Term 3 Week 9





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Messages from the Principal

The final newsletter for the term is already upon us. We have certainly continued to keep our students, staff and community busy with quality learning opportunities and enjoyable events and activities.

Swim, Swing and Play

Later in this edition of the newsletter, we celebrate and congratulate students across our school for their wonderful commitment and participation in extracurricular activities. Well done to our junior and senior band students for their recent performance at the Woodchop Festival and congratulations to our senior band students who dazzled the crowd at the Spring Festival of Music. We received a lovely email from a member of the public who was most impressed with the talent of our students. Our Year 2 students swam their little hearts out for the past two weeks as part of the Swim School Program. Our Stage 3 students were adventurous, courageous and supportive of one another as they tackled the great outdoors of the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

Slimed!

Thank you to our two brave school captains, Leilani and William and Mrs Walder, Mrs LV, Miss Roberts and Mr Carlos who joined with me to be slimed by the top fundraising students from the Colour Run. Arlo, Betty, Maia, Matilda, Max, Lewis, Tyler, Liam, Sadie, Lulu, Misato and Vaela thoroughly enjoyed pouring buckets of thick, bright green slime over our heads. What an experience! I don't think we will forget the feeling of the slime oozing from our heads to our toes anytime soon. All for a good cause!



Thank you to Amy Cosier for organising the event and for creating this experience we won't forget anytime soon.



Writers with Talent

It was the week for writers at Wideview! What a pleasure it was to be invited into the 1W classroom last week to observe the students creating interesting sentences using the senses to highlight their visualisation of a colour. We have some budding writers on our hands who were working hard to independently complete the activity. Mrs Walder's 'Proud of You' stamp was getting a workout! And rightfully so! Congratulations 1W students!



In Library lessons, our Kindergarten students are learning about bees and sharks. Mr Smith was blown away with the writing abilities of some of our students from KD this week as well. What a delight it was to read the work samples created by some of the students. It's always a good sign when you know you're running low on Principal stickers and goldies as so many students are deserving of these incentives for pleasing work.



Student, Staff and Family Surveys

Each year, we survey students, staff and families at different times throughout the year. Most recently we have sought feedback for:

Student Leadership - Our staff and students across Years 4-6 are completing short surveys related to student leadership.

High Potential and Gifted Education - Our staff have recently completed surveys regarding High Potential and Gifted Education to inform future directions for the school in 2025. Later in Term 4, parents will receive a survey to support future planning in this area.

Student Groups – some students and parents will be invited to complete a survey related to learning groups.

Parent Survey – in Week 10 of Term 3, parents will be invited to complete an internal school survey which focuses on the topics of:

school environment for each child communication student leadership physical school environment

The survey will remain open until the middle weekend of the holidays.

In Term 4, parents and staff will be invited to complete the Tell Them From Me survey which is an external survey platform that all schools are encouraged to complete. Our students in Years 4-6 have completed the Tell Them From Me student survey earlier this term. Their responses were most pleasing across many different learning and wellbeing domains. We will share these results in Term 4.

Collecting data on a range of different topics helps us to continue to work in partnership with each core group within our school community.

Emergency Drills and Bushfire Plans

Our students and staff recently completed mandatory lockdown and evacuation drills to understand the procedures of a Lockdown and an Evacuation in case of an emergency. Our students conducted themselves in a safe and sensible manner.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is listed as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

Category 2 Schools means - Schools in bushfire-prone areas with high landscape-to-site bushfire risk.

The department will direct the school to proactively temporarily cease school operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for the following day, or on advice from emergency services or the State Emergency Operations Centre.

The 'Hazards Near Me' app provides information from the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Summer HZSS Teams

Teachers will be meeting with students who participated in the Term 1 Summer HZSS sports of Cricket, Softball and League Tag to prepare them for these sports kickstarting off in Term 4. Parents will receive information regarding the Term 4 costs for these sports before the end of Term 3. The school will continue to help minimise costs by reducing the cost to parents by contributing to the bus costs which continue to be a high cost for all activities.

