



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

As our students are heading into their final term of 2024, they are eagerly focusing on a variety of different content areas and are gearing up for ending the year with our Showcase extravaganza! We may have only been back for two weeks, but we sure know how to get straight back into quality learning and teaching practices at Wideview.

Go YICTE Team!!

Our amazingly talented YICTE Stage 3 Team presented online to a panel of judges last week. YICTE stands for Young ICT Explorers. Isobel, Misato, Daphne and Hannah have entered the competition for the 4th year in a row. Each year, we are blown away by their creative ideas and final projects. This year's invention was inspired by one of the girls in the team who manages the additional challenges that come with food allergies. The girls created an app featuring a built in AI chat bot that can search for and provide recipes that are allergy friendly. The idea behind their app is to support people with allergies to find meals they can safely eat, as well as to take some of the worry away from visiting family and friends - as they can use the app to find recipes too!

They wowed the judging panel with their project delivery. All three judges commented on the girls' teamwork, ability to solve problems and their thorough research into food allergies. We look forward to seeing Isobel, Misato, Daphne and Hannah sharing their project pitch in front of the whole school at the Week 4 assembly. We wish the girls all the very best of luck as they now wait to see how they placed against schools from around NSW.



Shining on Stage!

Congratulations to our junior and senior dance groups who represented Wideview Public School in another eisteddfod on the weekend. With an early start, our dancers were ready and rearing to dance their way into the day. Thank you to Mrs Griffin and Miss Roberts for supporting the dancers throughout the year. A huge thank you to Candice for leading the dance groups for 2024.

Performing Arts Night! What an incredible night celebrating the talents of so many of our students. Thank you to the many students who sang, danced or played a musical instrument. You are all so talented! The audience was even privy to a fun sing-a-long of rounds when Pippi took to the stage to support the recorder group in their rendition of London Bridge. Thank you to Mr Harpur for organising the event. It's always a wonderful night showcasing our students' talents. We can't wait for 2025 already!

World Teachers' Day

Thank you to every teacher at Wideview for choosing Wideview as your school! We have a dedicated teaching staff who give their best each and every day. Happy World Teachers' Day to you all!

Thank you to the many families who spoil us with kind wishes or scrumptious treats last Friday. Thank you to the P&C for shouting a Coho coffee voucher for every teacher. The teachers of Wideview Public School value the strong community partnerships we have with our families and deeply appreciate the generosity shown.

Each year, a member of our teaching staff is formally recognised for their dedication to the teaching profession. This year's recipient is the one and only Mrs Angela Griffin. Angela has been a valued teacher at Wideview for more than 20 years! and in that time has positively impacted hundreds of children's lives and worked with families in the first years of their children starting school.

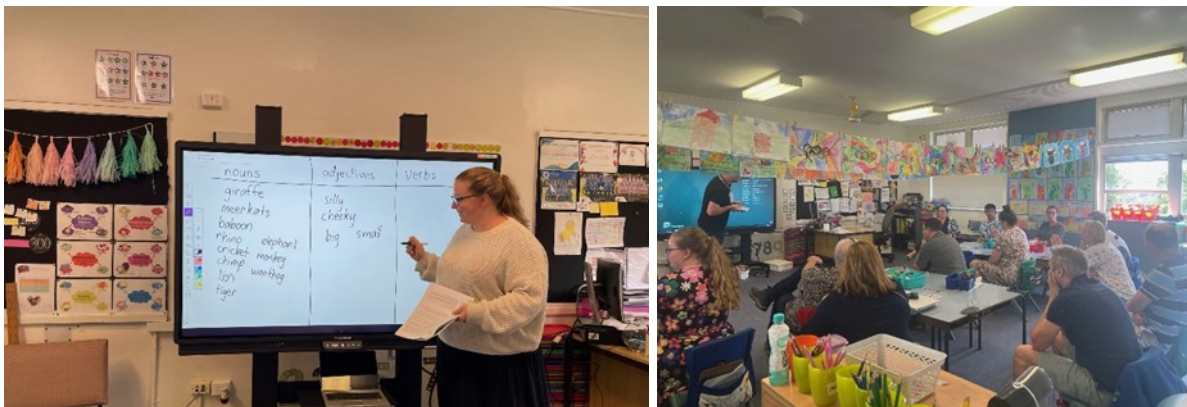
At the World Teachers' Day celebration for teachers of the Central Coast and Mooney Mooney Networks, Angela was recognised with her certificate citation as 'Angela teaches with passion and commitment, creating a supportive environment for her students to flourish. She epitomises thoughtful and empathetic leadership through leading by example'. Congratulations Mrs Griffin! So well deserved!



