

West Wyalong Public School

NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 *Week 4*
Monday 10th May 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week 4. I hope all of our WWPS mothers and grandmothers had an enjoyable Mother's Day. I was delighted on Friday when I also received a gift from students in 5/6 Green so I could make a "Hug in a Mug". Thank you to all the P & C helpers for running a Mother's Day stall for three mornings. I'd imagine that the gifts were appreciated on Sunday.

Our first Whole School Assembly went very well on Tuesday. It was pleasing to see parents and family members in the school to acknowledge the award winners. The change to only one assembly weeks 3, 6 and 9 is to gain some more time in the classroom and also to have the whole school present to recognise student achievement.

Last week I had students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 bring some very neat handwriting to my office which earned them a merit and pencil. I also had some great writing from a Year 3 student about Gorillas.

On Friday, I spoke to the Year 5/6 students about online gaming and Cyber bullying.

Over the term I will be covering different aspects of Cybersafe practices with students. We also hope to organise an information session for parents. The following links are also very helpful, and I strongly recommend parents having frequent conversations with their children about digital device use.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

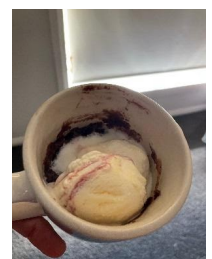
This week students in Year 3 and 5 will start the NAPLAN assessment. All students are required to complete these assessments, but if they are unwell please do not send them in as they will have opportunities for catch-up days in the next fortnight. Our expectation is that student "give it a go" and try their best. The results of the assessments give staff a chance to plan for future learning based on what data informs us of at an individual, class and whole school level.

One of the NSW Premier's Priority Goals is to improve attendance in every NSW Public School, by the end of 2022. Our target is to have almost 90% of students attending 90% of the school year. That means, no more than 20 days absent in a year. I have included some information on attendance and remind parents that the more students are at school, the more time they have for learning.

Most of the students are attending excursions this week and I'm sure they are going really enjoy the experience, as will the staff.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Mrs Victoria Jenkins



My Hug in a Mug, before and after (with ice-cream as directed!)

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Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 11th May –

Friday 21st May

NAPLAN

Tuesday 11th May –

P & C Meeting 5pm

Friday 14th May –

Primary Theatre

Excursion to Griffith

Tuesday 25th May –

Whole School

Assembly 2.20pm

Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 4th May

Star Student

Aisha Furber, Jax Lange,
Keaton Cattle, Bianca Aheer,
Austin Fleming, April Brooks,
Katie Reid, Bessie Lemon,
Lachlan Miller, Lucy Biggam

Blue Awards

Kindergarten –

Lochie Jamieson,
Cole Kremer, Ally Sayers,
Billy Johnston,
Darcy Hemmings

1/2 Red – Madison Darrington,
Noah Byrnes, Ned Crossman

1/2 Green – Charlotte Clay,
Lachlan Reid, Jessie Penfold,
Sam Eyles, Addison Hopper

1/2 Blue – Halle Turner,
Aleyah Catlin, Amelia Hurley,
Levi Shaugh, Annie Miller

3/4 Yellow – Grace Miller,
Stella Evans, Mirazhel Balbin

3/4 Blue – Ava Lancaster,
Bridie Johnston,
Sayla Tukuafu,
April Brooks

5/6 Red – Kyle Bischoff,
Chloe Brohan, Jake Brooks,
Savannah Carter,
Georgia Collins, Allie Daniher, Jemma
Gillespie,

Zac Johnston, Bessie Lemon,
Gemma Lord,
Tayah Maitland,
Ivy Meacham, Kolby Pope,
Matilda Stockley

5/6 Green – Charlotte Wyse, Lachlan
Miller,
Matilda Penfold,
Sadie Wilmot

5/6 Pink – Lucy Biggam,
Amanda Penfold,
Indi Milsom,
Jessie Webster,
Missy Worner

Maths Award

Deakin Maitland, Mack Pursehouse,
Maicey Maitland, Marnie Reid, Will Grimshaw,
Ruby Ackland, Heath Bischoff, Arie Beckett,
Phoenix Fuller, Nick Lord, Katie Reid,
Miller Green, Darcy Jamieson, Lilly Bell,
Will Burge, Matthew Burgoyne,
Jemma Gillespie, Sadie Wilmot,
Billy Donaldson, Cooper Brawn, Indi Milsom

