

Wellington Public School



Whisper



Exceptional learning opportunities for all

Week 8 Term 4

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Very Busy Time

We have moved into an extremely busy period of the school year. In the next 4 weeks we have a number of important events taking place. Intensive swimming is underway, the Year 6 farewell is coming up, Presentation Day is fast approaching followed by the annual Carols evening. Yearly reports will go out and class parties will round out the year.

Intensive Swimming and Water Safety

Our annual swimming scheme commenced this week for all year 2 students. This valuable program teaches students basic water safety through to developing swimming techniques. Beginning swimmers are taught how to enter and exit the water with confidence and develop basic skills that could save their life. All our staff involved in the swimming scheme are Austswim qualified. Austswim is the organisation responsible for overseeing and training swimming instructors in Australia. Our staff updates their qualifications on a regular basis to ensure all students who participate get the highest quality instruction.

On the theme of water safety, yesterday at our Monday morning assembly I mentioned water safety in community settings. I encouraged students to avoid swimming in the river due to the unstable nature of the water. Rivers can be quite dangerous as you can't see what is in the water or under the surface. Logs, plants, rubbish and even old cars can be found in waterways like rivers. It is very easy for someone to be caught on these types of debris and the consequences can be tragic.

It Hot, Real Hot!

Following the high temperatures experienced over the weekend the mercury is set to break the 40 degree barrier for the first time this summer later in the week. I have encouraged students to take steps to look after themselves in this extreme weather. Drinking plenty of water is very important. In warmer weather our bodies lose fluid more rapidly and it needs to be replaced regularly.

Playing games that are appropriate to the conditions is also important. In this type of weather students participating games that involve high intensity physical activity can very quickly become overheated and dehydrated. We are encouraging students to avoid direct sun during the heat of the day between 11am and 4pm. During this time the UV index is rated 'Extreme' and as such students will be susceptible to sunburn and dehydration. Wearing hats and sunscreen are recommended for outdoor activity. Cool and light clothing would also be advised to help keep cool during the hot days we are currently experiencing. I am expecting the school's air conditioners to be working overtime this week!

Year 6 Farewell

Next Thursday, 6th December will be a highlight in the academic career of our year 6 students as they prepare to move from Primary to Secondary education. The Year 6 Farewell is a special event as students get together with their friends and teachers to reflect on the time they have spent together. The traditional Year 6 dance is currently being rehearsed and refined by the students and I am sure they are looking forward to

performing for their parents. Parents of our year 6 students are getting excited (or nervous) about joining in the celebrations and dancing with their children. No doubt the children are running a few practice sessions for their mums and dads.

Special thanks must also go to those parents who volunteered their time to assist with preparation for this event. Last Thursday a working bee was well attended where decorations were made in readiness for the farewell.

School Grounds during Weekends and Holidays

As we move towards the Christmas holiday break it is timely to remind students that they are not to be on the grounds outside normal school time unless they have the specific permission of the Principal. In recent months we have experienced an increase in vandalism in the school, especially damage to windows. I have asked the police to increase patrols in the school grounds and record the names of those people who are inside the grounds to assist us in linking names to any vandalism that may occur outside school hours. If vandalism does occur and students are in the grounds it is very likely they will be linked to the incident whether they are responsible or not. There shouldn't be any reason for students to be inside the grounds during weekends or school holidays.

What's 'Appening' at WPS?

At a recent P & C meeting we discussed the positives and negatives associated with possibility of the 'Whisper' moving to electronic only format in the interests of saving funds to use in other areas of the schools budget. I made a statement suggesting that we should have a Wellington Public School App. Mr Eather has been liaising with a software company and has shown me a demonstration of the proposed WPS 'app'. Using a smartphone, ipad or tablet PC you will be able to download the software from the 'appstore' or 'android marketplace'. Using the app you will be able to view the 'whisper' and submit notes explaining your child's absence just to name a few of the functions. Whilst this piece of software is still in the early stages of development, it shows that Wellington Public School is indeed at the cutting edge. Of course, we will continue to upload the 'Whisper' and other important information to the school's website www.wellington-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au. I would encourage you to add the website to your favourites for quick, easy access.

I must stress this 'App' still in development and not currently available but we will keep you informed in regards to the launch of our Wellington Public School App!

PSSA Sport Ends in Week 9

There are only two more weeks of PSSA Sport left. The last date of PSSA is Friday 7th December.

Live the Dream

Graham Conn– Deputy Principal.

