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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 8

From the Principal's Desk----

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The following information comes from Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education.

Schools to implement distancing measures



The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in our schools.

Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education, announced that schools would adopt social distancing measures requiring them to cancel assemblies, excursions, travel, some events and conferences.

Mr Scott said these measures are precautionary and designed to reduce exposure via non-essential gatherings.

"Schools have been a focus of the community and the government as the impacts of coronavirus have developed globally," Mr Scott said.

"From Monday onwards, I expect school assemblies and substantial gatherings to be cancelled, along with all excursions."

"The community expects schools to be as safe as possible. We are implementing these measures to provide peace of mind for students, parents and staff."

"These cancellations also extend to inter-school arts, sports, initiative activities and events."

All major arts, sports and initiative activities and events will temporarily be ceased until further notice. This includes whole-school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools.

"Local inter-school sport and other activities can proceed, but we ask organisers to ensure that as far as possible, reasonable precautions are taken," Mr Scott said.

"I trust our principals and staff to show leadership during this time. "Schools will be provided with more detailed advice and suggestions on how they can adjust their day to day activities with minimal disruption."

The department is continuing to prepare for further closures if necessary with scaling up of technology, additional training of staff and preparation of offsite lessons.

Families and students in self-isolation can find useful information to continue [learning from home](#).

For the latest information, check [COVID-19 advice for schools](#).

At Windsor Park we will continue to provide our school community with all information as it is received.

Immediate responses include the cancellation of our Friday Assembly, postponement of our Gymnastics Program and many of the Hawkesbury District PSSA sporting activities.

Along with this we are ensuring the highest hygiene measures including enhanced cleaning procedures and student hygiene including regular supervised hand washing and for coughing or sneezing into the elbow and providing tissues which are immediately disposed of after use. Posters have been placed in each classroom reminding students of these expectations.

Our school uses the 'Enews' application as the way in which we communicate with our parents and carers. If you have not as yet accessed this I would urge you to consider doing so. We send our Newsletter, homework and other community information through this application. We have included in this Newsletter the instructions to connect to Enews if required.

Leadership Camp

Last week our School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects, Logan, Abigail, Jhye, Mariah, Heidi and Maddison attended the Leadership Camp at Yarramundi. School leaders throughout the Hawkesbury District attend this camp, where they are involved in valuable workshops ranging from public speaking to team building.

Our special thanks go to Mrs Christine Burke, Principal of Londonderry Public School, who organised this

camp. Also, to our P&C who support our students each year, providing funds to cover the cost of the camp.

Easter Raffle

In discussions with the P and C executive, acknowledging the directive with regards to assemblies, the decision has been made that the Easter Raffle will not go ahead this year. We will however still have in class Easter activities for our students.

Changes to School Exemptions

There has been an update to the attendance policy within the Department of Education. Previously, if you were going on a family holiday during a school term, the principal would grant you an exemption from school. These exemptions would not appear as absences on your child's school report. The new policy stipulates that family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. Family holidays will now be recorded as 'leave' and will appear as days absent from school on your child's end of semester report.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the office.

If you have any concerns which you would like to discuss please contact the school office to make an appointment.

School Safety and Security

Our emergency evacuation plans have been reviewed and procedures within our plans updated. We have had a new warning system installed which alerts the school in case of an evacuation, lockdown or bushfire. All students have had the opportunity to hear these warning alerts and instructed on which procedure accompanies each alert. They are very loud and can be heard across the school.

All schools are expected to account for persons on the school site during an emergency situation. The Department of Education requires all persons on a school site during school hours to be signed in through the school office and we appreciate the co-operation we receive around this procedure. However, I must request that if you are on the school site after 9.10am or before 2.30pm that you sign in at the office, unless there is a special school event.

'National Day Against Bullying'

On Thursday **20th March** our school will be acknowledging the '**National Day Against Bullying**'. This day promotes harmony, friendship and respect for everyone in the community and throughout the country, reminding students that bullying is never acceptable. Our students are engaged in a Personal Development Program this Term focused on the theme of 'Anti-Bullying'. On the day students will participate in

activities aimed at ensuring each student has an understanding of the harm bullying can cause..

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our **Parent/Teacher Interviews** this year are being held in the week commencing **6th April**.

We will again be using the on-line booking system for the interviews, and information and instructions will be sent home on Friday 20th March.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 12th, through to Friday 22nd May our Year 3 and Year 5 students participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy, and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The tests again this year will be conducted on-line, with the exception of the Year 3 Writing which will be written and submitted for marking. All tests will be administered at school by our teachers over these two weeks. The information about each student's learning that NAPLAN provides for parents and the school, is extremely valuable. Further parent information will be sent home.

One of our students, Elizabeth in Year 5 has committed to having her lovely long hair cut to support sufferers of breast cancer. If you would like to make a donation to support Elizabeth please visit this website.


https://www.facebook.com/donate/244323603241436/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Once again, I ask all our community that if there are any concerns about people on the school grounds out of school hours to report to the **School Security** on **1300 880 021**.

Focus Behaviour:

This week we will remind our students to remember that at Windsor Park School we are caring:

- ***Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you.***
- ***When you care about people, you help them.***
- ***When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort.***
- ***You treat people and things gently and respectfully.***

Joan Kahl

Principal.



