

# West Wyalong Public School

TERM 1 *Week 5*

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

## NEWSLETTER



### *From the Principal's Desk*

It is hard to believe that we are nearly half way through the term. This week will be a very busy one, with the start of student goal setting through the parent-teacher-student interviews and the induction assembly for school leaders and a welcome to Kindergarten students tomorrow.

A huge congratulations to the West Wyalong Public School team of swimmers that competed last Friday, winning the highest point score. From all reports it was a great day with all competitors trying their best and representing the school with pride.

Last year, Miss Penfold organised the purchase of 47 new laptop computers. These computers have arrived and have been distributed out into all the classrooms. Most classes received 4 or 5 new laptops to add to the computers they already have. All students have a Mathletics user account and activities from this online program will be used during mathematics lessons.

The West Wyalong Public Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedures has been updated. It will be uploaded to the school website. The main guidelines are that all mobile and digital devices are not to be used during the school day unless it is for educational purposes. Mobile phones need to be taken to the front office each morning and collected at the end of the school day. If parents need to contact students they can do so by calling the front office and a message will be delivered to their child.

One of the highpoints of my day is when I have students are sent to my office with work they have completed in class. I have read a lot of "sizzling starts" of students who are improving their creative writing by having their story start in an interesting way. Kindergarten students have also visited with their sound work and are very proud that they know the letters "a, s and t".

I hope you all enjoy getting a better understanding of your child's goals in the three way interviews this week as it is an encouraging opportunity to take an active role in your child's learning.

*Mrs Victoria Jenkins*

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### Dates for the diary:

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

5/6 Red Interviews

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

3/4 Red Interviews

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

3/4 Yellow Interviews

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

School Photos

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

International Women's  
Day

**Missy Warner, Billy  
Donaldson and Indiana  
Milsom using the new laptop  
computers.**





# WWPS 2021 Term 1 Learning Goal Meetings



Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mrs Haub – 5/6 Green	Mrs Worland – 5/6 Pink
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Mrs Brown – 5/6 Red	Mrs Pidgeon & Mrs Fealy – 1/2Red
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs Wiencke – 3/4Red	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ms Poole – 3/4Yellow	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ms Ward – 1/2Green	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Evening Interviews 5.30 – 7.30 Parents please come to the Library when you arrive.	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Ms Hicks – 1/2Blue	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Miller & Mrs Whiley – 3/4Blue	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss Penfold & Miss Winkley - Kindergarten	

## WEEK 5 LIBRARY NEWS

### What happens if my child damages a library book that belongs to the school?

If you have younger children at home, please help your child keep their library books away from them when unsupervised. Most damage to our library books is caused by pre-schoolers. If damage does occur **PLEASE DO NOT REPAIR IT**. Just ask your child to tell Mrs Grimshaw when they return the book to school so that the damage can be repaired promptly. Mrs Grimshaw has special materials in the library for this purpose.

Some children may be reluctant to point out damage for fear of being punished but this does not happen. The sooner the damage is noticed, the sooner the book can be repaired ready for another child to borrow.

Also would you please reinforce the following points when library books are being used at home:

- turn pages carefully by the corner
- have clean hands
- always use a library bag for library books

## SCHOOL NEWS

Notes have gone home for the

### LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Which is visiting our school from

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

All children will attend a session. The cost is **\$12 per child.**

Please return your child's signed permission note by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March along with payment (Note that this payment can be made on-line).

There is no merchandise available through the van, but it can be purchased online at <https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/>

### Online Payments

Our school is able to accept online payments through the Paypop system, which is accessed through the school's website.

### West Wyalong Public School SKOOLBAG app!

This year West Wyalong Public School is again using **Skoolbag**. If you download the app, you will be able to instantly receive regular information in a push notice (like excursion return times, changes in routine, reminders etc), submit absences, view permission notes and newsletters all on your mobile phone or tablet devices, both apple and android. It is a great way to communicate quickly with the whole school community. If you need any assistance, please contact the front office on 69722157.

Every Monday a newsletter is distributed by Skoolbag, email or a hard copy if requested.

**When your child is absent from school you can inform the school by:**

- ❖ **A written note to the teacher**
- ❖ **Phoning the front office**
- ❖ **Sending an email**

**Parents receive a SMS message on the day their child is absent.**

### LOST PROPERTY

**A gold bangle was found in the Cola in week 3.**

**If you believe this is your bangle, please go to the front office to collect.**

## West Wyalong Public School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Monday 1 March 2021**

**advancedlife**  
photography & print specialists

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and  
enter the code PPG 8XL 8DP**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9-digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at

[www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

## TERM 1 REMINDERS:

**PLEASE make sure students bring a water bottle every day.**

**Please do not send students who are unwell to school. If students are sick for 3 days they need to return with a medical certificate for absent days.**

**Please drop students off and pick them up outside the school**

**gates.** Remember to social distance yourselves while waiting. We are asking that staff and students are the ONLY people on the school grounds at this time. If you need to speak to your child's classroom teacher, please ring the front office and we will organise this for you.

