TERM 2 *Week 1* Tuesday 20th April 2021

West Wyalong Public School NEWSLETTER

WORK

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 2.

The term started yesterday for school staff as they took part in professional learning on behaviour management strategies. All staff are looking forward to another great term with the teaching focus remaining on reading and numeracy as well as the whole school community target of improving attendance.

Term 2 and 3 are notorious for cold and flu illnesses so parents are reminded to keep students' home if they have any flu like symptoms. Last year, in Term 3, we discovered that this approached actually improved attendance as other students weren't exposed as frequently to viruses and our improved handwashing and sanitising practices also had a positive effect on keeping students well.

In the coming weeks, students in Year 4-6 will be completing the Tell Them From Me Survey. Parents will also have an opportunity to complete this survey later in the term. Students in Year 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Conventions of Language in weeks 4 and 5. Students in Year 4 and 6 will complete the Check In Assessment test in Reading and Numeracy in week 2. Both these assessments provide teachers with valuable information on student achievement at individual, group and whole school levels to reflect on effectiveness of current programs and inform future planning.

The West Wyalong Public School Strategic Improvement Plan (SiP) 2021-2024 is now complete and uploaded on the school website. Thank you to everyone that provided input to the Situational Analysis last year and the development of the SiP this year.

There are some changes to assemblies this term. Instead of separate infants and primary assemblies each fortnight, there will be a whole school assembly in Weeks 3 and 6, on Tuesday as well as the recognition assembly week 10. There will be an increase in the number of merits given out at each assembly to allow for this change. We hope that parents will also be able to attend once we receive the latest COVID-19 guidelines.

This Sunday, the school students are able to march as part of the town ANZAC Day ceremony. I am looking forward to my first ANZAC Day at West Wyalong and watching the students honouring all our servicemen as they match and attend the ceremony.

Enjoy the lovely school photos that are coming home today and I hope you all have a great week.

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Dates for the diary: Sunday 25th April – ANZAC Day Tuesday 11th May – Friday 21st May NAPLAN

SCHOOL NEWS



STEWART HOUSE Donation Drive 2021

Stewart House Donation envelopes are attached to today's newsletter. If you wish to donate insert a donation into the envelope and seal it, then return the envelope to the school office by Friday 21st May.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

Mrs Charpentier has a small number of clarinets available at school for highly motivated and committed students who show enthusiasm in music classes and wish to extend and challenge themselves. Preference will be given to primary students and those who have participated in optional music ensembles. Students will be selected if they meet these criteria and after consultation with the student and their parents. They will be required to have somewhere to practice at home daily and need to have the full support of family members. If your child is interested in this opportunity please send your child with a note expressing interest. Beginner group lessons will begin in Term 2.



REMINDER!

GANMAIN PIE DRIVE ORDERS & MONEY ARE TO BE RETURNED BY THIS THURSDAY

Notes are on Skoolbag

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Students marching at the town ANZAC day ceremony please:

- Wear school summer uniform
- Meet at Thom, Dick and Harrys corner at 10am, be ready to March at 10:30.



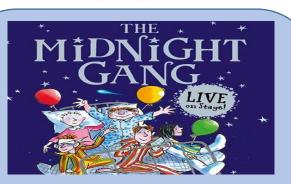
<u>TELL THEM FROM</u> <u>ME SURVEY</u>

Early next Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <u>http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au</u> The Canteen will open on Friday 23rd April



REMINDER-

Theatre Excursion to Griffith For all Primary Children Friday 14th of May 2021, \$30 Get your notes and money in for "The Midnight Gana"

(financial assistance availablecall the office for more details)

Students need to be at school at 7am and will return by the end of the normal school day.

FYI- Infants children are booked into "Pete the Sheep" in October. Notes will go out closer to the date. It will also be \$30.

Attention: School Photo's are being sent home today.

For parents who ordered online and indicated that they wished to collect their packs from the school office, they are now available for pickup.

