

# West Wyalong Public School

TERM 1 *Week 7*

Monday 8th March 2021

## NEWSLETTER



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## *From the Principal's Desk*

### Dates to Remember

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Harmony Week

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Recognition Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Primary Theatre Excursion

The Midnight Gang

Welcome to Week 7. The past 6 weeks have been very busy ones for me but I have really enjoyed meeting all the staff and students and quite a few parents. The last of the goal setting interviews are today. Class teachers have commented on how well they have gone and we all appreciate parents taking the time to discuss their child's Literacy, Numeracy and learning goals.

On Friday, I meet with some parents to discuss the School Improvement Plan. There were a lot of positive ideas generated and constructive feedback. The three strategic directions are student growth and attainment, quality teaching through collaboration and high expectations with community engagement and personalised learning. The plan is still at a draft stage and with further consultation with staff, will be finalised by the end of term.

This year, the school has received a large amount of extra funding as part of the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program with the intention of providing small group or individual tuition for students identified in need of Literacy and Numeracy support. Schools are able to decide how the program is implemented so that it is most suited to the learning needs of identified students. At West Wyalong Public School, we have:

- Employed extra teachers to make smaller groups for Literacy and Numeracy.
- Allocated extra time for teachers to test and provide targeted activities for individual students
- Employed non-teaching educators who work with identified students on sight words, reading and numeracy.

An updated Covid-19 advice was released on Friday. Due to the size of the school, the guidelines still restrict attendance numbers at our assemblies as staff and students are included in the total number able to attend. Parent helpers are now able to come into the school but we ask that drop off and pick up procedures remain the same for safety and security reasons.

All the best for a great week

***Mrs Victoria Jenkins***

### **School Voluntary Fees**

School Voluntary Fees for 2021 were set by our P & C at their AGM.

The fees have remained unchanged for a number of years and are set as follows:

\$40 per student  
Maximum amount per family is \$75.

A discount of \$5 per child applies if fees are paid in Term 1.

Invoices will be mailed to parents tomorrow.

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# Updated Covid-19 Guidelines

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## **Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.**

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. Activities permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Activities that remain on hold will be reviewed at regular intervals and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

## **COVID Safe Check-in**

From Term 1 2021, all NSW public schools use the Service NSW [COVID Safe Check-in](#) [External link](#).

Look for the COVID Safe QR code posters when you enter your child's school. Be sure to sign in at the school administration building according to your school's visitor guidelines.

## **School attendance**

### **Students should be at school unless:**

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with [advice from NSW Health](#), parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#).

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. Find more information about [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent or carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands.
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

Students will be supported to learn from home in the following circumstances: If they are required to self-isolate due to being a close contact of a positive or suspected COVID-19 case.

- Where the school is directed under public health advice to only remain operational for children of essential workers if an outbreak of COVID-19 was to arise in the local area.

## **School activities and school site usage**

### **What's changed**

The following activities have been updated:

- Schools can welcome parents back to school in a COVID-safe way.
- There are no limits for singing groups or in-class educational activities such as group repetition, chanting or recitation.
- P&C meetings and events are permitted with a COVID Safety Plan.
- Dancing activities, including dance classes, balls and social events, can proceed in a COVID-safe way.
- School sporting activity requirements, whether indoors or outdoors, are aligned with those in place for other community sporting competitions and training activities in NSW.

School may adopt the following changes commencing 8 March 2021 in all schools:

- Parents and carers may enter the school to drop off and pick up students in accordance with local school arrangements. P&C meetings and other gatherings of parents and/or community members for school events (such as working bees) can proceed. All participants must continue to comply with the gathering limits prescribed
- to comply with the gathering limits prescribed by the Public Health Orders. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times.
- All visitors to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. This includes the requirement to sign the school sign-in sheet where they acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit. Visitors must also check in using the Service NSW QR code.
- School can welcome parents and carers to attend school sporting events and activities, whether indoors or outdoors, in line with the requirements in place for other community sporting competitions and training activities in NSW.
- Students are able to mix together across year groups or other cohorts for all school related activities.
- School orientation programs can continue.

- There are no recommended limits on the number of performers in singing groups, including for in-class educational activities such as group repetition, chanting, recitation, or singing activities.
- Musical groups including bands and ensembles are permitted in well-ventilated spaces or outdoor areas. Students and staff must comply with the Safe Health Practices infection control requirements.
- During solo and group singing, chanting and rapping events, a distance of 5 metres between themselves and any person they are facing, including staff, students and audience members is to be maintained where practicable.
- Field trips, excursions and camps to Victoria, Queensland and ACT can continue where interstate border requirements permit.

### **School activities and school site usage without change**

Schools will apply the following guidelines to adhere to NSW Health advice:

- Interschool activities can continue to take place.
- External providers delivering educational services can proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.
- Activities involving musical instruments can proceed.

### **Activities on hold**

The following events will continue to be reconsidered. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- International excursions (cancelled until further notice).
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long lead time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more.

### **School events including performances, productions, plays and other social activities**

School performances, productions, plays, concerts and other events can continue. These events must comply with the department's guidelines and NSW Health requirements for COVID safe events.

Schools must have in place and comply with the relevant [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) when planning and conducting these events. The following considerations for schools apply:

- Ensure that all attendees, including students, staff and visitors, parents and carers, are well and free of any flu-like symptoms.
- Catering arrangements will comply with the COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements where appropriate.
- Special guests such as the Local Member of Parliament and videographer or photographer may attend events.
- Events held on school sites will need to limit guests based on the physical distancing requirements as per the [relevant square metre rules](#). Schools will need to invite guests based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents & carers or visitors) who are able to be accommodated.
- All visitors to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. This includes the requirement to sign the school sign-in sheet where they acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit. Visitors must also check in using the Service NSW QR code.
- The school is required to maintain a record of names and contact details for all attendees including school staff and visitors for at least 28 days after the event.

