



Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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November

- 9 Mufti day
- 9-11 Artfest
- 13 Kindy Orientation
- 20 Kindy Orientation & Information evening
- 26-30 Swim School
- 27 Kindy Orientation

December

- 3-7 Swim School
- 4 High School Orientation
- 6 P&C Christmas Party
- 10 Stage 2 Jenolan Caves
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- 11 Stage 3 Robotics
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- 12 Celebration of Student Achievement
- 13 Thank You Morning Tea
- 14 Gala day
- 17 Year 6 Farewell
- 19 Last Day of Term

*We make a living
by what we get. We
make a life by what
we give.*

Winston Churchill

From the Principal..

Out tireless Artfest Committee has everything under control and this year's Artfest is shaping up to be hugely successful. PLEASE if you can volunteer any of your time please contact the school or the committee members. We need volunteers and we need your help!

The Film by the Eucalypts event at the Hub at Springwood was a lovely evening. The 34MU and 34H films were wonderful and received much laughter and applause. Thank you Mrs Halse for all your hard work and thank you to David Roberts, the guest speaker on the night. And, of course, congratulations to our students!

The Charity Sing Out at the Town Hall on Sunday 28th November was yet another marvellous night. Gwen Blackwell has conducted the children's choir for many years for this worthwhile cause and our students always do us proud. All proceeds from the event go towards art therapy for Westmead's Children's Hospital.

Our stage 3 students had a fantastic time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber last week. The tired but happy students piling off the last week said it all. An exhausting but truly worthwhile excursion. The theme of anti-bullying was also effective in the

team activities. Thank you to Alison Bones, Darrin Zammit, Amy Harris, Megan McKay and Helen Hodgetts.

We had our first 2019 kindergarten orientation this week. It seems years ago when our current kinders were at orientation last year, and now they are seasoned school students. Thank you to Mrs Masters, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Bond for their organisation and thank you to Lisa Girardi, Jess Ryan and Dannielle Allen for their preparation.

In May this year, Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Education Minister Rob Stokes, announced that NESA will undertake a curriculum review. This review will include how to best prepare our students for the future. You can have your say! Google, NESA NSW Curriculum Review. As a parent you can state your opinion regarding our future curriculum.

We are planning for the 2019 year. If you are **NOT** returning to Wentworth Falls PS next year, **PLEASE** let us know so that we can sort classes as soon as possible. This helps us make the best start to the new year.

Ley Wighton,
Relieving Principal

ARTFEST IS HERE!!!!

This weekend – 9th to 11th November

Opening hours are Friday 7.30pm to 10.00pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm

<http://www.bluemountainsartfest.net.au>

CELEBRATION SING OUT 2018

Sunday 28 October marked our 15th year of participation in Celebration Sing Out. This event is in its 26th year and is held annually in Sydney Town Hall.

On Saturday 27 October Mrs Bond and Mrs Cannon travelled by train with our choir to Granville Public School for a combined rehearsal. The following day 19 choristers from years 3 to 6 travelled with Mrs Bones and Mrs Haynes to Sydney Town Hall. There they were joined by 17 Primary School choirs and 6 High School choirs as well as vocalists from several Community choirs, including 2 operatic soloists.

This wonderful combined massed choir was accompanied by an equally amazing orchestra of over 90 professional musicians.

Every single person helping and/or performing in this concert donated his/her time and expertise throughout.

The program ranged from our stunning opening song, 'Gloria Deo' to excerpts from Carl Orff's Carmina Burana and 'The Boy From Oz'. One of our Primary Choir highlights was our repeat of Harley Mead's Flooding Rains, including amazing sound and lighting effects.

This was the culmination of intense work and commitment from our own students at Wentworth Falls. Not only did they gain the unforgettable experience of performing in Sydney Town Hall in a massed primary choir but this also enabled them to see older students perform, appreciate hearing a top class orchestra and witness a magnificent rendition on Sydney Town Hall's Grand Organ! What a fantastic treat for us all!

Why do we do this? Apart from the experience of performing a quality repertoire with massed choirs and orchestra in a superb setting, our choristers have helped to raise money for a wonderful cause.

This annual musical event raises money for Westmead Children's Hospital and to date has funded much needed equipment such as dialysis machines, burns unit equipment and automatic syringe pumps. Most recently we have provided funds for maintaining a music therapy unit providing support for both short term and long term sick children. In addition we have enabled a research project to be established in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where Music Therapy has been proved to help these fragile infants stabilise and conserve energy to assist in healing.

I would like to add my personal thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event in 2018. It takes a huge amount of organisation and is rather like an iceberg in the amount of work left UNSEEN - which is why I needed to make sure everyone realises what a tremendously important part they have played in its success. To the teachers who have supported our choir both in and out of school hours, particularly Mrs Bones, Mrs Haynes, Mrs Bond, Mrs Cannon and Miss Wighton, the parents who have supported their child's learning as well the rehearsals and concert, and last but certainly not least, our students who said **YES PLEASE** to the idea of using their musical ability to help children who are in need.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Gwen Blackwell
Conductor



New Skoolbag App

We are asking parents to install the Skoolbag App. Our current school App will be closing down this month.