SCHOOL NEWS

INFANTS EASTER HAT PARADE







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WEST WYALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY Term 1 2021

Class Awards

Kindergarten: Cole Kremer, Savannah Sayers
I-2 Blue: Levi Shaugh, Annie Miller
I-2 Green: Harley Turner, Heath Bischoff
I-2 Red: Izac Larden, Kaden Golya
3-4 Blue: Lana Cain, Bridie Johnston
3-4 Red: Sophie Seaman, Nicholas Lord
3-4 Yellow: Illyarnah Cattle, Stella Evans
5-6 Green: Brydie Davies, Aim Christi
5-6 Pink: Tommy Reid, Missy Worner
5-6 Red: Charlie Crowe, Georgia Collins

Literacy Awards

Charlee Reid, Ned Crossman, Quade Penfold, Bianca Aheer, Sam Eyles, Buster Wilmot, Noah Larden, Miller Green, Alexander Collins, Lila Lancaster, Ava McClintock, Gemma Lord

Maths Awards

Mack Pursehouse, Charlotte Clay, Amelia Hurley, Noah Turner, Lexie Byrnes, Hunter Hammond, Seth Grimshaw, Hunter Shaugh, Arie Beckett, Cruze Scealy, Chole Brohan, Billy Broad, Mitchell Reid

Student of the Term

Kindergarten: Robert Braddick, Elsie Fairman Infants: Madison Darrington, Jax McCartney Junior: Aylah Lange, Joel Johnston Senior: Lilly Bell, Billy Matthews



TERM 2



2021

Canteen Menu

HOT FOOD		
Party Pies	\$1	
Pie	\$5	
Dino Nuggets	\$1	
Gluten Free Nuggets	\$1	
Chicken Nuggets	\$1	
Sausage Rolls	\$3	
Chicken Noodles	\$2.50	
Pizza – Bacon & Cheese	\$3	
Pizza – Ham & Pineapple	\$3	
Chicken Goujons	4 for \$3	
Chicken Burger	\$5	
(Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo)		
Hotdog	\$3	
Daggy Dog	\$3.50	
Lasagna	\$5	
Nachos – sour cream and	\$5.50	
salsa		

PLEASE ADD 20C FOR SAUCE & BAG

COLD FOOD

Salad Roll \$5 Chicken/ham

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SANDWICHES (Fresh/Toasted)		
Cheese	\$3	
Ham	\$3	
Cheese/Tomato	\$3	
Ham/Cheese	\$3	
Chicken/cheese	\$4	
Ham/tomato/cheese	\$4	

DRINKS		
Chocolate milk	\$2.50	
Strawberry milk	\$2.50	
Fruit box	\$2	
Water	\$2	
Juice bomb cans	\$2.50	
(cola and raspberry)		
Slushies	\$2	
Hot Milo	\$1	

FROZEN SNACKS		
Frozen yoghurt	\$2.50	
(mango or strawberry)		
Frozen pineapple rings	\$0.80c	

SOME ITEMS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

SNACK FOOD		
Jatz & cheese	3 for \$1	
Sweet Chilli Chips	\$2	
Grainwaves	\$1.50	
Sea salt chips	\$1.50	
Banana	\$1	
Apple	\$1	
Grapes	\$1	
Nectarine	\$1	
Peach	\$1	
Sultanas	\$0.50c	
Carrot stick bags	\$1	
Custard	\$1.50	

THE CANTEEN IS OPEN EACH WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Tell Them From Me student survey:



Information for parents and consent form for parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar** which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will <u>not</u> be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will <u>not</u> be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you <u>do not want your child to take part</u> in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by delete and insert date of return

More information about the survey and the research is available in English at <u>education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm</u>

Principal

English



Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you <u>do not want</u> your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student 1	Roll class of student 1
Name of student 2	Roll class of student 2
Name of student 3	Roll class of student 3
Name of student 4	Roll class of student 4
Name of parent/carer	
Signature of parent/carer	

Date

English

