



Stage 3 Newsletter - Term 4 2019

I hope that all our students and families had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting Term 4! Year 5 head to Camp Koinonia this week and will enjoy learning a variety of team building and collaborative activities.



Semester 2 Reports will be distributed later this term. This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on their hard work and achievements this semester.

A reminder that as the year continues, the weather gets warmer. It is important for all students to bring a school hat and a water bottle every day.

Our Stage 3 Team

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Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL	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.
Communication	<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. 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.
Weekly Organisation	Library: Fortnightly Technology: Fortnightly Sport: Tuesday Scripture: Wednesday



	<p>Fitness: Daily</p> <p>Whole school assembly (even weeks): Friday afternoons in school hall from 2:10pm - 2:50pm. All parents are welcome to attend.</p>
Curriculum Overview Term 3	<p><u>Integrated Unit – It's Electrifying</u></p> <p>Students will explore the different ways energy can be created and transferred. They will be conducting experiments related to simple, parallel and series circuits and will apply their knowledge of energy to support their understanding. Students will draw annotated diagrams of circuits using scientific symbols. They will explore renewable sources of energy and how these are used in the real world.</p> <p><u>Mathematics-</u> Term 4 focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Numbers • Time • 3D Space • Volume and Capacity • Data • Chance • Length • Fractions and Decimals • Area • 2D Space • Patterns and Algebra • Mass • Addition and Subtraction <p><u>English:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Writing – Students will be focusing on creative writing this term. We will be learning the language and structural features involved in writing this genre.</p> <p>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>
Crunch and Sip	<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>
Homework	<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>
Home Reading	<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 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>



Excursions	Year 5 will be attending Camp Koinonia at Evans Head in Week 1. Students will have the opportunity to participate in many outdoor activities including surfing, stand up paddle boarding, laser tag and much, much more.
Important Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Camp Koinonia Year 5- Wednesday 16- Friday 18 October ✓ Big Band Play day-25 October ✓ P&C Trivia Night- 26 October ✓ Uni-Bound (Year 6 only) 31 October ✓ Intensive Swimming (Years 5/6 Selected students only) 4-8 November ✓ Rivers Public Speaking Final- 8 November ✓ Stage 3 SRC Shield- 25 November ✓ High School Transition days/Step Up Days- 26 November and 3 December ✓ Presentation Day- 16 December ✓ Year 6 Farewell Dinner- 12 December ✓ End of year pool party celebration (Stage 2 and 3) - 17 December ✓ Last day for students- 18 December
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>