



# Wideview Public School

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## Messages from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are halfway through the final term of 2023 with a busy five weeks to go. Students have been working hard in class, teachers are busily preparing Semester 2 student reports and EOY events are being finalised. Not to mention, Kinder 2023 students and families are enjoying the Kinderlinks program, many Year 5 students are preparing speeches for leadership positions and our wonderful Year 6 students and families are generously donating prizes for the Snowball Raffle.

## Remembrance Assembly

Please join us this Friday, 11 November at 10:45am as our student leaders lead us in our school's Remembrance assembly service.

## Creative Arts Night

Our band, dance and drama students are on the countdown to the Creative Arts Night coming up on Thursday, 1 December. We can't wait to be entertained by our talented creative arts students and cheer them on as they shine on the stage.

## Selective High School Test Information - Year 5 students in 2022 for High School in 2024

Applications close 16 November 2022. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 4 May 2023. The Selective High School Placement Test has been designed to allow students to demonstrate their abilities across a range of areas, including reading, mathematical reasoning, thinking skills and writing.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the application process.

Please access the online application and further information here: <https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>

## Mini Makeover continues

Paintworks across the school have continued this term with the remaining internal spaces being painted. External areas of the school are scheduled to be painted over the coming term or throughout the holiday period. We are also having some classrooms, WOOSHC, library and administration building recarpeted. We aim to have the carpet works completed over the Summer break to avoid disruption to our students.

## Wideview is joining the 'Adopt a Cop' Program

Our local Police unit has contacted our school with a new program they are implementing across local school settings.

As a school we 'adopt a cop'. We would like to welcome 'our cop' to our community, Leading Senior Constable Mitch. As his profile reads, he loves to snowboard in his time off. Senior Constable Mitch will visit our school when he is rostered and available during a break time of the school day. This could be before school starts or during recess and lunch times. The aim of the program is for Senior Constable Mitch to be out in the open areas of the school grounds. This could be walking around, kicking, hitting or throwing a ball and just mingling with our students.

Senior Constable Mitch won't be calling to say he is coming, he will just turn up to our school and be in the grounds when he can. Not making a committed time avoids disappointment if for some reason police are required urgently, and can't attend our school. Senior Constable Mitch will always come with a friend – so students will be seeing a regular face and a new face on each visit.



### **INTRODUCING OUR COP – Leading Senior Constable Mitch**

**ABOUT Mitch – Mitch has been in the Police for 8 years. On his days off he likes to go snow-boarding.**

## Berowra APEX/Salvation Army Hornsby Christmas Toy Drive

Wideview Public School is proud to be supporting the Berowra APEX/Salvation Army Hornsby Christmas Toy Drive. Families in our amazing community are welcome to assist with toy donations.

APEX have delivered a donation box to our Admin reception. Students and families are encouraged to drop off any presents there.

The Salvation Army has advised that all presents must be new and unwrapped to meet their protocols. The APEX team will be collecting the gifts between 6-7 December, to enable the Salvation Army to make deliveries in time for Christmas.

Any support is always greatly appreciated, and if you would like to know more about the drive, you can always contact the Berowra APEX club directly on [info@berowraapex.org.au](mailto:info@berowraapex.org.au).



## Play and Chat

Pre-COVID, the play equipment was a space where many parents enjoyed staying back to chat whilst their children played after school. Our WOOSHC utilise this space as part of their afternoon activities. After hearing from families and consulting with WOOSHC, we would like to support this space and other areas being available each afternoon as a community space for our families.

As a trial, over the next fortnight, WOOSHC educators will keep all students attending WOOSHC off the play equipment until 3:30pm. This allows 15minutes for children to play, yet, they must be under the supervision of an adult. WOOSHC educators and school staff have in the past raised concerns of students playing on the equipment without the supervision of an adult.

At 3:30pm, WOOSHC educators will commence using the space. WOOSHC educators kindly ask that families leave the space to ensure the educators are able to safely monitor the students in their care. The K-2 COLA area has a wonderful 100s chart grid and fitness track as an alternative meeting and play space from 3:30pm.

## Students in the Spotlight

### Young ICT Explorers

Young ICT Explorers (YICTE) is a non-profit competition supported by CSIRO Digital Careers and The Smith Family, with the help of Industry and University partners across Australia, to encourage primary and high school students in years 3-12 in Australia and New Zealand to solve real-world problems or showcase their passions using technology.

Congratulations to a talented and curious group of Year 4 students who participated in the YICTE competition this year. Isobel, Misato, Hannah and Daphne had the idea of designing a 'house with no powerpoints'. All four students worked together to research if this would be possible. As part of the YICTE competition, they had to 'pitch' their idea to a panel of judges. Their presentation engaged the judges so much so that the judges wanted to keep asking questions and finding out more! As part of the project, the students created a website, a diorama of a house, videos and experimented with creating power for objects without the use of powerpoints!

