Term 2 Week 3





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Messages from the Principal

Welcome to Term 2! Week 3 of Term 2 has sure come around fast. The holidays seem so long ago! Our first newsletter of the term is filled to the brim with information of events and activities coming up. We may only be in Week 3, but we have certainly squeezed a lot into the first couple of weeks back.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who booked a parent/teacher interview over the past fortnight. We hope this was a positive opportunity for you to check in with your child's teacher and hear about your child's progress. Thank you for sharing valuable information also. Working together to achieve the best outcomes for your child/ren is much appreciated.

Mother's Day Breakfast

We had such a lovely morning spoiling some of our wonderful mums, aunties and nanas who were able to make the breakfast. We were so glad we could surprise you with some special treats as an extra gift before Mother's Day. Thank you to Mr Carlos for spending the morning taking the photos. We will print and send the photos home as a little keepsake. Here are just a couple of the lovely moments captured ...



Acing Attendance in Term 2

Congratulations to our students on a successful start back to Term 2. In Week 2, our attendance data showed we were tracking at a 93.2% attendance rate across the school, well above DoE State and schools within our network. Super effort!!

Assembly Items ... here we come!

In Term 2, our classes take turns to lead the whole school weekly assembly. Thank you to our wonderful Prefects, Vice Captains and Captains for role modelling how to run the weekly assemblies throughout Term 1. Our junior and senior band students kicked off assemblies for Term 2 with a bang and 3/4H took on the challenge of being the first class of 2024 to follow the lead from our student leaders and present their class item. Our weekly assemblies commence at 2:25pm each Monday. The term calendar sent to parents at the beginning of Term 2 has the order of class items for this term. A reminder will also be noted in the fortnightly newsletter. We welcome our parents and families to attend our Monday afternoon assemblies and can't wait to see you.



Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 17 May

On Friday 17 May Wideview Public School students are encouraged to participate Walk Safely to School Day. This is an annual event that encourages parents, carers, and teachers to promote safe pedestrian behaviour. This year, students who participate in the event will receive a walk to school sticker upon arrival to school walking from home is not a viable option for you and your family, it is suggested that you park your car a little further from the school and enjoy participating in the event from there. Our Debating Club students will be at the gates from

in WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

8:45am helping Mrs Donahue to congratulate the students who have been able to walk to school.

Year 4 Students of 2024 – 2025 Opportunity Class – Online applications close Monday 20 May

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2025 opened Thursday 4 April and will close Monday 20 May 2024.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students in Year 5 and 6. Parents apply when students are in Year 4 for placement in Years 5 and 6. It is a two-year program. Parents cannot apply for Year 6 placement only. Online submissions must be completed by Monday 20 May.

If you have any questions regarding an OC placement or the process involved, please contact the school office for assistance.

Creating a

culture of kindness

Wideview staff are excited to join with URSTRONG to launch a strong friendship skills program to strengthen and support our students to establish and maintain healthy friendships and manage conflict with kindness and increase their overall resilience. Staff are commencing training over the next fortnight to learn and prepare for teaching the Friendology 101 curriculum. URSTRONG have also scheduled a parent and child evening online seminar for our families late August. We will send families more details of this as the date draws clos-



er. Over the next few weeks, students will start to hear more about URSTRONG. We have large outdoor poster boards which will be displayed in the playground and posters and resources which students will begin to access later this term in every learning space.

Stay tuned for more information which will be shared regularly with families.

HZSS – Hornsby Zone School Sport – Commencing Friday 31 May Week 5

Over 90 students are representing our school in the HZSS teams of AFL, Football and Netball this season. The HZSS competition has been pushed back for a Week 5 start. Draws for each sport will be sent via the Sentral parent portal to families as soon as they are finalised. Permission and payment information will be sent to all families. We wish all the teams the very best, win, lose or draw.

Primary School Sport – Commencing Friday 31 May Week 5

For our students in Years 3-6 who remain at school, we are trying to secure representatives from NSW AFL and NSW Netball to run weekly group sessions for our students. If we are successful in gaining these additional activities, we will send permission and payment information through School Bytes.