We've been learning!

As a result of school and community fundraising, we have had five new smartboards installed across the school, with a sixth smartboard being installed tomorrow. The lucky classes who have received these boards are: KD, 1W, 2G, 2M, 4F and 6LV. We have the goal to purchase seven more smartboards by the end of 2025 so that all students and teachers can have the most up to date teaching and learning panels in their classrooms.

Not only are the students learning something new, the teachers are learning and training too! There are so many neat functions within the apps on the boards. The teaching staff have commenced training to get the most out of the positive advantages to teaching with these new interactive panels.



What's ahead in Week 4 and Week 5 Term 4

Week 4

Monday 4 November – Assembly 2:25pm + YICTE Presentation

Tuesday 5 November – Basketball Gala Day

Wednesday 6 November – Student Leadership Elections

Thursday 7 November – Opportunity Class and Selective High Applications Open / Ye Old Market Day lead by Stage 2 for K-6

Week 5

Monday 11 November – Remembrance assembly 11am

Tuesday 12 November – Kinderlinks Session 1

Thursday 14 November – Year 6 Life Education Visit

Friday 15 November – Showcase Tickets Round 2 on sale 7am

Don't forget to be ready for Round 1 of Showcase tickets to go on sale, 7am this Friday 1 November. More information regarding Showcase can be found later in the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Pitts

Principal

Opportunity Class and Selective School Applications – Changes to Process

From 2025, the placement tests for selective high schools and opportunity classes will move from single version paper-based tests to computer-based tests.

There will also be changes to the application process for 2026 entry to selective high schools and opportunity classes.

These changes will result in:

- a more engaging experience for students with computer-based testing
- a longer application period for parents and carers to apply
- more choice for parents and carers of when their child will sit a placement test
- outcomes being released earlier to parents and carers.

The test structure for each test is not changing in 2025:

The Selective High School Placement Test will continue to have 4 sections (Reading, Mathematical reasoning, Thinking skills and Writing).

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will continue to have 3 sections (Reading, Mathematical reasoning and Thinking skills).

Applications will be open each year from November to February (the following year) for both selective high school and opportunity class placement. Parents and carers will still apply online using the Selective high school and opportunity class placement application website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>

This change to the application period means that parents and carers will now need to apply for opportunity class placement when their child is in Year 3 (or by the end of Week 4, Term 1 when their child is in Year 4). This change applies to students currently in Year 3. For selective high school placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is in Year 5 and can now apply when their child is in year 6 until the end of Week 4, Term 1.

The department will provide more information during 2024. We will share any updates and information with families as we receive the information.

Library book borrowing coming to an end

Please be aware that the last chance to borrow books from the school library this year will be in your child's library lesson in Week 4 (the week ending Friday 8 November). This is so we can have all books returned to the library in time for our annual stocktake which must be completed by the end of the term. Can you please help your child locate their library books so they can be returned to the library? If you would like a list of your child's borrowed books, please contact Mr Smith at the library. We appreciate your support.



Dance Troupes 2024

On Saturday 26 October, our Dance Troupes competed at the Energy Express Eisteddfod at Seven Hills High School. Congratulations on such wonderful performances! Our Senior Dance Troupe placed 2nd, and our Junior Dance Troupe placed 3rd. We are incredibly proud of you all!

To celebrate a wonderful year of dance, the dancers enjoyed a lunchtime party filled with singing, dancing, and plenty of delicious treats. Each student has been presented with a certificate at assembly to congratulate them on their commitment and fantastic achievements this year.