Term 4 Dates and Calendar

Families will receive the Term 4 calendar at the commencement of Term 4. Some important dates for early in the term are as follows:

Week 1

Monday 14 October – First day of Term 4 for students and staff Saturday 19 October – Election Day BBQ

Week 2

Monday 21 October – P&C meeting 7pm Library Thursday 24 October – Performing Arts Night Saturday 26 October – Dance Group Eisteddfod

Major Event Dates in Term 4

Kinderlinks Program

Tuesday 12 November, 19 November and 26 November

Presentation Day 2024

Wednesday 4 December – Presentation Day K-2 (9:30am) / Presentation Day 3-6 (11:30am)

Showcase 2024

Tuesday 10 December – Showcase Matinee 11:30am and Showcase Twilight 5:30pm Wednesday 11 December – Showcase Evening 7pm

What's ahead in Week 10 Term 3

As we head into the final week of Term 3, we are looking forward to:

Monday 23 September – 3L assembly + Recorder Performance Tuesday 24 September – Fun Day hosted by Year 6 (students can wear mufti) Friday 27 September – Last day of Term 3 for students and staff

Term 3 Wrap-up

Term 3 was filled with many academic, physical, and social activities and celebrations. Congratulations to all our students who have learnt something new, demonstrated confidence to have a go, persisted when things were tough, improved in a skill or succeeded and surprised themselves.

Thank you to our dedicated and passionate staff for continuing to give our students opportunities to learn and grow.

Thank you to all the parents and carers of Wideview for helping in so many ways throughout Term 3. We value our strong community connections and are grateful for all the support for events, activities, classroom support, excursions, carnivals, fundraising, committees and more.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all our families a safe and relaxing break.

Reset the battery ready for a fabulous Term 4 @ the wonderful Wideview!

Kind regards,

Rebecca Pitts

Principal

Lost Property

The lost property area is located in the building opposite the play equipment in the K-2 area of the school. A table will be set up outside of this building throughout Week 10. Please check here for any missing items. If any items are found with student's names, we will return these to your child. All non-uniform items that are not clearly labelled will be discarded at the end of Week 10.

Share Our Space

Wideview Public School is a Share Our Space setting over the holiday break. Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of the community. As we have Vacation Care on site during the holiday break, the share our space guidelines offer the grounds to the community 8am – 5pm on public holidays and weekends only. A sign will be positioned at the front of the school to highlight the Share Our Space expectations. We attend to security concerns or clean up inappropriate items left on our school grounds on a regular basis. We appreciate the support of the school community over the weekends and holiday breaks to alert security services. Please call 1300 880 321 to report a school security issue.

Year 2 Swim School

Wow! What a fabulous few weeks our Year 2 students had at Swim School. It was a lot of fun and we are so proud of the progress all students made. The development of correct swimming techniques was focussed on. The 10-day swimming and water safety program also built water safety skills and confidence in all swimmers. We are ready for swim season!



Kindergarten Science Update

Kindergarten have been learning about living and non-living things this term during Science. They have been busy planting seeds, watering and watching their seeds slowly grow. KD and KH will be taking their little projects home next week so they can take care of them over the holidays. This week the students headed out to our school garden to plant some carrots. They are very excited to grow their own yummy carrots!



Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp – that's a wrap!

Unbelievably one of the most looked forward events for Stage 3 is complete! The three days at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens absolutely flew by. We successfully donned life jackets and paddles and canoed around the lake, took our lives into our hands by pulling our own ripcords on the Giant Swing and screamed through the forest canopy on the Dual Flying Fox. When we weren't defying gravity we could be found orienteering through the bush, getting all 'Robin-Hoody' and firing arrows, teetering through the tree tops on a high ropes course or maybe just grooving out at a night-time disco. And these are only *some* of the activities we tried!