NSW Netball After School Clinic

NSW Netball have confirmed they can also offer the after-school clinic program again for our students in 2024. The sessions will run on Tuesday afternoons, straight after school. Parents of children in Years 2-6 will receive a registration flyer through Sentral. The registration and payment is all managed by NSW Netball, not by the school. Mrs LV and I will be supporting the participating students at each afternoon session for signing in and out.

Premier's Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee is back for 2024!

Students in Years 2-6 can compete in the Premier's Spelling Bee. They will receive the 2024 Premier's Spelling Bee list words to practise at home. Students will participate in grade level rounds in Week 6. Students who move forward from their grade level round, will compete in the junior (Years 2, 3 and 4) or senior level round (Years 5&6) in Week 7. Parents will be invited to attend the junior and senior competition. One representative from the junior round and one representative from the senior round will represent our school at the next level of the competition. We wish all the students having a go the best of luck!

ANZAC Day Services

Mr Coleman and I were joined by some of our wonderful leaders for the community ANZAC Day service held on the morning of Thursday 25 April. Our leaders marched with respect and represented our school proudly. We thank the students for demonstrating humility and maturity. Whilst waiting for the march to begin, Mr Coleman and I saw so many students and families representing their community organisations. It was wonderful to look around and see so many Wideview families. We are proud to be a part of such a strong and caring community.

Prior to the end of the term, our prefects and captains led the school in an ANZAC Day school service. We extend our gratitude to Pippi for playing The Last Post. It was lovely to have some families join us for the afternoon service too.



Graduation Excitement! And Greenhouse Creations

Congratulations to our wonderful Miss Roberts who recently graduated, completing her teaching degree. We are delighted to have Miss Roberts with us at Wideview this year and appreciate the joy, passion and positive impact Miss Roberts has made in her time so far at Wideview.

Miss Roberts, Thank you for bringing the curiosity of the science world into our students' lives each week. I was thrilled to have my office filled with students from Stage 2 last week who eagerly shared with me their greenhouse designs they had been creating in science lessons with Miss Roberts. I loved seeing the variety of veggie patches, clever water tank ideas and garden designs.





Kindergarten 2025 Open Day – Tuesday 21 May

We are looking forward to welcoming next year's kindergarten families to our open day next Tuesday. Our two captains, Leilani B and William R, will be sharing their love of Wideview. Our kindergarten 2024 classes will be presenting a little item, and our wonderful band students will be wowing the crowd with their musical talents. If you know of any neighbours or friends who have children ready for school in 2025, please invite them to come along!

What's Coming Up ...

Week 4

Monday 20 May - 2M assembly 2:25pm

Debating workshop Pennant Hills

OC 2025 Applications close

Zones of Regulation Parent Sessions in the library (check out the poster in the newsletter)

P&C AGM and Meeting 7pm Library

Tuesday 21 May – Kindergarten 2025 Open Day 9:30am in the hall

Wednesday 22 May – Florimo's Gala Day

Thursday 23 May – SRC Pyjama Day Fundraiser for the platypus – gold coin donation

Friday 24 May – Zone Cross Country / P&C Family Movie Night 5:30pm arrival for a 6:15pm movie

Week 5 – Reconciliation Week

Monday 27 May – 6C assembly 2:25pm

Wednesday 29 May – Simply Your Best NRL Guest Speaker

Thursday 30 May – AECG Meeting 4pm Asquith PS

Friday 31 May – HZSS sports commences

We end this week with the excitement of seeing Healthy Harold in the Life Education van and finally holding our cross-country for the third time lucky. We head into Week 4 with the countdown to the P&C Family Movie Night coming up on Friday 24 May. Keep reading on to hear from our spectacular band captains and the recap of Leaders Day. Don't miss the SRC page about their fundraising Pyjama Day coming up too!

SAVE THE DATE - COLOUR RUN, THURSDAY 4 JULY - more info in the P&C section.

