



Stage 3 Newsletter - Term 3 2019

I hope that all our students and families had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting Term 3! Year 6 head to Canberra later in the term and will enjoy learning new skills and information through enriching and informative activities.

Semester 1 Reports were distributed at the end of last term and hopefully all parents have had the opportunity to read about their child's progress. If you would like to discuss your child's report please do not hesitate to make an appointment.



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<p>Important Dates</p>	<p>Term 3 will be a 10 week term, concluding on Friday, 27 September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Athletics Carnival-Thursday, 25 July (Week 1) ✓ Book Fair- Thursday, 1 August (Week 2) ✓ Book Character Parade – Thursday, 1 August (Week 2) ✓ Education Week Open Day and Assembly- Friday, 2 August (Week 2) ✓ Premier's Spelling Bee- Tuesday, 6 July (Week 3) ✓ Year 6 to 7 Meet and Greet Year Advisors- Thursday, 8 August (Week 3) ✓ Musica Viva Incursion – Tuesday, 3 September (Week 7) ✓ School Concert- Wednesday, 11 and Thursday, 12 September (Week 8) ✓ Year 6 Canberra Excursion- 15-21 September (Week 9) ✓ Rivers Public Speaking Final- Friday, 20 September (Week 9)
<p>Weekly Organisation</p>	<p>Library: Fortnightly Technology: Fortnightly Sport: Monday Enrichment groups: Wednesday Scripture: Wednesday Fitness: Friday Whole school assembly (even weeks): Friday afternoons in school hall from 2:10pm - 2:50pm. All parents are welcome to attend.</p>
<p>Excursions</p>	<p>Year 6 will again be travelling to Canberra and Sydney for their excursion. As per the payment schedule, \$565 should now be paid, with the eighth instalment of \$50 being due on 26 July. More information will be coming home shortly regarding equipment and itinerary once numbers have been confirmed with the bus company. We are looking forward to a wonderful day at the snow with the earlier excursion date.</p> <p>Year 5 will be attending Camp Koinonia at Evans Head. As per the payment schedule, \$240 should now be paid, with the final instalment of \$50 being due on 9th August. 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>Curriculum Overview Term 3</p>	<p><u>Integrated Unit: Natural Disasters</u> Students explore natural disasters and the impact they have on Australian people, places and environments and propose ways people can reduce the impact of these disasters in the future. Students will look at how the disasters cause rapid changes to the Earth's surface and research inventions that have increased knowledge about these disaster. They will apply this knowledge to better plan for and manage disasters to minimise their effects.</p> <p><u>Mathematics:</u> Term 3 focus areas: Week 1 – Whole number Week 2 – Multiplication and division Week 3 – Patterns and algebra Week 4 – 2D and 3D Shapes Week 5 – Fractions and decimals Week 6 – Length and area Week 7 – Addition/Subtraction and time Week 8 – Volume/capacity and mass Week 9 – Angles and position Week 10 - Data</p> <p><u>English:</u> 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 informative and persuasive writing this term. We will be learning the language and structural features involved in writing these genres. Spelling – Students use the Soundwaves 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.</p>
<p>Stationery Requirements</p>	<p>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 blue and red pens, sharp lead pencils that are of a suitable length for writing, glue stick, scissors etc. Please ensure all equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name. After lots of cold viruses last term we are running low on tissue boxes. If you are able to bring in a tissue box to donate to your child's class this would be greatly appreciated.</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 explicitly teach expected behaviours covering the many different school settings. This is reinforced by both our formal and informal recognition system.</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>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.</p>



	<p>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.</p> <p>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 our 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Supervision for students begins at 8:30am. Please do not drop your child off before this time.</p> <p>Parents requiring earlier drop off may wish to contact 'Helping Hands' before and after school care.</p> <p>Contact number: 0448125995 Email address: wyrallahroad@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au</p> <p>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 time or there are exceptional family circumstances.</p> <p>If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence.</p> <p>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>
<p>Assemblies</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Crunch and Sip</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Home Reading</p>	<p>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</p>



	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.
School Fees	<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>