A massive thank you to Candice from Footloose Performance Studios, the students have loved their dance classes and have been learning so much from you! Well done, everyone—what a fantastic year of dance!



Showcase Tickets on sale Friday 1 November 7:00am

Tickets will be available through Trybooking – WPS Showcase 2024

Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWGYI> The name of your eldest child and class will be required.

How many tickets per family?

Each family will be able to purchase **3 tickets in total**. For example, you may wish to purchase 1x Matinee and 2x Twilight tickets.

Separated families may purchase 3 tickets per household.

Please note that prams will not be permitted in the school hall.

Ticket Prices

Matinee - \$5

Twilight and Evening - \$10 (first two rows will be \$20 per ticket)

A small booking fee applies through the company.

When do EXTRA tickets go on sale?

Friday 15 November (if not sold out prior).

Friendology

In Friendology, we teach children how to manage two types of conflict: Friendship Fires and Mean-on-Purpose.

Friendship Fires are normal, low-level conflicts that exist in friendships. Hurt feelings, misunderstandings, disagreements...these negative feelings that sometimes arise because we are different people with different opinions. Friendship Fires are the most common type of conflicts that exist.

Mean-on-Purpose behaviour is intentionally rude, cruel, or unkind acts that are designed to hurt the other person. This type of behaviour, commonly referred to as contempt in adult relationships, is often fuelled by anger and revenge. A child who is exhibiting Mean-on-Purpose behaviour might have trouble with emotional regulation, impulse control, or might be struggling with bigger issues. These children need help and support.

Our URSTRONG Schools report that approximately 85% of conflicts are Friendship Fires versus only 15% are Mean-on-Purpose. While these figures vary school-by-school, there is no doubt that Mean-on-Purpose behaviour is rare.



- URSTRONG'S -

FRIENDSHIP FIRE OR MEAN-ON-PURPOSE?

CORE CONCEPT!

Students learn how to differentiate and manage conflict in friendships.

Friendship Fire®:
normal conflicts like hurt feelings, disagreements, or misunderstandings

Mean-on-Purpose:
intentionally cruel, rude, malicious behaviour designed to be hurtful.

HAVE YOU GOT A
FRIENDSHIP FIRE?

OR

WAS SOMEONE
MEAN-ON-PURPOSE?

Did you Talk-it-Out?

1. Explain how you felt
2. Retell the situation

Did you say your Quick Comeback? Did you use a strong voice and immediately walk away?

Transport NSW: School Student Travel Information for Parents and Students

School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional op

erators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Eddy and Nathan jump on board for Maths Around the World!

Eddy and Nathan S travelled to Barker for a Northside Network High Potential workshop. As part of the experience, the group wrote a newsletter. Here is their experience:

We have achieved a lot today on our trip through the world of maths, looking at ethnomathematics – the study the relationship between mathematics and cultures.

We started our trip looking at the game Mancala, a counting and strategy game which is known by over 800 names and variations throughout the world. It was played in Ancient Egypt and is one of the oldest games still being played today.

Then we looked at how the Swahili people of Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda think about time; it is very different to the way we think about the day!

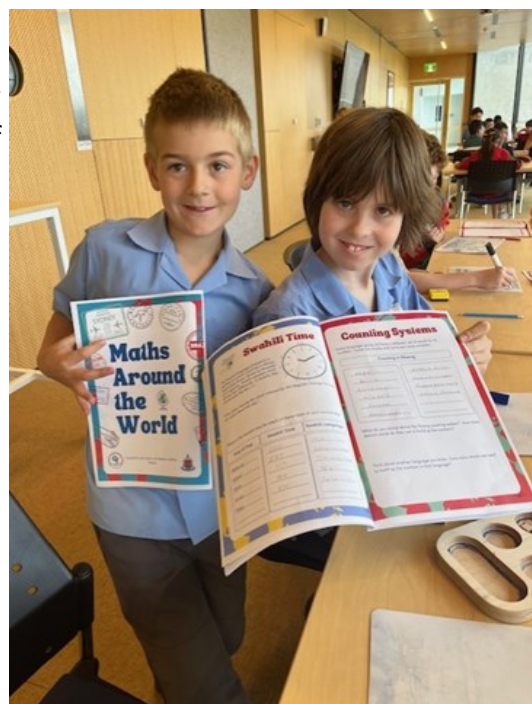
Then we created our own numeral system to represent numbers – can you see the pattern?