This record must only be used for the purposes of contact tracing for COVID-19 infections and be stored confidentially and securely.

- When holding events at external venues, all external venues and providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan to ensure health and safety measures are in place.

### **Physical distancing**

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

### **School cleaning and hygiene supplies**

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

### **Essential hygiene supplies**

To support NSW schools during COVID-19 and help keep them safe, we've secured and dispatched a range of products including soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment.

Schools will continue to provide hygiene products including liquid soap, hand sanitiser, paper towels, surface spray and disinfectant wipes.

### **Responding to COVID-19 cases**

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation arises.

### **Transport**

Bus services to and from schools continue to operate as normal. For travel advice to and from school, refer to [Transport for NSW](#).





## The New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge has Begun!!!

Every student in our school from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more often and to read more widely.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will complete the challenge in class by having 30 books off the NSW Premier's booklist read to them by their teacher.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will read books independently and will be borrowing books from the school library that they can read at school or can be taken home in a library bag to read. To complete the challenge students in Years 3-6 must read 20 books in total (15 books off the NSW Premier's booklist and 5 books of their own choice). There are prizes along the way to keep students motivated to keep reading. Students record the books they read on a log kept in the school library. When they return their books Mrs Grimshaw will check that they have read them so they can move onto their next book.

If students have a book at home or from the Bland Shire Library that is on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist please read it then bring the book to school to show Mrs Grimshaw so it can be added to their reading log. The challenge finishes on Friday 20th August (Term 3 Week 6) so reading logs can be finalized.

For more information please check out the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website - <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



## Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2020

Today all Year 6 students received an Expression of Interest form to start Year 7 at West Wyalong High School in 2022.

If your child will be attending **West Wyalong High School** in 2022 please complete the application and return to **West Wyalong Public School** before **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

# PRIMARY AWARDS



**TERM 1**      **Week 6**      *2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021*



## Merit Awards

3-4 Blue:    Max Crowe  
                 Lana Cain

3-4 Red:     Payton Fuller  
                 Aylah Lange

3-4 Yellow:  Stella Evans  
                 Quincy Ng

5-6 Pink:    Cleo Reid  
                 Missy Worner

5-6 Green:  Banjo Rees  
                 Jayden Wright

5-6Red:     Charlie Crowe  
                 Gemma Lord

## Maths Awards

Illy Cattle Judd Pidgeon Cody Marinkovic  
Chevy Steele Will Davies Lila Lancaster  
Billy Broad Kayleb Brace



## Literacy Awards

Josie Biggam Chevy Steele Alexander Collins  
Stella Evans Lilly Bell Tye Smith Mae Eyles



## BOOK AWARDS

Grady Lemon Gemma Lord

At this stage due to social distancing regulations our assemblies are still not open to parents.

Thank you for understanding.







### Keen to try Rugby League or League Tag??

This year WWJRL are offering **DISCOUNTED** registration fees for any participant who has already used their Active Kids Voucher!

Email [westwyalongjrl@gmail.com](mailto:westwyalongjrl@gmail.com) for more info

We play a home & away series in Lachlan District JRL on Saturdays, with our first game on the 1st May

**AGES**  
Rugby League 5-14  
League Tag 5-17

West Wyalong Junior Rugby League Football Club  
[westwyalongjrl@gmail.com](mailto:westwyalongjrl@gmail.com)  
[www.playrugbyleague.com](http://www.playrugbyleague.com)  
 Grant Blackstock 0428 418 635  
 Leesa Bryant 0427 274 107

## West Wyalong Anglican Church Book Fair

at the Parish Centre  
14 Court Street,  
West Wyalong

**Saturday 3rd April,**  
9.00am to 6.00pm  
**Sunday 4th April**  
10.30 am to 5.00pm &  
**Monday 5th April 2021**  
9.00am to 3.00pm

A huge range of second hand books and lots of Children's Books ideal for reading during the winter months for sale!!!

COVID 19 Regulations will apply if necessary.

For more information contact John or Fran Mitchell on 6972 4221

# Vacation Care

Bland Shire Council

Vacation Care is located at Children Services Unit, 130 Pine Street, West Wyalong. Our service is for children attending school, aged 5-12 years. Session Times— 8:30am-5pm

Monday 5th April	Tuesday 6th April	Wednesday 7th April	Thursday 8th April	Friday 9th April
<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Easter Day</b> Children will enjoy creating Easter crafts and playing Easter themed games.	Depart 9am Return 4pm Lunch Provided \$10 Additional fee Children explore and learn about nature and science with Sally Russell at LCCC.	<b>Footy Day</b> Come dressed in your favourite footy team colours and let's play footy and other outdoor games.	Children can explore the wonder of science and process of abstract art. <b>A day of Art, Science and Wonder</b>
Monday 12th April <b>Fishing Day</b> Children will walk to the Wet lands and attempt a bit of fishing. <b>ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED.</b>	<b>1st Aid for Kids</b> <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> Children will complete a 1st aid session with Shannon Evans at 10am then enjoy Taco lunch.	<b>Splatter Gallery</b> \$10 Additional fee Children will walk down to Splatter Gallery and participate in an art session.	<b>Western Texas Day</b> Children can enjoy Cowboy/Cowgirl games and activities.	<b>PJ Day</b> Children come dressed in their PJ's chill out daytime slumber party.

Cost: \$30 per session (excursions may have an additional cost)  
 What your child requires: recess, lunch, water bottle, hat and suitable footwear.  
 Please contact CSU admin on 6972 2795 for booking or further information.