



Wellington Public School

Where every child is known, valued and cared for.

Tuesday 12th December 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our final week of Term. What a great year we have had at WPS!

Can I express a huge vote of thanks for your support at our wonderful Presentation Day yesterday. The organisation from Mrs Eather was amazing! The attendance of so many families was so supportive for the staff and students. It was really the icing on the top of a very successful year for WPS.

Our new school leaders were announced Allirah West, Hudson Smith, Halle Tollhurst and Emmanuel Dequina. Outstanding role models for our school moving into 2024.

As I highlighted some key achievements for the year have been:

Our P&C, under the leadership of Katrina Gersbach, has focused on successfully negotiating the journey out of COVID and getting the canteen up and running. A quality of canteen that most schools are envious of. They have also made one of my 'hair brained ideas' to have a Before and After School Care Centre into a very viable and profitable enterprise. Special mention in this regard needs to go also to Kate Boland our amazing BASC Coordinator.

Our academic results remain strong from Preschool to Year 2 and at State levels for Literacy and Numeracy from Years 3 to 6.

Our music program continues to provide outstanding opportunities for students at our school.

A broad range of students participate in enrichment activities such as, mentoring, chess club, boys shed, kitchen garden each week, extending and challenging them.

The talent in our sporting teams and the large number of Western Representatives from our school continue to be acknowledged across the State.

Our carols night finished off a great day and was very well attended. Congratulations to all the winners in the P&C raffle. Their work this year has once again been outstanding.

Reports are complete. I really enjoyed the reading about the progress described and especially enjoyed the student comments once again.

Our word of the week is VALUABLE. Please enjoy your valuable time with family over the break. Feel free to ask your child to put it in a sentence.

Our staff for next year will be the same as we finish this one with many staff becoming permanent.

One notable change will be the retirement, following leave next year, of Mrs Bev Conn. Her contribution to this school cannot really be summarised in a few words but as a mother of former students, a P&C representative, and a valued member of the staff for over 30 years I would like to thank her here today. I wish her well in her transition to retirement. She will be helping Alana Stone step into the relieving role to start next year.

Have an amazing Christmas with family and friends and a very happy New Year!

Darryl Thompson





Student of the week

**CONNOR
BLACKHALL**

Meet our Student of the Week

Connor is described by everyone as kind, caring and friendly. He would like to be a zoologist when he is older and if he was Prime Minister, he would build more dog shelters.

On the weekends Connor likes to play hide and seek spotlight. His best memory is going on holiday to the Gold Coast. He loves Wellington because his family and friends all live here. His friends are always here to help him.

The best highlight of the year has been the Burrendong Excursion.
Connor would like to be like his cousin Brent when he is older because he is so kind, he is great at football and he is always available to help others.



Favourite song - Riptide
Favourite subject - Sport
Favourite food - Butter Chicken
Favourite people - family and friends
Favourite Movie - Super Mario Brothers
Favourite team - Wests Tigers



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NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

Wellington Public School

Works notification | 16 November 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are refurbishing the girl's and boy's toilets in Building C at Wellington Public School. In preparation for the upgrade, we will be removing material known to contain asbestos in the walls and ceiling panels as per the school's asbestos register.

Work to remove the material will take place on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December 2023.

The building continues to be used as the materials are undisturbed.

The toilets in Building C will be cordoned off just before the work starts, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place. The toilets will remain cordoned off until the toilet upgrade work is complete in early 2024.

All work involving asbestos containing materials will take place outside of school hours, with additional safety measures and monitoring in place before the work starts.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The building will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the contractor will receive a clearance certificate before the rooms are re-opened.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

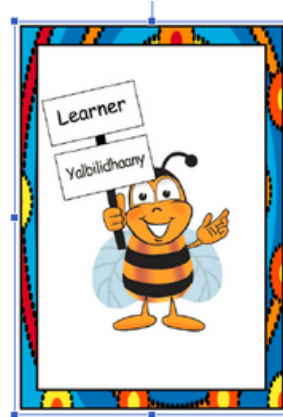
Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

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Buzzie Winners

Declan PS, Lucy PS, Sianna PS, Ava PS, Kaidance 4T, Victor 4T, Rocco 3F, Julia 1A, William 1A, Kyson 1DP, Remi KP, Skylah KG, Natalie KR, Destiny 5B, Jasper Maroon, Dominic Maroon

Attendance Award: Jorji Miller

School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

[Students in the](#) Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children 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.

[Bus operators](#) are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)



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HOLIDAY

Break Camps



NSW Rugby Union has once again partnered with Regional Youth NSW to provide "RUGBY FOR GOOD -FREE holiday Rugby Camps" in regional and remote NSW. This is part of the NSW positive Rugby foundations commitment to regional NSW. #rugbyforgood

These camps are targeted for youth aged participants 12-24.
Food will be provided on the day.

CENTRAL WEST - 26TH JANUARY
WARATAHS SUPER W PLAYERS & COACHES
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE



Molong:

- 9AM - 12PM



Wellington:

- 9AM - 12PM



Dubbo:

- FROM 2PM

*to be confirmed at a closer date



Contact Teagan Miller for more details



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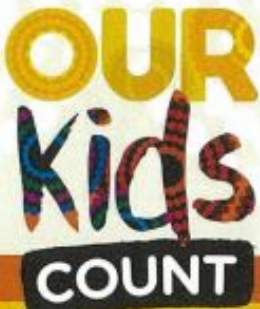


<https://nsw.rugby/HolidayBreakCamps>





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LIMITED SPOTS

GET IN QUICKLY

BIRTH REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE DAY

WHERE: Uniting
1/80 Gipps Street, Dubbo

WHEN: Wednesday, 31 January 2024
10.00am to 3.00pm

Births Deaths & Marriages staff will assist with any Birth Registration issues families are having, and will have a limited number of Birth Certificate applications they can take on the day as long as you bring your ID.

WHAT TO BRING

Mum's and Dad's ID	Child/ren's ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Driver's Licence• Passport• NSW Photo Card• Medicare Card• Centrelink ORN Card• Social Security Benefits (Concession) Card• Social Security Health Care Card• Employee or Student Identity Card• Bank Credit or Debit Card• Confirmation of Aboriginality• Letter from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or Aboriginal Corporation with common seal• Letter from a Government Agency stating parent's name, address and how long the person has been known by the agency• Recent Utilities Bill with Current Residential Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicare Card• Health Insurance Commission (HIC) Immunisation Certificate• School Report or School Identification Card• Letter from Preschool or Childcare Centre showing child's full name and date of birth• Confirmation of Aboriginality• Letter from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or Aboriginal Corporation with common seal• Medical Certificate from Doctor showing the child's full name and date of birth• Centrelink letter showing the child's full name• Court Order proving who the child is in the care of

IMPORTANT:
The name of the child on the ID must match the name to be recorded on their birth registration

To find out more contact:
Brett Cunningham on 0423 844 286



Registry of Births
Deaths & Marriages