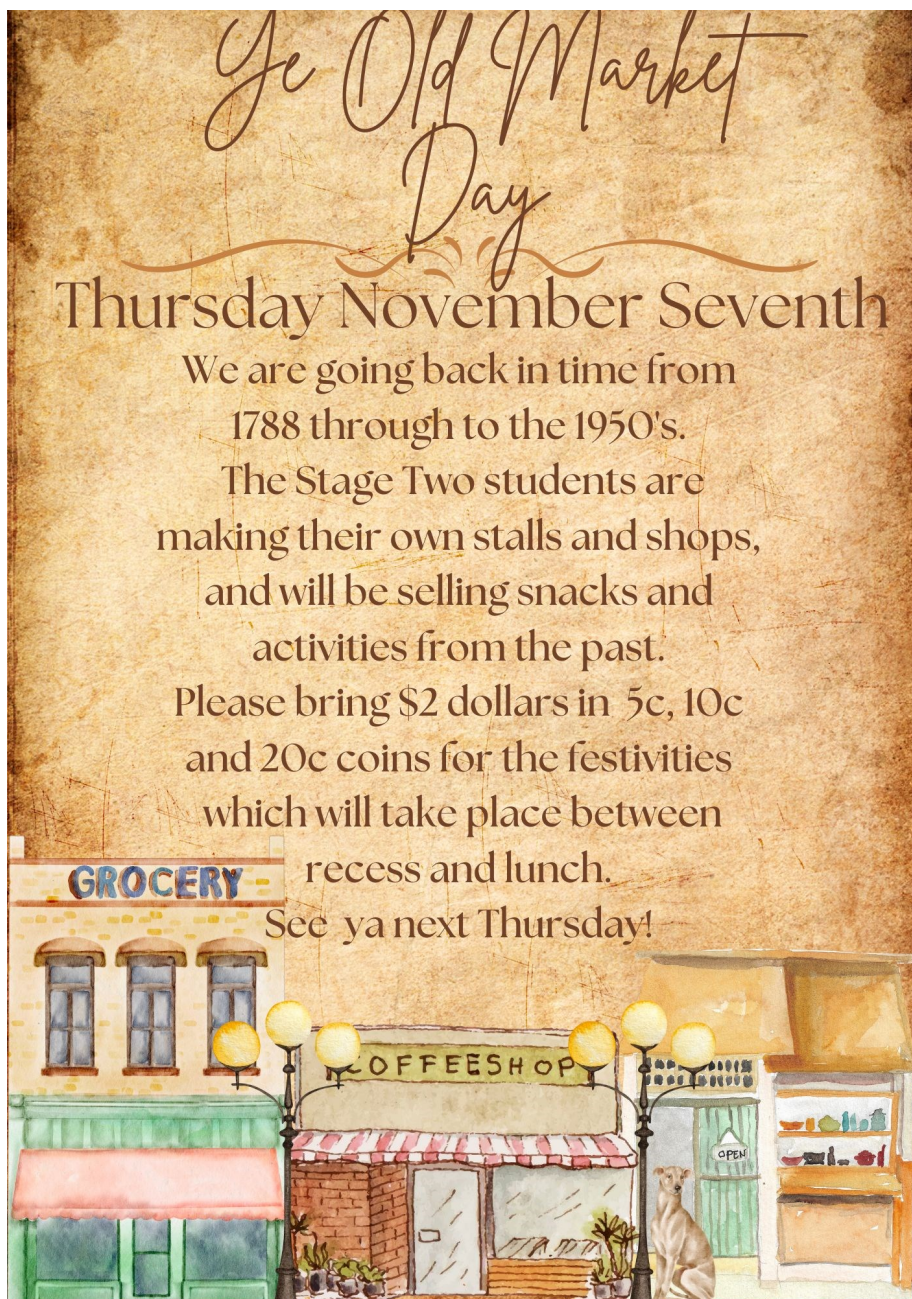
We played several traditional games from around the world, including the German Haus vom Nikolaus puzzle, Italy's Morra, the Native American Picaria, and the Jewish Dreidel game.