Congratulations to all our Stage 3 students who stepped outside their comfort zones and tried something new and challenging. You were so much fun to go away with as your energy and encouragement were contagious!



Stage 3 - State Parliament

On Tuesday 10 September, Stage Three visited the New South Wales State Parliament house. After we dropped our bags off, we went to the Lower House. In the Lower House, we learned some of the history behind past leaders and the symbolism behind the flags and crests. We also learnt about how governments pass new laws and we did a roleplay about it. Our roleplay included discussing a bill about if students should go to school on Saturdays. A few roles were given out to different students like the Minister for Education, the Leader of the Opposition, the Speaker, the Premier, the Serjeant at Arms and the Shadow Minister for Education.

After that, we moved to the Upper House where we continued the roleplay. In the Upper House roleplay, we made an amendment to the bill which said that instead of going to school on Saturday, an extra hour would be added to every school day. The amendment proved to be a popular choice as most of the students voted for it, even crossing the floor to express their opinion.

When it wasn't our turn in the State Parliament House, we were eating lunch and playing in the Domain. Part of the lunch consisted of chasing bin chickens away from our food. We arrived back at school around 2:15pm and spent the rest of the day relaxing.

Report by Tala and Leila of 6LV



Gosford High School Enrichment Day Report

Last Thursday Sadie, Axl and I went and visited Gosford High School for Year 5 Enrichment Day. This is our report from the day.

It was a scorcher of a day, but we managed to still have fun throughout all the activities. There were about 1-3 students from many different primary schools, and everyone was split up into four groups and did one class at a time.

First we learnt how to do blackout poetry in English, which is where you choose some really literary and strong emotive words that kind of make sense when put together. You blackout the rest of the text and you are left with an entertaining poem.

Then we went to French lessons which involved lots of games that had heaps of French words. The best bit about French was a French version of head, shoulder, knees and toes but a tennis ball is placed in between you and your partner and when the teacher said ball you had to quickly grab the ball before your opponent had the chance. Whoever won each round they paired up with the other winners. I made it to the finals and played an intense final round and... WON!!

After, we had a lunch break and then went to maths and learnt two cool algebra tricks. The first one was called the 'birthday trick'. It's where you add and multiply numbers to get your answer then you tell the teacher, and he guesses your birthday and always gets it right. The second one was called 'Jack the Hunter'. You must sort the decks evenly and shuffle them. Jack will find your volunteer's card that they picked.

Just before the day came to an end we went to science class and there were ten different stations that you rotated to. Some of the stations included: human body, volt and batteries, chemicals and lots more. My favourite stand was the sound cannons trying to hit a piece of paper as the target. Also in Science we used the Bunsen burner and put different chlorides and liquids like cobalt and copper. They changed the colour of the flame which I thought was really cool how it changed colours. - Arlen

Arlen has done a really good job on writing this report. My favourite subject was either Maths or Science but they were both lots of fun. Probably the last station we went to in Science was my favourite one. It had the test tubes with different liquids such as vinegar or the soda water, and when we had to guess the unknown solution, I got it right! Maths was also different and fun, I think the Birthday Trick was my favourite. It involved algebra, but it was EASY! So this is my part, maybe one day you will get to go to the Gosford High School Enrichment Day! - Sadie

I also really enjoyed it as well as Arlen and Sadie. In their hall there are displays of the students' paintings that they have done and it's very precious to them. The students there are very talented and very smart. My favourite subject was maths cause we got to learn these two cool tricks: Jack the Hunter and the birthday trick. It was very cool and the teachers and students taught us how to do it. I hope you guys get a chance to get to Gosford, it's a great school. - Axl

Human Rights and Discrimination lessons

Stage 3's library lessons about the history of Indigenous rights in Australia immersed students in a classroom experience of discrimination. Classes were split into two groups. The Blue group had all the power and the rights; the Green people were subservient. Each class held mock rallies, protests, and strikes resulting in a general election in the Republic of Jasonium. New inclusive governments were formed ensuring the rights of all people. The Prime Ministers and Opposition leaders were photographed casting their ballots.