Rebecca Pitts
Principal

Band Workshop

Last Sunday, we enjoyed our Band workshop! We had wonderful tutors teaching the Senior and Junior band in tutorial groups. While one band was being tutored, the other one was either practising old pieces or learning new ones in the hall with Pippi as a whole band. After the workshop, we had a concert for the parents:



The senior band played new pieces, Gauntanamara and Shake it off, and an old piece, Ghostbusters. The Junior Band played Donkey round, Au clair de la lune, Hot Cross Buns and The Hey Song. In conclusion, we had an amazing day. We love all the things everyone has done for the band so we thank all the band committee and the parent helpers. And a huge thank you to our amazing conductor, Pippi!

From the band captains,

Ella G and Isobel T:)

The Platypus Needs our Help!!

Did you know?

The platypus is very culturally significant to First Peoples. It is a totemic species that features in prominent_Creation stories.

The platypus is the only remaining semi-aquatic monotreme in the world, and they are not found anywhere else in the world. Unfortunately, due to the threats from climate change and habitat destruction their numbers are declining. If we want to help this unique and iconic Australian species survive and thrive into the future, we must restore and protect their precious habitats to prevent the irreversible loss of platypuses from some of our rivers forever.

The platypus will also need our help through re-establishing lost populations or reinforcing existing populations, ensuring they are strong, healthy and sustainable. Platypuses are a flagship species, which means when we protect their habitat from land clearing and unnecessary infrastructure, we are also supporting healthy rivers and waterways, vital for the thousands of species

that rely on freshwater habitats across their range. Source of information: WWF Australia





Every year, the SRC fund raise to support an animal that is at risk. This year we have decided to support the platypus, one of Australia's unique animals. To help raise money, we are having a pyjama day on Thursday 23 May. Please send a gold coin donation along with your pyjama clad children to help ensure that the natural habitat of the platypus continues to thrive.

Linley Fullagar and SRC

HZSS Softball

Wideview Softball has been full of new adventures! Every Wednesday during lunch, the girls gathered to improve their skills. The junior and senior girls have both worked hard to gain a working knowledge or pitching, fielding and hitting. The girls have gone from figuring out which hand the glove goes on to anticipating where the ball will be hit and how to prevent a run from scoring! There is a lot to watch for in softball! Whether they are fielding the ball, backing up a teammate or remembering their batting order, there is a great deal of strategy and planning in a softball game. And wow, the gear! Those bags are



heavy!!! Gloves and helmets and catcher gear and bats and bases! It takes a small army to get everything needed for the game!

The girls were disappointed that their last two games in the summer season had to be postponed until the spring. We will begin practicing our skills again in Term 3 in preparation for the Term 4 games. They showed great sportsmanship cheering both their teammates on as well as their opponents.

A big thank you to all the parents for their support! It has been a first for me coaching a team! GOOOOO Wideview!

Ms. Lucchese

Wideview PS and Berowra PS Prefects come together on Leadership Challenge!

Term 2 started with a bang for our school leadership team. We took to the outdoor classroom of Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre, joining forces with the prefects from Berowra PS to develop our skills of leadership.

Our first challenge was canoeing on Cockle Creek. We started out on still waters, nice and easy. All of a sudden, in came the weather and we were paddling in the pouring rain! This did not dampen our spirits however and you could barely wipe the smiles off our faces as we raced each other down the river. Communication was key to this task. Commitment was also demonstrated as two of our leaders raced so hard they capsized their canoe with exuberance! Thank goodness we packed spare clothes!

Next up we spoke about qualities of leaders. Ideas like communication, listening, initiative, cooperation and teamwork came to mind. Cue the teamwork challenges! Working together to "walk the planks", moving the lava ball from one end to the other and problem solving to move ourselves across a "croc infested river". So much harder than it looks but we learnt so much about staying positive, not getting frustrated and working together.





Our final challenge was to buddy up with a new friend from Berowra and complete a scavenger hunt. We were provided with a map of Bobbin Head and had to orient-eer our way along several check points and make it to the rainforest without adult help. This was terrific fun! Some of us have even made a new friend for high school next year which was an added bonus.

Congratulations to all our prefects on a fabulous day! Not

a single complaint despite the inclement weather. You certainly demonstrated resilience and a sense of adventure. Go team!

Australian Early Development Census

Our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Angela Griffin (Assistant Principal).

