



3/4B Class Newsletter - Term 1, 2019



Hello and welcome to 3/4B. My name is Ms Megan Bennett and this is my second year teaching at the wonderful Wyrallah Road Public School. I haven't always been a teacher – in fact my last job before becoming an educator was as Ranger on Lord Howe Island. I hope to bring my passion for the natural world into the classroom.





We've already had a great start to the year and everyone is settling into the classroom well. Please find attached a comprehensive list of information to provide you with all you will need to know about the routines and organisation of Stage 2.

<i>Meet the Teacher</i>	<p>We will be holding a parent 'Meet and Greet' afternoon on Tuesday, 5 February 4.30-5.30pm where you will have the opportunity to pop in to your child's classroom and ask any questions you may have. If this time doesn't suit you please don't hesitate to make an appointment. I look forward to meeting you over the next few weeks!</p>
<i>Who's who in Stage Two?</i>	<p>Mr Scott Shaw – 3/4S and Relieving Assistant Principal Ms Megan Bennett – 3/4B Mrs Simone Glendinning – 3/4H (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) Miss Sigrid Haworth – 3/4H (Thursday and Friday) Mrs Melissa Moyle-Ross – 3/4R Mr Glenn Maxwell – 3/4M Ms Karen Eakin – 4/5E</p>
<i>Important Dates</i>	<p><i>Term 1 will be an 11 week term, concluding on Friday, 12 April</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 12 February (Week 3) – Swimming Carnival • Thursday, 21 March (Week 8) – Harmony Day • Thursday, 28 March (Week 9) – School Photos • Tuesday, 2 April (Week 10) – Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-7:15pm
<i>Communication</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At WRPS, we understand and value the importance of effective communication and building relationships with our parents. Communication is one of the most important parts of the relationship between school and home as it helps us to better understand your child. We recognise that every child is a unique individual and begins school with varying social, emotional and learning needs. • If you need to get a message to me during the day, please ring the office. My day can become very busy and I don't always check my emails until after the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, I can be contacted via the office or email. I will only be corresponding during business hours, which are 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays. • If you would like to organise a time to have a chat with any of the teachers, please ring or email to make an appointment. • There will be times that we may contact you via phone or email. We like to contact parents to share wonderful learning moments, if we have any concerns or need to clarify any confusions regarding your child. We also may contact parents to discuss areas that may need some extra attention and a collaborative approach. • Our school has an excellent website and Facebook page, which highlights many exciting things that happen at our school. Our website contains information about individual classes and notes for upcoming events and excursions.



<p><i>Attendance</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision for students begins at 8:30am. Please do not drop your child off before this time. Parents requiring earlier drop off may wish to contact 'Helping Hands' before and after school care. Contact number: 0448125995 Email address: wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au Parents are reminded that children must come to school every day unless they are ill, have medical appointments or there are exceptional family circumstances. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence. Explanations can be submitted via a written note, email to the teacher or through the SkoolBag Mobile App (search Wyrallah Road Public School in the App Store)
<p><i>Assemblies</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every fortnight on a Friday (even weeks of the term) there will be a whole school assembly in the hall. All parents are warmly invited to attend. All classes will have a turn throughout the year at performing in a class item. Additional opportunities for performances may arise through enrichment groups and extra-curricular activities. Parents will be advised about when these are scheduled through the school newsletter. 3/4B will be performing Friday of Week 6 in Term 1 (8/3/19). On alternating weeks (Fridays of odd weeks) we hold a stage assembly where various awards are distributed to recognise student achievement, participation in Home Reading and Positive Behaviour for Learning. A class award is also presented to the class that has met attendance targets for that fortnight. Term 1 whole school Friday assembly performances: 3/4R-Week 4 (22/2/19) 3/4B- Week 6 (8/3/19) 3/4M- Week 8 (22/3/19) 3/4S-Week 10 (5/4/19)
<p><i>Crunch & Sip</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each day at around 10am students will have the opportunity to have something to 'Crunch' on (which must be a fresh fruit or vegetable) and time to 'Sip' on some water. Crunch and Sip is aimed to promote healthy eating practices and gives students an opportunity to have a quick lesson break to increase productivity.
<p><i>Enrichment Groups</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once again, enrichment groups will be on offer for students in Years 3-6. Students will be able to participate in one 45-minute activity each week from Week 5 Term 1 to Week 2 Term 2 and then will be given the opportunity to choose another activity from Week 5 Term 2 to Week 3 Term 3. Their effort and achievement will be reported upon in Semester 1 and 2 reports. Enrichment Groups will occur on Wednesdays between 12.20pm and 12:55pm.
<p><i>Excursions</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once again, Stage 2 will have a combined overnight excursion for both Year 3 and 4. As this is only the second year running a combined excursion with both Year 3 and 4 attending, the details are still being finalised. As soon as this information is available a note and costing will be sent home to parents. The excursion is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience educational activities that we cannot provide in the classroom. All students are strongly encouraged to attend.
<p><i>Homework & Home Reading</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework will be handed out each Monday and needs to be returned each Friday. Students are encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes each evening and log this time in their Home Reading Journal. Students will receive an award at the Stage 2 assembly for every 20 nights of home reading they complete.