Friendology

Friendology encourages Kind-on-Purpose behaviour. As Friendship Fact

#1 teaches us, no friendship (or relationship) is perfect. It's normal for us to encounter conflict with our friends. The Friend-o-cycle helps us see that Friendship Fires[®] are a normal part of a friendship and, when they're put out in a respectful way, can actually make a friendship closer & stronger.

The Friend-o-cycle was developed to help kids recognize the very normal cycle that friendships go through. When trust & respect is central, friendships can survive conflict and get back into the healthy zone of the Friend-o-meter. The Talk-it-Out phase is where skills come in (and kids need to practice!) to put a Friendship Fire all the way out and move on to Forgive & Forget.

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Funday!

Tuesday of Week 10 is Funday! Year 6 have been busily designing a day of fun and games for Kindergarten all the way up to Year 5.

Funday will run between 11:40am and 2:00pm on Tuesday 24 September. We have a plethora of activities for students to enjoy, from the classics such as Sponge Throw, Cookie Decorating and the Haunted House as well as some new additions such as League of Lasers and Escape the Dinos.

Students from K-5 are able to purchase an Activities Pass for \$5 or an Activities Pass and Lunch Pack for \$10. The lunch pack includes a sausage sandwich, popper, popcorn and a Quelch stick.

Complete the note and purchase your Activities Pass and Lunch Packs via SchoolBytes. If your child has any dietary restrictions please add these to the 'Dietary Considerations' section. To buy the Activities Pass and Lunch Pack, simply go to 'Statement of Accounts', select your child and choose 'Add+'. You are then able to add the items to your cart. Wear mufti on the day and get ready to have some fun!

School Calendar

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

Merit Awards

Congratulations to our award recipients for Term 3 Week 8 & 9

KD	Eira S, Beny B, Zara V, Andrew P	КН	Zayne G, Meika F	
1S	Darcy F, Jordan W, Lulu V, Ollie S	1W	Lucas K, Josiah T, Elisa P, Ava H, Elliott F	
2G	Lani R, Finlay W, Jackson vK, Henry P, Leo V, Joshua H	2M	Lena G, Milly M, Jordyn B, Kaira V, Eli C, James P	
3L	Leia H, Emily W, Emily D, Charlotte Q, Jack M	3/4H	Mason P, McKenzie M, Eddy W, Chaise W	
4 F	Freddie R, Jake M	4/5P	Annika G, Sophia B, Olivia B, Luke D	
5C	Edwin H, Isaac V, Indi L, Rocco G	6C	Brad T, Kyle H, Harry K, Maisie P	
6LV	Amelia A, Isla G, Greg H, Silke VG, Daphne L, Michael P		Principal Trophy: 1W, KD	

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

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We are excited to announce our school offers a flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments

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P&C Update

Disco time! Successful BBQ and Cake Stall and holiday time

Thank you to everyone who made Saturday possible for Wideview P&C's Election day BBQ and Cake Stall! Thank you to all those who volunteered their time prior to and on the day (including our amazing Principal and some of our students), those who donated home-made treats and to the community who came out to support the school. Thanks to Bakers Delight for their continued support. We fundraised over \$3000!



Check out the amazing **WOOSHC Spring Vacation Care timetable** below. There are some fantastic activities for the students, like a trip to the reptile park or inflatable world!



INFANTS: 5.30–6.45PM PRIMARY: 7–8.30PM PURCHASE TICKETS ON QKR! BEFORE 17TH

SEPTEMBER - \$10 (INGLUDES A DRINK BOX AND GHIPS OR POPCORN) BROUGHT TO YOU BY WIDEVIEW P&C **The Term 3 Disco is tomorrow night!!!! Friday 20 September**. Infants disco will be 5:30-6:45pm, Primary 7-8:30pm.