Literacy Award

Cole Kremer, Lenny Anderson, Zayden Davis,
Keaton Cattle, Halle Turner, Kara-Lee Cattle,
Annie Miller, Zainkhan Pathan, Kadee Himsley,
JJ Pursehouse, Lucas Charpentier, Sophie Seaman,
Grace Miller, Bridie Johnston, Joel Johnston,
Max Crowe, Max Miller, Sophie Larden,
Dayne Lynch, Bradley Ackland, Will Burge,
Emma Gillespie, Bella Pursehouse

Class Awards

Kindergarten – Elsie Fairman, Ruby Cooper

1/2 Red – Noah Byrnes, Ava Rowatt

1/2 Blue – Alicia Cain, Buster Wilmot

1/2 Green – Jessie Penfold, Harley Turner

3/4 Yellow – Matilda Cox, Lucas Charpentier

3/4 Blue – Hazel Webster, Sayla Tukuafu

3/4 Red – Tilly Wilmot, Jarred Ackland

5/6 Red – Billy Butcher, Kyle Bischoff

5/6 Green – Sadie Wilmot, Matilda Penfold

5/6 Pink – Amanda Penfold, Indi Milsom





REMINDER

P & C MEETING

Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 5pm

Sunsmart Snippet

Create a morning checklist

Help your child remember what they need to do every morning before school



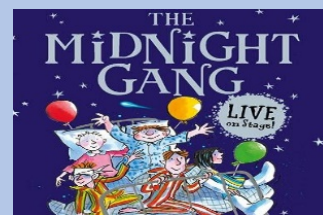
The form is titled 'My morning checklist' and includes a table for tracking daily tasks. The tasks listed are: Wash my face, Brush my teeth, Get dressed, Pack my school bag, Wear my SunSmart hat, and Apply SPF30 or higher sunscreen. The table has columns for 'Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thurs', and 'Fri'.

- Wash my face
- Brush my teeth
- Get dressed
- Pack my school bag
- Apply SPF30 or higher sunscreen
- Wear my sun smart hat

Download and print off the morning check list from the SunSmart website and stick on your fridge, so you don't forget!

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box



REMINDER-

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

"The Midnight Gang"

(financial assistance available- call 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.

REMINDER

Stewart House envelopes need to be returned by Friday 21st May

Week 4 Library News

Issue 3 brochures of Book Club have been sent home with your child. All orders are due back no later than **3:15pm TODAY Monday 10th May (Week 4).**

Orders can be placed **online** using the **Scholastic LOOP** website and there is also a **Scholastic Book Club LOOP for Parents** app available.

Otherwise **completed paper order forms** with money need to be returned to the front office. If you have any questions about ordering please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Grimshaw



To celebrate Library and Information Week 17—23 May 2021

We're bringing back our Monthly Prize Draw

For school kids aged 5 — 18 years

**Participants MUST be a
registered member of
Bland Shire Library**

Membership is FREE

Join online at rrl.nsw.gov.au

Or visit Bland Shire Library

Parent/Guardian to sign for
those under 18 years of age



Visit Bland Shire Library

Fill in a ticket with your name ...

and be in the draw to win a

**\$20 Why Leave Town Card
or 1 of 3 consolation prizes**

The more times you visit the library,
the more chances you have to win!

Names will be drawn the last Friday of each month
(in December — the Friday prior to Christmas closure)

LEGO Legends

it's BACK!!!

PARTY TIME!

Attention all LEGO Legends!

LEGO PARTY!

Bland Shire Library

4pm

Wednesday 19th May 2021

RSVP by 5pm 15/05/21

Contact the library on 6979 0272



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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Term 2 2021

	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Apr	1	19 Staff Development Day	20 Students Return	21	22	23
Apr	2	26	27	28	29	30
May	3	3	4 Whole School Assembly – 2.20 pm	5	6 Lower Lachlan Netball in Dubbo	7
May	4	10	11 NAPLAN	12	13	14 Primary Theatre Excursion
May	5	17 NAPLAN	18	19	20	21
May	6	24	25 Whole School Assembly – 2.20pm	26	27	28
May/Jun	7	31	1	2	3 Grip leadership Wagga	4
Jun	8	7	8	9	10 Classic shield – PSSA League Canowindra	11
Jun	9	14 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	15	16	17	18
Jun/Jul	10	21	22 Recognition Assembly 12pm	23	24	25 Mr Huff Performance
Jul		28	29	30	1	2
Jul		5	6	7	8	9