A day in the bush? Yes, please!

Stage 2 students attended the Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre. They were scientists for the day as they explored the stunning landscape of Ku-ring-Gai Chase National Park.

Students recorded drawing and notes about the traditional custodians of the area, the style of artworks in this region and how the GuriNgai people cared for country.

Students stopped at various points along the track to observe the flora and fauna around them. They made scratch engravings of a variety of leaves that can be found. Students had the opportunity to capture, closely examine and record invertebrate found in the park.

When they arrived at Bobbin Head they headed over to taste the salt from the mangrove leaves and observe the crabs. We made it back to the buses just in time to avoid the torrential rain that followed.



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 2 Weeks 2 & 3

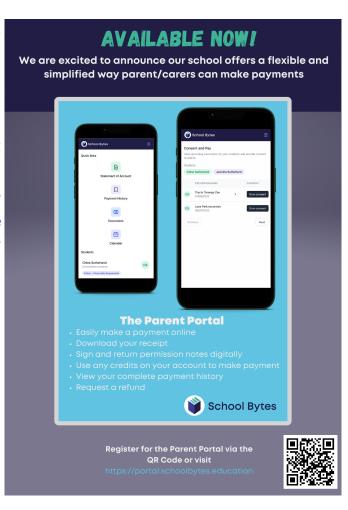
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15	Nixon J, Evelyn H, Darcy F, Arthur C	1W	Ava H, Amelia K, Millie W, Ethan H
2G	Emma N, Alfred O, Piper C, Henry G	2M	Luca B, Maggie E, Thea D, Lucas P
3L	Jesse E, Jack M, Tegan M, Esther B	3/4H	Matilda W, Theo E
4F	Leo T, Kai S, Sophie N	4/5P	Sam R, Lewis D, Sadie V, Ryan A, Lewis D, Zeke G
5C	Jacob W, Aysha C, Louella S, Lucas B	6C	Maisie P, Bradlee T, Beau S, Sophie R, Jacob B, Will R
6LV	Leilani B, Sam I, Laila B, Tala B,	Principal	3/4H
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School Bytes Portal

If you have not already done so, please consider registering for a Parent Portal account!

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions - important to note, the portal is the easiest and quickest way to view and apply available family credits
- Request a refund if required
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes



WIDEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

KINDERGARTEN 2025



WIDEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Tuesday 21 May, 2024 9:30 - 11:00am

Is your child starting Kindergarten at Wideview Public School in 2025?

Would you like to discover the many academic, sporting and creative opportunities available at Wideview Public School?

Would you like to learn about Wideview's Well-being and Learning Support Programs?

Would you like to hear information about our Orientation to School program?

Please join us for our Open Day beginning at 9:30am on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

- Meet with the Principal, Assistant Principal (K-2) and Teachers
- Enjoy a performance by our school band and kindergarten students
- Learn about Wideview's Before and After School Care
- School Tours
- Morning Tea

If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office to organise a personal tour of the school. Phone - 94561655 or email - wideview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



You are invited to a ...

Parent Information Session on the Zones of Regulation

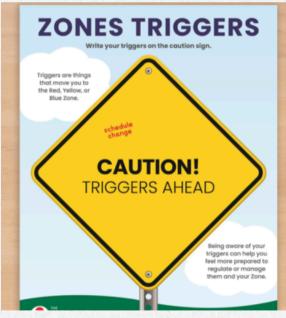
Wideview PS Library
Monday 20 May
3.30-3.45pm or 6 - 6.45pm

No need to RSVP

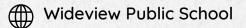
Michelle Anthonisz and Rebecca Pitts look forward to seeing you there!



Identifying emotions



Emotional Triggers







Tools of Regulation



Email: wideviewpandc@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/WideviewPublicSchoolPandCEvents/

P&C Update

Movie Night, Mother's Day and Annual Meeting

We have a free school community **movie night** that is being organised for **Friday 24 May**. Please note the change of date due to a rainy forecast. It will be a lovely event for all Wideview families. Thank you to Ed-

win for organising this.





