



Stage 3 Newsletter Term 2 2019



Welcome back to Term 2. All students look rested and ready to continue their learning journey.

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<p>Important Dates</p>	<p><i>Term 2 will be a 10 week term, concluding on Friday, 5 July.</i> Cross Country: Monday, 6 May GRIP Leadership Conference: Thursday, 9 May NAPLAN assessments : 14-17 May Walk Safely to School Day: Friday, 17 May National Sorry Day: Friday, 24 May WRPS Athletics Carnival: Monday, 24 June Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition: TBC STEM Youth Development Camp- 3-5 June WRPS NAIDOC Day: Week 10</p>
<p>Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL</p>	<p>Wyrallah Road Public School is a 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' (PBL) school, taking a school wide, systematic and proactive approach to explicitly teaching expected behaviours. As a PBL school, teachers at WRPS focus on our whole school expectations of being <i>Respectful, Responsible and Safe</i> in our different school settings. This is reinforced by both our formal and informal recognition system.</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<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 your child is away from school for any reason (being family commitments or illness) could you please send a note with your child the day they return explaining their absences or use our Skoolbag app. It is a legal requirement to report absences. • If you need to get a message to us during the day, please ring the office. Our day can become very busy and we don't always check my emails until after the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, we can be contacted via the office phone: 02 66213363 or email. We 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.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<i>Enrichment Groups</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrichment Groups occur on Wednesdays between 12.20pm and 12:55pm. Students will continue in the same Enrichment Group for Weeks 1 and 2 of this term. Their effort and achievement in this group will be reported upon in Semester 1 reports. Students will receive the opportunity to elect a new choice in the next few weeks, as the second session of Enrichment Groups will commence in Week 6, Term 2 and run through to Week 3, Term 3. Student's effort and achievement in this second group will be reported upon in Semester 2 reports at the end of the year.
<i>Weekly Organisation</i>	<p>Library: Fortnightly Technology: Fortnightly Sport: Monday Weeks 3-7 (Week 8 catch up if needed) Sports included are ten pin bowling, gymnastics, tennis, skating and school sport. PE: Friday Enrichment groups: Wednesday Scripture: Wednesday Whole school assembly (even weeks): Friday afternoons in school hall from 2:10pm - 2:50pm. All parents are welcome to attend.</p>
<i>Sport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 will be participating in out of school community sport from Week 3 to Week 7 of this term. Permission notes have already been sent home and money needs to be paid to your child's classroom teacher as either a lump sum or each week before sport.
<i>Attendance</i>	<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 that can't be made outside of school hours 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)
<i>Assemblies</i>	<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. 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.



*Curriculum Overview
Term 2*



Integrated Unit: Eureka

Students will investigate the significant events and people that have shaped Australian colonies, specifically exploring the Gold Rush. Within their studies, students will develop an understanding of life on the goldfields, the development of Australian colonies, including migration, and the impact on Indigenous culture.

Mathematics- Term 2 focus areas:

- Record numbers of any size using expanded notation
- Convert between 12-hour and 24-hour time
- Name, describe and identify features of 3D shapes
- Compare, order and represent fractions and decimals
- Draw, measure and identify angles using mathematical instruments
- Recognise and classify shapes, including the special triangles
- Select and apply efficient mental, written and calculator strategies for addition and subtraction with numbers of any size
- Convert between kilometres, metres, centres and millimetres
- Record the need for square kilometres and hectares to measure area
- Use and record a range of mental and written strategies to multiply or divide large numbers
- Create, record and describe geometric and number patterns in words
- Recognise the need for tonnes to measure mass
- Connect volume and capacity and their units of measurement
- List outcomes of chance experiments involving equally likely outcomes
- Create and interpret data displays including tables, column graphs, line graphs, and dot plots

English:

Reading – This term students will focus on learning explicit comprehension skills to support their understanding of challenging texts. These skills are: predicting, monitoring & clarifying, visualising, questioning, making connections and inferring.

Writing – Students will be focusing on persuasive and informative writing this term. We will be learning the language and structural features involved in writing these genres.

Spelling – Students use the Sound Waves spelling program in daily spelling lessons. Students are explicitly taught how to break words into phonemes (sounds) and then select graphemes (written selections) that match these sounds. Students engage in small group work, written spelling activities, online interactive games and worksheets across the week.

<i>Crunch and Sip</i>	Each day students are encouraged to eat a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables and drink water during the morning session. This gives students an extra boost to get through the long morning session while they are working in class. Fruit is available at the canteen and needs to be purchased before school.
<i>Homework</i>	Homework will be handed out each Monday morning and needs to be returned each Friday. Homework is a revision of the work covered in class during the previous weeks and gives you the opportunity to see what content is being taught in class.
<i>Home Reading</i>	Home reading is very important as it allows children to practise their reading skills and improve their reading ability. Please remember to sign your child’s home reading log and send it to school to be marked off. If your child has misplaced their log please let me know and I will organise a replacement.



<p><i>Stationery Requirements</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beginning of a new term is a timely reminder to check that your child has all the necessary stationery items for their day at school – including a new glue stick, sharp pencils that are of a suitable length for writing, blue and red pens scissors etc. • <u>Please ensure all equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name.</u>
<p><i>Excursions</i></p>	<p>Year 6 will be travelling to Canberra and Sydney for their excursion. As per the payment schedule, \$310 should now be paid, with the fifth instalment of \$80 being due on Friday, 10 May. More information will be coming home towards the end of the term regarding equipment and itinerary once numbers have been confirmed with the bus company. We are looking forward to a wonderful day at Thredbo with the earlier excursion date again this year.</p> <p>Year 5 will be attending Camp Koinonia at Evans Head. As per the payment schedule, \$140 should now be paid, with the third instalment of \$50 being due on Friday, 10 May. Students will have the opportunity to participate in many outdoor activities including: surfing, stand up paddle boarding, laser tag and much, much more.</p>
<p><i>School Fees</i></p>	<p>It is easier than ever to pay school fees with parent online payment (POP). This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Log onto our school site at:- www.wyrallahrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</p> <p>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.</p> <p>\$55 per student, \$100 for two children or \$130 for a family of 3 or more children.</p> <p>Although voluntary, school fees are a vital part of our budget each year and pay for essential items in classrooms such as pencils, books and art supplies.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your prompt payment.</p>