<p><i>School Fees</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a reminder that school fees can still be paid through our online payment portal. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. • Log onto our school site at:- www.wyrallahrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au • Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard. You can find more information about online payments on our website. • Although voluntary, school fees are a vital part of our budget each year and pay for essential items in classrooms. At WRPS, our voluntary fees are \$55 per student, \$100 for two children or \$130 for a family of 3 or more children. • If paying online does not suit, you can also pay in person at the front office (EFTPOS or cash) or write a cheque made out to Wyrallah Road Public School. • Thank you to the parents that have already paid these fees, your contribution is appreciated. 	
<p><i>Scripture</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripture lessons are on Wednesday afternoons for half an hour. These lessons are conducted by volunteers and are supervised by your child’s classroom teacher. • Students who do not participate in religious education will be engaged in independent revision activities supervised by a classroom teacher. 	
<p><i>Special Programs</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Wyrallah Road Public School, we are very lucky to have specialist teachers in the areas of technology and music. • Each week your child will receive an hour of ‘Tech Time’ with Mr Mark Platt whose lessons will focus on up-skilling students across a variety of computer, iPad and web-based platforms. • Mrs Suzanne Roberts will continue to provide an hour of music instruction each week. 	
<p><i>Special Programs Timetable</i></p>	<p>Tech Time 3/4B – Wednesday with Mr Platt</p>	<p>Music 3/4B – Wednesday with Mrs Roberts</p>
<p><i>Library Borrowing Day</i></p>	<p>3/4B – Thursday (odd weeks) The library is also open 2nd half lunch every day and all students are encouraged to utilise this time for borrowing outside of their class borrowing time.</p>	
<p><i>Sport & Physical Education</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Stage 2 students will participate in an hour of sport on Fridays and 30 minutes of Physical Education on Tuesdays. • Please ensure your child wears comfortable shoes appropriate for physical activity on these days. • Sports uniform is to be worn on Fridays. 	
<p><i>Stationery Requirements</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of 2018, all students were provided with a list of specific stationery requirements. Please check the school website under permission notes or please ask your child’s teacher for a copy if you did not receive one. • <u>Please ensure all equipment is clearly labelled with your child’s name.</u> • Students are reminded that they are only permitted one pencil case at school. 	



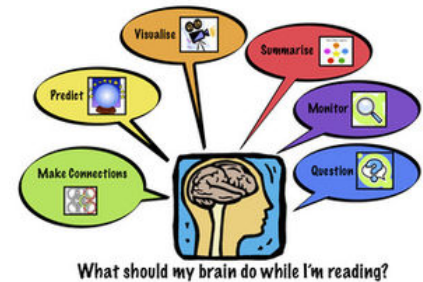
Curriculum Overview Term 1

Integrated Unit of Study:

This term we will be studying an integrated unit entitled ‘Heroes and villains’ covering syllabus outcomes across History, Geography, Creative Arts and Personal Development. Students be learning about characteristics of heroes and villains, comics, fractured fairy tales, real life heroes and celebrations/commemorations to honour these heroes.

English:

Reading – This term students will focus on learning explicit comprehension skills which will be introduced one at a time this term. These skills are: predicting, monitoring & clarifying, visualising, questioning, making connections and inferring. More information about these comprehension skills will be sent home when students commence home reading.



Writing – Students will be focusing on Narrative writing this term. We will be learning the language and structural features involved in writing this genre such as orientation, complication, events and climax and resolution.

Spelling – In Week 5 this term the Stage 2 teachers will be undergoing training for a new spelling program. This program will be rolling out across Years 1-6. Each week students will be working on a phoneme (basic unit of sound) focus. You may notice this in your child’s weekly homework.

Mathematics:

Our goal for this term is to be able to recall all multiplication facts quickly for up to 10 x 10 – practising these at home regularly will help you child commit these to memory and support their ability to solve multiplication problems mentally.

Term 1 focus areas:

- Place value of four digit numbers
- Addition and Subtraction (including money)
- Equivalent number sentences
- Fractions and decimals
- Multiplication (times tables)
- Recognising and classifying 2D shapes (including quadrilaterals)
- Measuring the volume of 3D objects
- Measuring length in millimetres, centimetres and metres
- Identifying the likelihood of events with the language of ‘chance’
- Understanding calendars and elapsed time when reading timetables

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