Infants to meet at the hall. Primary students to meet at the silver seats.

We need lots of volunteers for the night to ensure the safety of the children attending. Please ensure you have been to the office and filled in a volunteer form prior to the night. Sign up here to help: https://signup.com/go/bTrDbvt

If your child has any allergies, medical conditions or special needs, please sign up to help on the night.

Tickets are no longer available on Qkr!

Wideview Fete 2025! – Are you interested in helping, learning more, co-ordinating? Please contact <u>wideviewpandc@gmail.com</u> if you would like to be involved in the discussions and planning.





Many hands make light work!

mation or enquires for either of these positions.

Most of our Executive committee and P&C work full-time and contribute to their committees in out of work hours.

The P&C are looking for a social media officer to help with fort-

Two members of the P&C executive team, our Treasurer and President,

will be stepping down from their positions at the AGM in March 2025.

Both members would like to provide a comprehensive hand-over over

Please contact wideviewpandcpresident@gmail.com for further infor-

We are always after new members and would love to see some new parents of students in infants joining and contributing to the amazing

work the committee and Wideview community currently achieves.

nightly newsletters and social media posts. This will take about 1 hour per fortnight, and assist the executive and committees.

smooth transition.

Wideview P&C ARE IN SEARCH OF A the next 6 months, so we would like some interest ASAP to allow for a NEW P&C PRESIDE



Role currently Includes:

- · Leading monthly P&C meetings
- Communicating with sub-committees, Principal, and Financial Manager
- Fortnightly newsletters and some social media
- · Joining a great executive team!

Email: wideviewpandcpresident@gmail.com

Please see below for updates from our sub-committees.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday 21 October 2024 at 7pm in the school library. Please email wideviewpandc@gmail.com once you have paid your P&C membership fee, to ensure you receive log in details for the meeting.



Apex Movie Under the Stars

Apex Berowra have organised a wonderful evening for the last day of term. Join the festivities down at Warrina Oval on Friday 27 September.





MOVIE @ 6:30PM FIREWORKS AFTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

> The canteen will be **closed Thursday 26 September**. After the Spring holidays we will **re-open on Wednesday 23 October**. Please note, **we will be closed 16-18 October**.

> Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for the first half of September! We could not run the canteen without you and are grateful for your time.

> PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP THIS TERM! Even 1 hour is an amazing help when packing baskets.

The canteen is in need of volunteers this term to be able to continue with the current service, menu and prices.

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

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

The canteen committee are looking for a secretary! Please consider joining the committee to keep the canteen running. Please note: committee roles can be done outside of school/work hours.

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Please email <u>wideviewpandcpresident@gmail.com</u> if you are interested.

Uniform Shop News

Desperately seeking uniform shop cloth bags - over 100 missing!

Please return bags to the collection box in the library, to the tub at WOOSHC, or to the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

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.

Stay in touch!

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

Email: wideviewuniform@gmail.com

Visit us: You are welcome to visit us:

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

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

<u>Canteen</u>

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









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SAVE THE DATE!



HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YEAR 5 STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO OUR

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY 2024

The morning activities include the Principal's address, tour of the school, performances by the school band and information regarding extra-curricular programs.

Hornsby Girls High School is a Selective High School. Enrolment enquiries should be directed to the Selective Schools Unit: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes



Monday 14 October 2024 The program starts at 9 am and concludes at 11 am Edgeworth David Avenue Hornsby NSW 2077 9476 5711



Free activities for children up to 12 years

at the Parliament of NSW

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament to learn about democracy in NSW, and join in the fun for young citizens, future leaders and their families.

Friday 11 October 9.30am – 3pm Visit our heritage rooms

Learn how to vote and make a law

Give a speech for an election campaign

Participate in a committee role play

Make craft animals and objects

Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION Parliament of New South Wales, 6 Macquarie Street Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.





P: (02) 9230 2047 or E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au