It was so lovely to see all the children picking gifts for their Mums/Aunts/Nannas at the Mother's Day stall. Thank you to the lovely parent who donated the jewellery and accessories – they were a favourite of the kids! Thank you, Christy, Nat, Kel and Brynn for organising this year's Mother's Day stall, it was a very successful day. Thank you to the other volunteers who helped prior to and on the day of the stall. We hope all families had a lovely and relaxing weekend.



A **colour run** is being organised for the end of term 2 – **Thursday 4 July.** This will be one of our main fundraisers this year. We hope to raise as much as we can, and there will be prizes for the most money raised. More details to come soon. Thank you to Amy for organising this.

We are in the early stages of also organising a **student disco** for end of Term 3. Reach out to Anita if you would like to be involved.

The school would benefit greatly if we could hold another fundraising activity for Term 3. Please contact us if you have any ideas and would like to run an activity – some suggestions have been Trivia or Comedy for a Cause.

We are on the lookout for new members for our P&C executive team:

Treasurer: Steve is happy to continue this role for one more year. We are looking for someone with a finance background for the treasurer role. Don't worry too much though — we have an amazing Financial Manager Zarlia who does a huge amount of work. Feel free to talk to Steve about this role. He would like someone to shadow him this year, so he can hand-over the role in 2025.

Vice President: Shayne is stepping down from Vice President this year as this is her child's last year at Wideview. Prior to Vice President, Shayne was the P&C President. The Vice President position is a role that gets involved with the school, whether that be fundraising, advertising, grant writing or preparing to become P&C President one day in the future.

The **canteen committee** are also on the lookout for new members. They are in need of a new convenor, a secretary and some general members. Please contact Anita, canteen or members of the canteen subcommittee if interested.

Thank you to all our amazing P&C members! You have achieved so much for Wideview. We value all the time and effort you have given and continue to give.



Our next P&C meeting is our Annual General Meeting on 20 May at 7pm. Without members in each committee and the exec we are unable to run WOOSHC, Canteen, Uniform shop and Band. All members of our community use at least one of these facilities. Please consider joining the P&C. The current members have a wealth of knowledge and would be very happy to help new members transition into their roles. Please contact anyone in the P&C for more info.

If you are unable to make our P&C meetings (we alternate between meeting at the school library and Zoom meetings) on the third Monday night of each month at 7pm, but would like to be involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. Feel free to email me: wideviewpandcpresident@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions.



We also have a Facebook page for volunteers: <u>P&C Volunteers</u>, please join the Facebook page and keep upto-date with any projects, activities or fundraisers we are currently involved in.

Please see below for updates from our sub-committees.

Our next P&C meeting will be our AGM Monday 20 May 2024 at 7pm in the school library. This is will directly followed by a general meeting.

Band

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6, they are welcome to join the band! Click <u>here</u> for the Band Handbook for everything you need to know about band. Please email Patrice at wideviewband@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the band or if you have any questions.

Recorder

If your child wishes to enrol in recorders in 2024, please complete this form.

Guitar lessons

James Daley teaches guitar at Wideview on Friday afternoons. Please complete <u>this form</u> if you'd like more information about the lessons.

Wideview P&C Band Committee

wideviewband@gmail.com

Canteen News

We have had a huge uptake of volunteers after sending out our survey. Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to help, we hope to see this momentum continue throughout the year.

Term 2 changes:

The canteen committee have had to increase the price of some menu items due to increasing food and operating costs.

Frozen crystals have been removed from the menu. Frozen orange slices will be available for 20c in Term 2.

The canteen committee are looking for new members! Please consider joining the committee to keep the canteen running. Contact Anita, the canteen or anyone on the sub-committee or P&C for more information. Please note: committee roles can be done outside of school/work hours.

Canteen Convenor:

- Organise canteen committee meetings once per term
- Report canteen updates to P&C meetings (3rd Monday of each Month)
- Involved in employment of canteen staff as required
- Join Canteen committee messenger group for canteen discussions
- Approx 1-2 hours a week

Canteen Secretary:

- Send out Agenda for Canteen committee meetings, once per term
- Take minutes of Canteen committee meetings and send to committee
- Some social media/advertising as needed
- Join Canteen committee messenger group for canteen discussions
- Approx 1 hour a week



Canteen General members:

- Join Canteen committee messenger group for canteen discussions
- Some social media/advertising as needed
- Approx 1 hour a week

Please sign up to volunteer at the canteen – we cannot run this menu at these prices without volunteers.

