this slows the process.

Reconciliation Week, 27 May - 3 June

Next week is Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation week aims to create a reconciled, just and equitable community for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. It aims to inform, support and inspire people to engage in reconciliation. The most significant part of Australia's rich cultural identity stems from our nation's First Peoples. Aboriginal Education is an important part of our national curriculum, and focuses on how we best support the personalised learning journeys of Aboriginal students as well as the skills, knowledge, understanding, values and attitudes that we want all students to hold with regard to Aboriginal histories and cultures.

Throughout each year, teachers incorporate Aboriginal history and culture into their teaching plans to ensure students have a deep perspective and understanding of the ongoing impact and influence Aboriginal Australians have nationally and internationally. In addition to teaching and learning experiences, our school authentically builds an 'Acknowledgment of Country' at our assemblies and whenever we host meetings. An Acknowledgement of Country is an opportunity for everyone to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. At Wideview Public School, we acknowledge that we meet, play and learn on traditional Aboriginal land, the land of the Dhurag people, we pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal students, staff and visitors to our school.

Infant Bathroom upgrade

You will have noticed by now the work that is taking place on the infant's bathrooms. The old bathrooms have been gutted and initial work has begun for the installation of our upgraded bathrooms. We look forward to these structures being completed and the additional work around the school commencing soon. Although there will be some temporary changes to our school routines, the most important aspect is that students, staff and the community are safe while the work is being completed and that we can continue with teaching and learning and that in the end we will have wonderful new facilities to use. The executive staff

will constantly monitor the building work and any impact it will have during school time and make appropriate and considered changes. If you are moving through the school, please avoid the areas where work is occurring.

Regards,
Mr McTernan

Cross Country Ribbons

Cross Country Ribbons will be handed out at tomorrow's school assembly.

STEM Garden: Vertical Gardens

How can we make late 60's architecture cool? More importantly, make it feel cooler in summer, warmer in winter?

Why is this important as we consider the impact on climate change on our community? How can we modify our homes and schools to make them more sustainable? What are the benefits of lowering our carbon footprint? Can we become carbon neutral? Your children will ponder these questions when using the vertical gardens learning space at Wideview Public School.



By creating vertical gardens on the western-side of our classrooms, we want to lower the ambient temperature in our classrooms and also use less electricity to cool or heat our classrooms. This wall of living green can be used to reduce the heat stored in the bricks - making it cooler in summer, warmer in winter. A wall full of flowers to mark the seasons, a series of apartment blocks for our smaller creatures to call home or a vista for all those who pass by to admire, inspire or question.

Our vertical gardens would also give our students another place to learn. Think about the STEM activities our students can engage in as they:

- monitor temperature inside the classroom,
- calculate the water required to irrigate our wall
- study the interactions that the wall encourages
- discover which plants thrive in these conditions.

We plan to start with F Block (Year 1).

Mr Parks
STEM Garden coordinator

Soccer/Football Parent Helpers Urgently Needed

Thankfully, this season no parent transportation is needed to get our students to our home games at Berowra Oval!! However we will need some wonderful parent volunteers to pick up our 4 portable goals and cones/corner posts to mark out the 2 fields.

If you can help out on those home games it would mean picking up the gear around 11 am and bringing it back to school after the matches.

If you can help out please contact Mr Thomas, Mrs Lukachich or the school office!! They can give you a run down on how the setup works! Thank you!

SRC - Adopt an Animal

Please help the SRC adopt an animal by wearing mufti and bringing a gold coin donation on Tuesday, 15 June.

Our mufti theme is ANIMALS. Students are encouraged to wear animal themed clothing like animal prints, animal logos or the colours of their favourite animal.

This is a very exciting opportunity for Wideview Public school, to adopt an animal from Taronga Zoo (not to live at our school of course, but to sponsor for one whole year).

Our adoption will fund Taronga's work with research and education programs, focusing on endangered species in Australia and around the world, as well as assist with the conservation, breeding and preservation of wild animals and their habitats.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will get to vote for one of the seven different animals. These include the Bilby, Koala, Tasmanian Devil, Sumatran Tiger, Asian Elephant, Red Panda and Meercat.

SRC students have been busy making informative posters about each of these 7 animals to put up around the school. The animal with the most votes, will be announced on the last day of school at assembly in Week 10.

SRC students will keep the school updated on our adopted animal. A small display with a framed photo will be put in the office foyer.

Our goal is to raise \$250. This is achievable, if each family sends in a gold coin donation.

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.

Years 3 to 6 Winter Sports

Reminder for all Years 3 to 6, canteen lunches need to be ordered via the new menu in QKR! - Primary Friday Sport

HZSS (formerly PSSA)

First games start approx. 12.45pm last games finish approx. 2.30pm

Round 4, 28 May Venues

Netball	Football/Soccer	AFL
vs Warrawee at Warrawee School	vs Warrawee at Auluba	Foxglove Oval: Jnr & Snr Boys Parklands Oval: All age girls & boys/mixed

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 2 2021		
May		
Monday	31 May	Stage 1 - Zoo Excursion
June		
Friday	4 June	Area Cross Country
Thursday	10 June	Florimos
Tuesday	15 June	SRC—Mufti Day for Zoo animal
Tuesday	22 June	Cultural Infusion - NAIDOC Week Incursion
Friday	25 June	Last day of Term 2
Term 3 2021		
July		
Tuesday	13 July	Students Return