We look forward to hearing their result in the competition. No matter the outcome, we are extremely proud of the maturity, dedication and love of learning these four students have demonstrated.



We can't wait for 2023, where we hope to share this competition opportunity with interested students. Students can create a project alone or within a group of four. More details to come in 2023. Watch this space.

## Spelling Success

Congratulations to Misato of 4/5H for representing our school with such enthusiasm and school spirit at the Premier's Spelling Bee finals last week.

Misato was in the top 30 students of 167,000 students who participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee across the state. Misato gave it her all and headed to the microphone calm and poised for each round. Misato bowed out of the competition after unsuccessfully spelling a challenging and tricky word. She watched the remaining participants battle it out and knew she had done her best. The Wideview bears made an appearance at the spelling bee and kept her company on the grand stage.

In 2023, we can't wait to enter our students into the Premier's Spelling Bee again and to share in their achievements.



## Coming up over the next fortnight:

Friday, 11 November – Remembrance Assembly 10:45am

### Week 6

Monday, 14 November – 1M assembly @ 2:25pm

Tuesday, 15 November – Final transition session Kinderlinks 2023

Wednesday, 16 November – Book Fair in the library - 3-6pm

Thursday, 17 November – Year 5 students - Asquith Boys and Girls High School Experience Day, Book Fair in the library - 3-6pm

### Week 7

Sunday, 20 November – Band Workshop

Monday, 21 November – 2M assembly @ 2:25pm

Tuesday, 22 November – 2023 Student Leader Speeches assembly @ 9:30am

Kind regards,

Rebecca Pitts  
Principal

## Wideview Book Fair is back!

Our pre-Christmas Book Fair (not held since 2019 thanks to Covid) is returning to the Library for two big nights. It is a fabulous opportunity to secure quality chapter and picture books for the whole family. Books make the perfect Christmas present.

When: Wednesday, 16 November **AND** Thursday, 17 November, 2022

Times: 3.00pm until 6.30pm both days

Where: Wideview School Library

Students will get a sneak peak at the available books in the days leading up to the Book Fair.

EFTPOS facilities are available so card payments are preferred please.

A percentage of all sales comes back to the school for student resources.



## SNOWBALL RAFFLE time has arrived for 2022!

There are over 50 Hampers to be won! Each student in Year 6 has created a hamper full of goodies, and tickets are on sale now. This is their last fundraising activity for the year which goes toward buying a special gift for the school at the end of the year.

Hampers are created in two different age categories; K-2 and 3-6. This is to support students receiving hampers that may have arts and crafts, books, games etc that are engaging for that age range.

You can buy them online via the Wideview website:

Go to [Wideview Public School website](https://wideview-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/) - <https://wideview-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

- Click 'Make a Payment' (top menu)
- In 'Section3. Payment Items', select 'OTHER' (under Payment Type) and Description either 'Snowball Raffle K-2' or 'Snowball Raffle 3-6'

Enter the correct \$ amount of your order.

Tickets: \$2 = 1 entry, \$5 = 3 entries, \$10 = 8 entries, \$20 = 20 entries, \$50 = 70 entries.

Don't miss out! Online tickets for the Snowball Raffle close 5pm Friday, 9 December so be sure to get yours before it's too late!

Spend up big & support the school! Winners will be drawn Friday, 16 December. Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Year 6 students and teachers

## School Calendar

Please follow the link to access the school calendar: <https://wideview-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>

# Merit Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for Term 4 Week 3

<b>KGM</b>	Madi C, James P	<b>KH</b>	
<b>1D</b>	Matilda W, Max S	<b>1M</b>	Sarah D, Ollie J
<b>1/2S</b>	Jed R, Olivia A	<b>2F</b>	Zahra S, Hunter M
<b>2M</b>	Paityn H, Max G	<b>3C</b>	Isaac V, Summer M-D
<b>3H</b>	Campbell A, Owen M	<b>4AT</b>	Luke A, Harry K
<b>4C</b>	Sienna P, Ella G	<b>4/5H</b>	Mika K, Sam H
<b>5P</b>	Rahul M, Sienna R, Zak G	<b>6LA</b>	Declan S, Riley W
<b>6T</b>			

## Unwell at School

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and remain offsite until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hay fever, the student or staff member can return to school.

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.

It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. RATs can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

## Change to Isolation Requirements

Please see the following link regarding changes to isolation requirements from 14 October 2022:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/noticeboard/2022/10/change-to-isolation-requirements>



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## P&C Update

### Gardens are coming alive

If you haven't seen it with your own eyes – the community garden at the Lonsdale Road entrance to our school has had a growth spurt! Lots of great greenery growing – friends and neighbours of our school are welcome to pop into the garden area to help water the plants, or pull out a few weeds as they see fit.



### Spooktacular time had at Parents & Carers disco

So many great costumes and a lot of fun had at our Parents & Carers disco on Saturday night. Wonderful to see many of our Wideview community dressed up and ready to party; the DJ bringing back many memories for all upon the dancefloor.