Finally, we learnt about different Multiplication Methods from around the world, and thought about how they can be useful at different times to solve different multiplications.

We looked at counting and numeral systems from around the world and from history. We learnt to count in the Dharug indigenous language, and then use the interesting Kaktovik numerals of the Alaskan Inupiat people.

Finally, we landed - exhausted by all our mathematical travels!





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 2 & 3

KD	Ava M, Vaela T, Lachie M, Cormac H	KH	Shanaya G, Miles B, Elis A, Coen D
1S	Abigail D, Jack B, Vince B, Zara M	1W	Millie W, Cooper G, Matilda B, Ethan H, Elliot F
2G	Ava M-D, Emily P, Summer I, Emma D	2M	Zara S, Gaolin L, Harvey M, Zach S
3L	Tegan M, Sophie B, Lachlan H, Ben B	3/4H	Miles S, Matilda W, Isaac P, Olivia R
4F	Hunter Mc, Nathan T, Milla S, Freddie R	4/5P	Cooper B, Axl A, Emma H, Bill C, Anders R
5C	Jacob W, Louella S, Jimmy W, Edwin H	6C	Harvey S, Amelia G, Amelia S, Jacob B, Luke R
6LV	Damian S, Holly B, Charlotte C, Silke VG		Principal Trophy: 6LV, 5C



Kinderlinks 2024



Session Information

Session 1 - Tuesday 12 November

9:30 - Parents take their children to the Kindergarten classrooms for Kinderlinks (our school leaders will show you the way)

9:45 - Parents attend our 'Parent Expo' in the school hall. Information will be provided by the Principal along with: the P & C, Uniform Shop, Canteen, WOOSHC, Administrative Staff, our Learning Support Teacher, our Teacher Librarian and Scripture & Ethics Teachers.

11:00 - Parents collect their children from the Kindergarten classrooms

11:00 - 11:20 - School Hat pick up - our gift to you! (Supported by the P & C)

Session 2 - Tuesday 19 November

9:30 - Parents take their children to the Kindergarten classrooms for Kinderlinks.

Our Uniform Shop will be open today from 9:00 - 11:00am for you to purchase all uniform items.

Morning Tea will be provided. Take this time to have a cuppa and chat with the other Kindergarten 2025 parents and get your shopping done at the same time!

11:00 - Parents collect their children from the Kindergarten classrooms

Session 3 - Tuesday 26 November

9:30 - Parents take their children to the Kindergarten classrooms for Kinderlinks.

9:45 - Parents attend our Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Session in the hall. Information will be provided by the Assistant Principal regarding: the 1st day of school, Best Start, Class Formation, Drop Off & Pick Up arrangements, School Communication, items needed for Kindergarten 2025, School Readiness & Preparation

10:30 - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. Parents are welcome to attend. It will be open until 11:30am.

10:30 - The Uniform Shop will be open for shopping.

11:00 - Parents collect their children from the Kindergarten classrooms



What to bring to Kinderlinks:

A back pack containing the following items:

- a hat
- a water bottle
- morning tea



Please contact the School Office for all enquiries on: 94561655



We look forward to seeing you!

WIDEVIEW LIBRARY

**ANNUAL
BOOK FAIR**

Save the dates!

NOVEMBER 2024

3:15 - 6:15pm Tues 26th

3:15 - 6:15pm Wed 27th

8:30 - 9:15am Thurs 28th





WIDEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Showcase
2024

Tuesday 10 December
Matinee: 11:30am
Twilight: 5:30pm

Wednesday 11 December
Evening: 7:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE
1 NOVEMBER
VIA TRYBOOKING





Email: wideviewpandc@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/WideviewPublicSchoolPandCEvents/

P&C Update

Term 4



Thank you to everyone who made the Wideview P&C Election Day BBQ on Saturday 19th October run smoothly. We value and appreciate all the help and support from Berowra APEX, Mount Kuring-gai Butchery, our volunteers and the Berowra Community. Thank you, Michelle Stevens, for organising this fundraiser.