Merit Awards

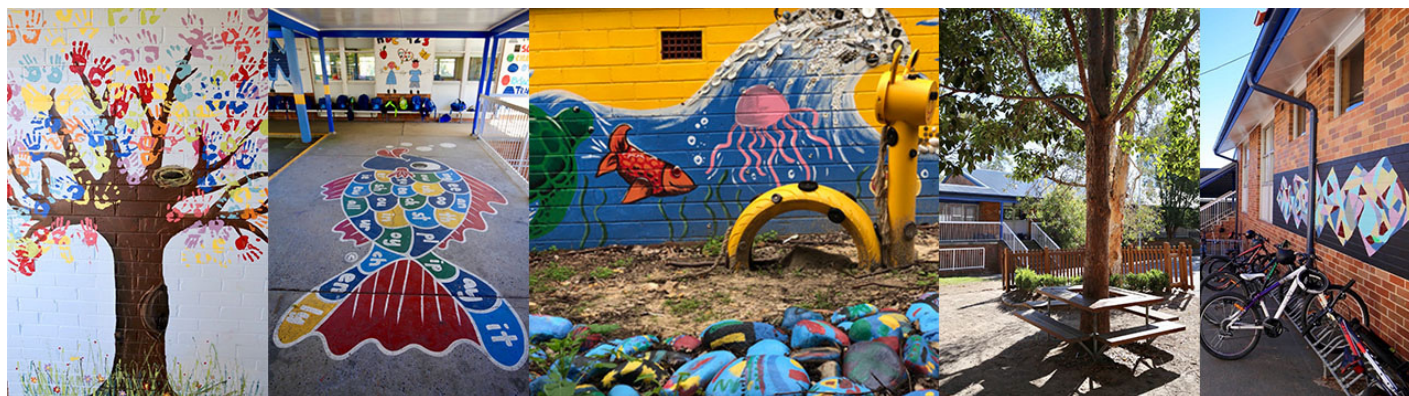
KGM	Saskia C, Billy R	KH		KS	Emily F, Jack I
1P	Nawa N, Hunter M, Evie O	1S	Angus P, Freja M	1/2F	Harland A, Alanna B
2C	Billy C, Jono M	2D	Noah M, Hannah S	3H	Damian S, Leila B, Poppi B
3T		4LA	Hayley M, Lucy V, Toby	4/5AV	Lily Q, Doug O
5C	Milla V, Rachel A	5/6J	Jemimah S, Oliver K	6H	Laura B, Hayden B
6L	Luke R, Zara R				

KINDERGARTEN 2022

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School Tours

Wideview Public School is a community school located in a pleasant bushland setting in Berowra Heights.

The school maintains a strong community partnership and provides quality education in a safe, happy and nurturing environment.

Families interested in enrolling at Wideview Public School for 2022 are invited to attend a personal tour of the school.

Please contact the school office, via phone only, to book a school tour and /or to request an information pack.

Tours will be offered on the following dates:

Monday 31st May
Tuesday 1st June
Tuesday 8th June
Wednesday 9th June
Wednesday 16th June
Thursday 17th June





Email: wideviewpandc@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/WideviewPublicSchoolPandCEvents/

P&C Update

Next P&C Meeting Monday, 21 June in the library

P&C AGM

We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday, 17 May – thank you to those who braved the plunging temperatures to be a part of it!

We are happy to introduce you to the Executive team elect from Monday night:

Secretary: Edwin Tomlins

Treasurer: Steve Smith

Vice Presidents: Kath Edgar & Amy Cosier

President: Shayne Sommer

We also filled our positions across our subcommittees for Canteen, WOOSCH, Uniform Shop and Band.

In recognition of your contribution and in reference to National Volunteers Week (17-23 May) - a huge thank you to all our current and departing office holders – all members of the P&C are volunteers and the organisation could not operate without your dedication and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all appointed office holders.

P&C members contribute to the school in many ways, joining is a great way to support your child's education. Joining is easy, just deposit \$1.00 into the P&C bank account (preferred) or via Qkr! and come along to help us help our school.

Join us for our next meeting on 21 June, 2021 in the library – we'll be looking at planning our fundraising activities for the coming year, and also have a presentation from some of our teachers in relation to the Gallup Report.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Shayne Sommer, P&C President

Wideview Uniform Shop News

Shop Opening hours

Monday 2:30 – 3:30pm

Friday 8:45 – 10:00am

Please sign in when you visit the shop.

Contact Details

Email wideviewuniform@gmail.com

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

Clothing Pool

All donations of good quality items are welcome. If you wish to donate clothing, please bring to the shop during opening hours or leave at the front office.

Friday 28 May only



Normal shop hours and classroom deliveries resume Monday 31 May



CANTEEN NEWS

MORE LUNCH OPTIONS / MORE HEALTHY CHOICES



Volunteers needed on Wednesdays.

Please sign up at : <https://signup.com/go/QVRLpXA>

Lunch, a drink and fun times included!



You can order up to 2 weeks in advance on QKR? Give it a go!

Please note from Wed 2nd June the order cutoff will be 8:45am.



NEW recycling for uncrushed bottles/cans/poppers!

Please let your kids know to place theirs in the box at the canteen.



Birthday Bucket - \$15 which includes Quelch Icy Tubes for everyone in the class plus a \$2 voucher to spend at the canteen

CANTEEN presents

Bluey Strawberry



Oak Strawberry



Oak Chocolate



Bluey Chocolate



Available Recess and Lunch

\$2 each



Cheesy Melt !
Cream cheese melted
in a warm toasted roll.
\$2
Available recess & lunch!



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