## Clothing Pool

A Clothing Pool is available at the Front Office of WWPS.

Jumpers, hats, shirts, skirts, shorts, trousers and shoes are available, all at reasonable prices. Any unwanted clothing can also be donated back to the Clothing Pool which would be very much appreciated.

All funds go directly to school resources which assist all students of WWPS.

## School Bags

School Bags are available at the Front Office for \$38-50.



**The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday.**

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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**Please consider the environment**

1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree / 5.4kg CO2  
in the atmosphere | 3 sheets of A4 paper  
= 1 litre of water



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## TERM 1, WEEK 5

### Merit Awards

3/4 Blue:	Cody Marinkovic Hannah Milsom
3/4 Red:	Josie Biggam Max Miller
3/4 Yellow:	Elijah Penhall Judd Pidgeon
5/6 Pink:	Lucy Biggam Tommy Reid
5/6 Green:	Phoebe Larden Courtney McKay
5/6 Red:	Jake Brooks Zac Johnston

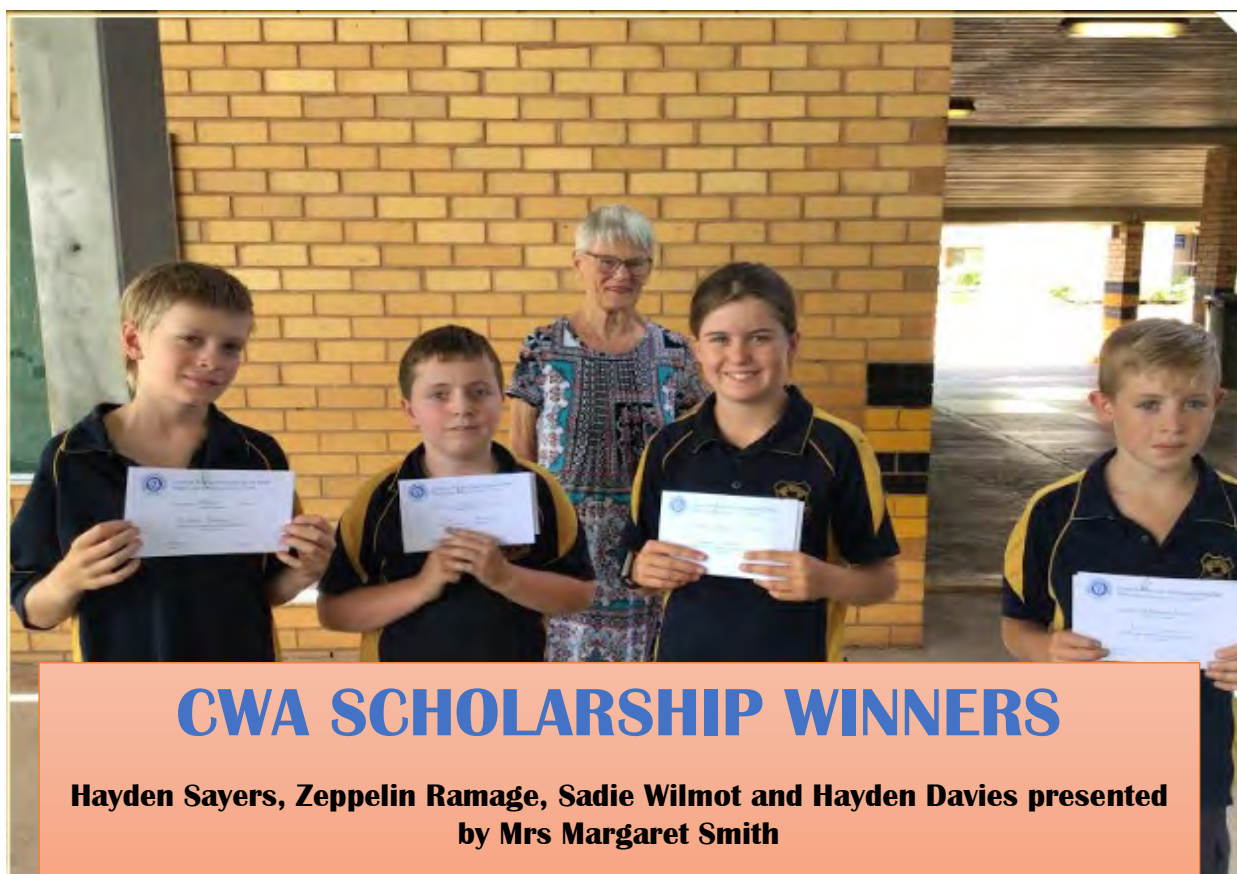
### Literacy Awards

Arie Beckett, Sophie Blackstock,  
Caleb Boneham, Kayden Cattle,  
Connor Herrick, Noah Larden, and  
Cruze Scealy