Celebrating Great Efforts and Performances

This Week's Buzzie Winners



[Come to School and Help Your Class Win!](#)

It is extremely important for all students to be at school every day. During this term we are having a competition between the grades to see which classes have the best attendance. The class from each grade that has the least amount of absences will be rewarded with a pizza party. Make sure you get to school every day you can or bring a note to explain your absence to give your class the best chance of winning a pizza party. The attendance will be worked out as a percentage to ensure equity between classes.

We will do a tally of absences each week to let your class know if they are in the lead or they have to catch up. Come to school every day and help your class win a Pizza Party

In conjunction with the pizza party competition we are awarding 100% Attendance Certificates to students who achieve 100% "reportable attendance". That means if you attend school every day in weeks 1 through to 10 you will receive a special attendance award for that period. If you have a day off but bring a note explaining your absence you may still be eligible to receive a certificate. Get to school for yourself and your class and be a Safe, Respectful Learner at Wellington Public School!

WHEN TO PHONE THE SCHOOL.. DO NOT PHONE THE OFFICE AFTER 2PM, WITH MESSAGES FOR YOUR CHILD, AS THERE IS NO WAY OF GETTING THE MESSAGE TO THEM ON TIME..

THANK YOU OFFICE STAFF

YEAR 6 SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS SIZES AT \$31 EACH, PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE STAFF.

Kindergarten Assemblies

The timetable for early Stage 1 assemblies is set out below. Remember to watch this space as unforeseen circumstances can change these details!

Week 8 **Kinder Red** Thursday 29th November **This week!**

Week 10 **Kinder Blue** Thursday 13th December

STAGE 1 ASSEMBLIES: Fridays 12.30pm in the new hall. Wks 3, 5, 7. Everyone is welcome to attend.

STAGE 3 ASSEMBLIES: This Term Stage 3 will be having their assemblies in Wks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

P & C Christmas Raffle



Prize: Apple iPad 2 16 GB



Tickets for this raffle are \$1 each and are included with today's whisper. Please return tickets and money to the office before Tuesday 11th December.

Raffle will be drawn at the W.P.S Carols Night Tuesday 11th December



\$5 Canteen Specials - Term 4 2012

Wk 8
Thursday 29th November
Kinder, Years 1 & 2



Lolly
Day

Wk 8
Friday 30th November
Years 3 to 6 only

Lolly
Day



Scan this QR code for a direct link to the WPS website and Whisper online!!

Carols Night



See
You
There!

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*Jingle Bells
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Feliz Navidad
Away in a Manger
Aussie Jingle Bells
Deck the Shed
Here Come the Reindeers
Twelve days of Christmas
PLUS*** Sing-a-Long Carols*

**WPS
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AREA**

P & C will be selling

- Drinks
- Sausage sandwiches
- Steak sandwiches

*16 GB Apple iPad 2
raffle will be drawn on
the night.*

- * Bring your rugs, folding chairs and a picnic tea.
- * Children to dress in Red and Green

Tuesday 11th December 2012 - 6pm to 7pm

LIBRARY NEWS!!!!

***THE END OF YEAR IS FAST APPROACHING AND EVERYTHING
NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR. IF YOU HAVE A LIBRARY BOOK AT
HOME OR UNDER YOUR DESK PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE LIBRARY
A.S.A.P. THANKS KINDLY MRS CONN.***

GARDEN CLUB

Thank you to Mr Leeder for hooking up the water and putting up the hose reel. It all makes watering our garden so easy!

The fruit and vegetables are growing well. We have been busy picking and eating the things we have grown.

We have transplanted some of the seedlings we grew from seeds.

Thank you to Mrs Reid for donating some capsicum plants, they are growing well.

Next week we have Mr Craig Bennett from the Wellington Council, visiting our school. He will present a talk on, "How to keep a Healthy Garden" and minimising weeds, to our garden club children.

HAPPY GARDENING! Sue Nicholas

CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE 2012.

On Thursday 6th December, the students will be walking to the Anglican Church for a Christmas Service.

K-2 at 9.30am

3/4 at 10am

5/6 at 10.45am

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



Tessa's Talk

Term 4 Week 8

Tessa Ponder from Wellington Community Health, will be visiting our school this week on THURSDAY. She will be discussing childhood illnesses and diseases that are common among children in primary school. Tessa has the current information on treatment and exclusion periods. Come along for an information session and afternoon tea.

When: Thursday 29th November

Time: 2.15—2.45pm

Where: Learning and Support Teacher (L.a.S.T) room

Block E Stage 2 Hall