Thank you to our volunteers for Term 1, we hope to see many of your again, and hope to see some new faces too.

Please check out our Facebook page to keep up with special days, changes in menu and calls for volunteers.

Please sign up to help at the canteen: https://signup.com/go/PzVLCmt

Uniform Shop News

Get ready for winter with our \$2 sale!!

We have a whole lot of second-hand long-sleeved shirts and long pants for \$2!

Sale on now and into term 2.

The Uniform Shop wishes to advise, that due to increased costs, there will be price increases for some items coming in term 2. More information to follow soon.

RAgTagd

Please note that the RagTagd system has now ceased, and all items with this tag inserted will no longer work.

Second Hand Clothing

All donations of good quality items are welcome! Please leave at the Uniform Shop during opening hours or leave at the front office. We try and get as many items on QKR as soon as we can. Please note that there are no returns on second hand items.

Returnable cloth bags

Desperately seeking bags!! Bags can be returned to the collection box in the library, to the tub at WOOSHC, or to the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

Stay in touch!

Subscribe on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/wideviewuniformshop

Email: wideviewuniform@gmail.com

Visit us: You are welcome to browse/purchase second-hand or new items.

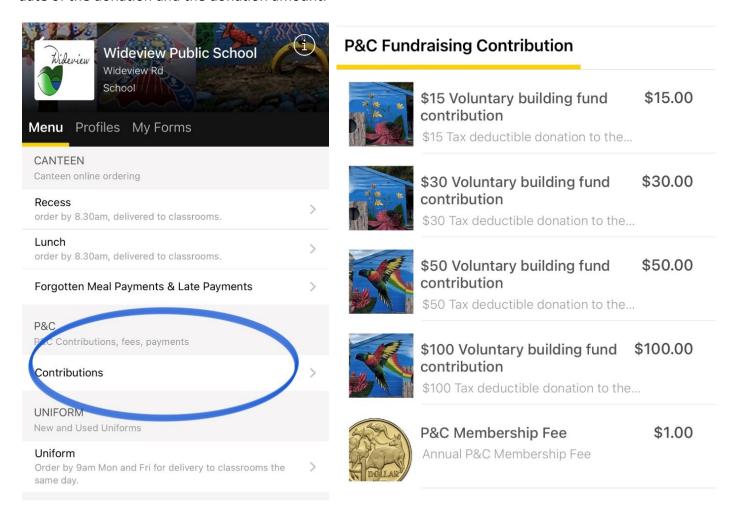
Monday: 2pm – 3:30pm Friday: 9am – 10am

Donations to the Wideview P&C Building Fund

Would you like to make a tax-deductible donation to our building fund? Please check out our P&C Fundraising Contributions page on Qkr! – it is easy to make a voluntary tax-deductible donation to the P&C Building Fund.

Building funds in the past have been used for: murals, canteen renovations and upgrades and smart boards in classrooms.

If you require an emailed receipt, please email **wideviewpandcfinance@gmail.com** with your name, the date of the donation and the donation amount.



If you would prefer to not donate through Qkr! A donation to the building fund can be made using the following details:

Name: Wideview P&C Building Fund

BSB: 633000

Account number: 163071582

Please ensure that the payment reference clearly includes your name and email the details to receive your tax receipt to **wideviewpandcfinance@gmail.com**. Note: deductions over \$2 are tax deductible.

Follow our P&C pages

Join our volunteers page at <u>P&C Volunteers</u> to get involved, as well as the general <u>Wideview P&C Facebook</u> <u>Page</u> to keep up to date with our activities.

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

Uniform Shop

Canteen

Wideview Out of Hours School Care (WOOSCH)

Band – email wideviewband@gmail.com

<u>P&C Volunteers</u> – 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 <u>wideview-pandc@gmail.com</u> – 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.

Kind regards,

Anita von Korff

P&C President