### Maths Awards

Ryan Ackland, Jake Brooks, Nixon Heaslip,  
Darcy Jamieson, Ava Lancaster, Quade Penfold  
and Banjo Rees



### CWA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Hayden Sayers, Zeppelin Ramage, Sadie Wilmot and Hayden Davies presented  
by Mrs Margaret Smith



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Judd Pidgeon



Hannah Milsom



Josie Biggam



Cody Marinkovic



Elijah Penhall



Connor Herrick



Max Miller



Phoebe Larden



Jake Brooks



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Kayden Cattle



Zac Johnston



Tommy Reid



Nixon Heaslip



Banjo Rees



Quade Penfold



Seth Marinkovic



Jake Brooks



Darcy Jamison



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Ava Lancaster



Ryan Ackland



Arie Beckett



Courtney McKay



Sophie Blackstock



Caleb Boneham



Lucy Biggam



Noah Larden



## BLAND SHIRE LIBRARY



EVERY Thursday!  
(during school term)

10:30am—11:30am

Storytelling, songs, music and dance, craft  
and other activities!

All children under  
school age welcome!  
No bookings required.

Bring a piece of fruit  
for morning tea ☺

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT 6979 02727





# Summer Reading Club 2020-21



## 40-day challenge

### Presentation and Finale Party

All registered SRC participants are invited to  
attend Bland Shire Library  
Wednesday 3rd March from 3.30pm — 4.30pm



RSVP by Monday 1st March 2021  
Contact Bland Shire Library on 6979 0272





Kindergarten has been having so much fun...playing  
maths games, going for walks around the school,  
painting, dress ups, buddies and lots of fine motor  
activities!





# District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday Mrs Hopper and I had the absolute pleasure of taking 29 students to Lake Cargelligo pool to compete at the Lower Lachlan District Swimming Carnival. It was perfect weather for swimming and it was great to see how competitive our students were. Every swimmer gave it their best shot and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Our relay swim teams were highly competitive and there were some



fantastically close finishes! Missy Worner had an exceptional day and was the 11 Years Girl Champion. Our swimmers consistently performed well throughout the day and as a result West Wyalong Public School were the Highest Point Score winners. Many of our swimmers have won their way through to compete at the Western Region Swimming Carnival on March 12 at Dubbo. Our students should be congratulated on their efforts and well done to those who will now go on to compete further! Be sure to check out Facebook for some action shorts on the day.

Mrs Brown





# First day of Kindergarten!





**‘Will I be a good dad?’**

is a common concern amongst  
new dads and dads-to-be.

## The Focus on New Fathers program provides a free text message based service called SMS4dads.

### Free tips, tools and links - directly to dad's phone

To help new dads and dads-to-be navigate the changes, before and after the birth of their baby, NSW Health and the University of Newcastle have partnered to deliver SMS4dads.

Once new dads and dads-to-be are registered, they'll receive practical tips, tools and helpful links directly to their phone.

### You're eligible:

- if you are 18 years or older
- if your partner is at least 16 weeks (four months) pregnant; or
- from your baby's birth until they are 6 months old.

### For more information

visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers)

“Just wanted to say thanks for this project. The text messages have been invaluable and I couldn't have known just how much I needed to receive these short and helpful messages.”

**Registration  
is free  
and easy.**



[www.health.nsw.gov.au/  
focus-on-new-fathers](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers)



## ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

### Safe bus travel

A child is most at risk of harm just after getting off the bus.

#### To reduce risk:

- meet your children at the bus stop – never on the opposite side of the road
- hold your children's hands at the bus stop
- stand a few steps back from the edge of the road when waiting at the bus stop
- wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road.

#### Help your children to find a safe place to cross such as:

- at a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights, if available
- a clear section of road where they are visible to all traffic.

If you can't be with your children, organise for a trusted adult to meet them at the bus stop.



#### For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at [education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education](http://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education) or visit [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) and search for road safety education.



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**Air League**

**NSW Group**

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# NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING



Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR  
LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON  
PLEASE CONTACT**



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