A big shout out to Rachel and her team for making it all happen!

## Kindy Expo Participation

A huge thank you to all our P&C volunteers and staff that took place in the Kindy Expo at school last week. It was a wonderful way to showcase the many ways our P&C is involved in school, and meet our new Kindy parents for 2023.



## Wideview Uniform Shop News

### Opening Hours

Monday 2 – 3:30pm

Friday 9 – 10am

Please drop in to browse our second-hand items or to pick up any new items you need.

Online (QKR!) orders are delivered to classrooms Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please place your order by 9am for same day delivery.

### Clothing Pool

All donations of good quality items are welcome. If you wish to donate clothing, please drop in to the shop when open or leave at the front office.

### Returnable cloth bags

We are running low on our cloth bags. If you have any at home or in your child's bag, please send them back to school with your child. They can be returned to the collection box in the library, or to the shop when open.

## Contact Details

Please contact the shop if you have any queries, [wideviewuniform@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewuniform@gmail.com)

For any updates, please check our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/wideviewuniformshop>

## Follow our pages

Join our volunteers page at [P&C Volunteers](#) to get involved, as well as the general [Wideview P&C Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date with our activities.

We are active in our school community in many ways – follow our activities via the following pages:

[Uniform Shop](#)

[Canteen](#)

[Wideview Out of Hours School Care \(WOOSHC\)](#)

Band – email [wideviewband@gmail.com](mailto:wideviewband@gmail.com)

[P&C Volunteers](#) – follow this page to find out opportunities on how to get involved in our upcoming events and projects.

If you own a business that would like to support our P&C, please reach out to us at [wideview-pandc@gmail.com](mailto:wideview-pandc@gmail.com) – we'll certainly let our community know via the newsletter and Facebook page that you've supported our non-for-profit organisation and wonderful volunteers.

## Next meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, 15 November via Zoom – come along and see how you can be involved in our activities this term and as we plan ahead for 2023!

Kind regards,

Shayne Sommer

P&C President



Download the QKR! app today!  
Remember to select your child's class.

Click here to stay connected



## WEEK 5

Our P&C run Healthy School Canteen aims to provide fresh, healthy foods to our school community for orders via QKR for recess and lunch!

*Upcoming special days...*



**Can you help on any of the following days...**

- 30 Nov** 🍏 in the canteen from 10am–2pm  
**1 Dec** 🚗 picking up sushi from Darcies at 11am  
**8 Dec** 🚗 picking up sushi from Darcies at 11am



### LAST WEEK OF TERM

Serving at Recess or Lunch on 14, 15 or 16 Dec.

Send us a message



WIDEVIEW PRESENTS

# PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

SOLOIST  
AUDITIONS

THUR/FRI WK 6

A large yellow drum with pink and blue stripes is at the bottom. Several musical notes in blue, pink, and yellow float around it. A blue double bass clef is on the left. Small starburst symbols are scattered throughout.  
SINGERS - DANCERS  
MUSICIANS

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 1  
@ 7PM

WE HAVE 10 SPOTS FOR  
SOLOISTS AND SMALL  
GROUP PERFORMANCES.

PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME  
ON THE SIGN UP SHEET  
OUTSIDE THE STAFFROOM,  
OR SEE MR HARPUR



In conjunction with the engaging program being offered to Year 5 students, there will be an opportunity for parents/caregivers to take part in a tour of the school followed by morning tea with the Principal from 9.30 - 10.30am.

Year  
5

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

# HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY



THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022

9.00am to 2.30pm

Students will be fully supervised by Asquith Girls HS teaching staff throughout the day.  
They should wear their school sports uniform and fully enclosed lace up sports shoes

See our website for further details and a link direct to our booking page at

[www.asquithgir-h.schools@nsw.gov.au](mailto:www.asquithgir-h.schools@nsw.gov.au)

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Cheryl Key on 9477-6411

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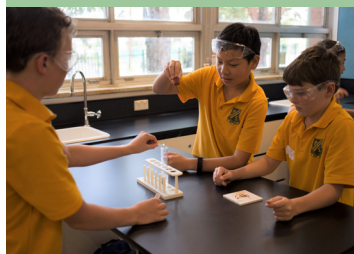


# HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

for Year 5 Boys

## THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Come and experience a selection of high school subjects for a day, with exciting and interesting lessons prepared especially for you!



REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN  
MONDAY  
24 OCTOBER

**Registrations to attend this day close on  
Wednesday 9 November, unless places  
have been filled prior to this date.**

**If you want your Year 5 son to attend this event  
you must register using the following link:**

**<https://forms.gle/dcZHi44NBE2Fkd6d9>**

**More details can be found on the school  
website <https://asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>**

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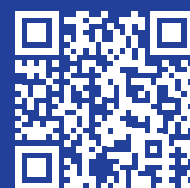


Join us for a day of family fun at the  
**Hornsby Heights Public School Bushland Fair!**

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BAKING SALE AND COMPETITION  
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