We had an amazing disco towards the end of Term 3, with approximately 250 students attending over the 2 sessions. Thank you to Zing Activ for their enthusiasm and energy in engaging the students. Thanks to all the volunteers on the night!

Please make sure to read about the P&C achievements this year in the document sent out via Sentral on 16 October.

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

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Many hands make light work!

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

The P&C are looking for a social media officer to help with fortnightly newsletters and social media posts. This will take about 1 hour per fortnight, and assist the executive and committees.

Two members of the P&C executive team, our Treasurer and President, will be stepping down from their positions at the AGM in May 2025.



Thank you, Yew Cheong Lai, for taking on the treasurer role from Steve Smith. Steve has been an invaluable member of the P&C executive committee and will provide detailed information of the role over the next 6 months+, allowing for a smooth handover of the position.

Anita is also looking for someone to take on the President role. This role is supported by the amazing P&C executive.

Please contact wideviewpandcpresident@gmail.com for further information or enquires about this position.

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.

Please see below for updates from our sub-committees.

Our next P&C meeting (the last of 2024) will be on Monday 18 November 2024 at 7pm at the Tavern – PLEASE BRING A FRIEND. Please email wideviewpandc@gmail.com once you have paid your P&C membership fee, to ensure you receive information for the following meeting.

Canteen News



The canteen is looking for a casual employee to assist at the canteen. Preferably on Thursdays. Please email wideviewpandc@gmail.com before 11 November.

Please note, some products have increased in price to accommodate the employment of another staff member and the increase in food costs. Further increases may be necessary if these increases don't cover employment costs, or if food prices increase.

Thank you to Flor Muse for taking on the canteen treasurer role from Yuki Yamaguchi Heming. The canteen committee will miss Yuki once she finishes at Wideview at the end of this year and appreciate her hard work during her time as treasurer.



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

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP THIS TERM! Even 1 hour (12.30-1.30pm) 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: <https://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.**

Please email wideviewpandcpresident@gmail.com if you are interested.



Band News

Calling all year 2 students:

On Monday 4 November, Year 2 students will have the opportunity, during class time, to try out a variety of band instruments and see if any pique their interest. Students may come home wanting to start learning an instrument or joining band in 2025.

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 [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 many ways – follow our activities via the following pages:

[Uniform Shop](#)

[Canteen](#)

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

Band – email 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 – 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

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY for Year 5 Boys

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024

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



Registrations to attend this day close on Wednesday 13 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/NYoZamghbvWkpwp7>

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

Leadership, Citizenship, Science, Technology, Creative Arts and Sporting Excellence



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 - 11.00am.



ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024

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

Note: Asquith Boys High School will be hosting a similar event on the same day for Year 5 boys

See our website for further details and a [link](#) direct to our booking page at

www.asquithgir-h.schools@nsw.gov.au

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Jaye Dunn or Ms Phillipa Somerville on 9477-6411





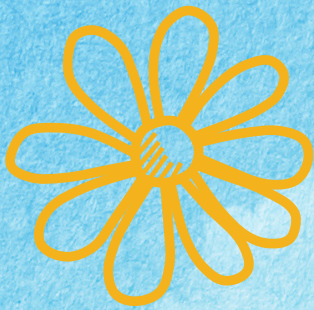
**ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

GET WITH THE TIMES

THE TIME IS NOW

**CHATSWOOD CONCOURSE THEATRE
NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH
2024**





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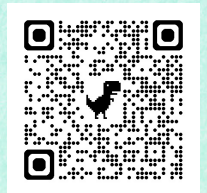
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NOVEMBER 2024
12-6PM

WATER SLIDE - INFLATABLES
HAUNTED HOUSE - SIDESHOW ALLEY
DUNK TANK- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD STALLS - MARKET STALLS - FACE PAINTING

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