--- CANTEEN INFO---

Canteen Menu

See the current Canteen Menu:

www.healthycanteens.com.au Select Primary School Menu

Lunch Orders

Important: Please make sure that your lunch orders are in the canteen before **10:00am** (or before 9am for online orders).

Money

Change for \$50 notes is not available, please try to include correct money or a smaller note denomination with your child's order.



Each week teachers are asked by the Principal to nominate a student to receive this award. Teachers write a brief commendation which is read at the assembly and then given to the student.

Week 6 Piper S

Week 7 Harley T

---FRIDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY---

9:00am in the Hall

(Please note, date and/or event changes may occur at short notice)

Term 1

Assemblies will be postponed till further notice.

---WPPS NOTES HOME---

*Homework out on e-news Odd Weeks
Newsletter out on e-news Even Weeks*

February

Mon 3 rd -	Novel Coronavirus
Wed 5 th -	Snake Man Visit
Thu 6 th -	Speech Therapist letter
Fri 7 th -	Year 6 Shirt Order Form
Wed 12 th -	Voluntary Contribution
Thu 13 th -	Homework Stage 1,2,3
Mon 17 th -	Parent Volunteer
Mon 24 th -	Stage 3 CAMP

March

Mon 3 rd -	Newsletter
Tue 4 th -	Update Covid-19
Tue 10 th -	Homework
Thu 12 th -	Updating Scripture Lists
Thu 12 th -	Information for parents/Caregiver regarding Covid-19
Mon 16 th -	Update Covid-19

PLEASE NOTE:

If you require a paper copy of notes home as you are unable to access the notes online or print them -please advise Office Staff.

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School Security

We are asking the community if you see anything of concern or people in the school grounds before or after hours – please contact

**School Security on
1300 880 021**

Stewart House Donation Drive

Envelopes will be coming home for family's that wish to donate to Stewart house. Please insure if you wish to donate that you return the envelopes to the office by 20th May 2020.

What is Stewart House?

Every year 1,700 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.

This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Library News!

Library Monitors

Congratulations to the following students for being select as Mrs Said's Library Monitors:

Sophia H, Piper S, Piper P, Georgia P, Alexis N, Jhye FM and Olivia C.

Library Monitors will receive their badges at a later Date. I look forward to working with you in the library for 2020!

Library Bags

Mrs Said currently has a stock of blank Calico library bags. If your child is in need of a library bag and you wish to purchase one of these bags please send \$3 in an envelop to Mrs Said. These bags are similar to the ones received in Kindergarten, which can be painted using fabric paint.

Book Club

Issue 2 has been sent home with students. Issue 2 orders will be open until 23rd March 2020.

A reminder that Windsor Park does not take cash payment for Book Club. All payments must be made online through the LOOP app or through the Scholastic website.

School Enews App



Download the *School Enews App* to receive push notifications / alerts from your school and access all news. There are thousands of schools inside the *School Enews App*. Press / click a store badge below, scan QR code or see below for instructions.

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1. *iPhone & iPad*: Open the App Store on your device, search for "enews"

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2. Download the "School Enews" app

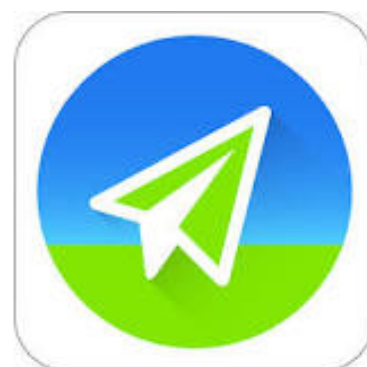
3. Open the app, allow notifications and search for your school name

4. Press the "Settings" (gear) icon to configure push notification alerts.

If you have any problems or confusion in downloading the app come into the office for assistance.

Parents: App Download Instructions:

1. iPhone & iPad: Open the App Store on your device, search for your **school** name. Android: Open the Play Store on your device, search for your **school** name. ...
2. **Download** your **school** app.
3. Press the "Settings" (cog) icon to configure push notification alerts.



Health signs are located in every classroom and Bathroom in WPPS.

Please talk and encourage your children to understand and follow these simple steps.

Keep Hands Clean and Food Safe

Hand hygiene Washing your hands



1. Hands are only washed in the basin provided.



2. Use soap to work up a lather.



3. Wash palms, fingers, thumbs, nails and wrists



4. Rinse off soap by washing hands under running



5. Dry with paper towel.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



WASH IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



1 COVER your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

2

Put your used tissue in the rubbish BIN.



3

If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS.**



4

WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel.



When to wash your hands!

before eating



after using the toilet



after blowing your nose



before cooking





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Centre Hours:

Monday - Friday

Morning: 6:30am - 9:30am
 Afternoon: 2:30pm - 6:30pm

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We offer:

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- Pupil Free Days
- Teacher Strikes
- Vacation Care
- Emergency Care

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 Wednesday: Round Robin Sports
 Friday: Rock Climbing

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DISCOUNTS: Parents needing full-time care (5x Mornings & 5x Afternoons) receive **1 morning session complimentary per week.**

3rd child booked in receives care for **half price** no matter how many sessions!