The App is an excellent way to be informed of up coming excursions, events, our school Newsletter and has a link to our website. An alert is sent if an excursion is delayed.

The school App is the most efficient and immediate way to inform you of a fire rating and if the school is operational or non-operational.

Student absences and change of details can be submitted through the App.

How to Install The Skoolbag App

Instructions for parents installing Skoolbag.



For Apple Users

1. From your iPhone/iPad, click on the "Download on the App Store" button above or open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag"
2. Download the free SkoolBag app
3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
2. Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
3. Download the free SkoolBag app
4. Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For more info visit skoolbag.com.au

TERM 3 OPENING DAYS**FULL LUNCH SERVICE:** Wednesday's and Friday's**RECESS ONLY SERVICE:** Some Mondays & Thursdays

(Note: "Recess Only Service" may be cancelled due to volunteer changes)

Canteen Corner

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QUICK BITES

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. Taste Testing for yrs 4 & 5
2. Volunteers needed for Kindergarten info night
3. Order online between 12-16 November and the school could WIN!
4. **Next Canteen Meeting: 13th November**

CONTACT DETAILS

Canteen Admin**Convener:** Tina Mellor
0468 772 456**Canteen Kitchen****Convener:** Anne Boylecanteenwfps@gmail.com**Like us on Facebook**"Wentworth Falls
Public School
Canteen"**Online Ordering****Canteen Website**<https://quickcliq.com.au/>

TASTE TESTING OF NEW MENU

Taste testing of the new menu items will commence next week 12th November with years 4 and 5. If you would like your child to participate, please make sure they bring their notes in with them. This note must be signed by a parent or guardian and have any allergies listed if applicable.

PLACE A CANTEEN ORDER AND THE SCHOOL COULD WIN

Between Monday 12th and Friday 16th November, the online canteen ordering system that we use, Quickcliq, is running a competition for all schools who use the program.

The competition is to see which school can place the MOST lunch orders for the week to be in the draw to win a whopping \$10,000.00!!! All we need to do is get in as many lunch orders as we can so please make sure you pop your child's orders in next week!

There is also a chance for families to win \$50 in credits every day. Do so this, all you have to do is place an order, like their facebook page and the first 20 families to comment on the 10am post each day with a valid order ID number will win. Check the website for more information!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

The 2019 Kindergarten information night will be held on Tuesday 20th November from 6:00pm in the School Library. The Canteen runs on this evening and as a result, we are in need of food donations, as well as volunteers to help serve on the evening.

If you are available to help, please contact Tina on 0468 772 456 or canteenwfps@gmail.com. All donations and help are greatly appreciated. Lets welcome our new students with a fantastic spread of yummy treats!



P & C NEWS

ARTFEST IS HERE!!!!

This weekend – 9th to 11th November

Opening hours are Friday 7.30pm to 10.00pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm

<http://www.bluemountainsartfest.net.au>

The event kicks off with Opening Night from 7.30pm. For just \$15 (or \$12 pre-booked via Trybooking.com). This is an adult only event where you can have first dibs on arts and crafts, rub shoulders with the artists themselves, and enjoy drinks and canapes generously sponsored by Fed Blue Mountains and D'Vine Cellars.



There is so much going on over the weekend, so why not pop into the school and check it all out for the price of a gold coin.

- Art and Craft Exhibition. Check out what our local artists and artisans offer, with all art and craft for sale over the weekend.
- Kids Craft Corner – Let the kid's imagination go wild and create something fun and exciting in our craft corner.
- Mini Golf (Saturday Only) – For just one day we are trying something new! Why not check it out and play a few rounds yourself with the kids.
- Jumping Castle – always a younger kids first destination when reaching Artfest.
- Kids Art Gallery – as you walk out of the hall you'll be greeted by the Kids Art gallery extending the length of the walkway next to the library. See if you can pick out your kids artworks.
- Kids' workshops – book now if you haven't already! Send your kids to a workshop while you get your Christmas shopping done. There are still a few places left, book via trybooking.com or contact workshop@bluemountainsartfest.net.au.
- Hungry? – We haven't forgotten the food. Between the cake stall and the Artfest Café & BBQ you'll find something to feast on. Sit down in our café seating area on the pebblecrete.

With something for everyone, it is sure to be a fun family day out. And the best part – you're supporting our school as 100% of profits raised over the weekend go straight toward resources for our children.

If you have a spare hour or two, why not volunteer on the BBQ, or jumping castle or greeting guests at the entrance to name a few (please contact for more detail volunteer@bluemountainsartfest.net.au)

We are really looking forward to putting on an exciting community event, and hope that we see you there!

(P & C news cont.)

Vege Patch and gardens

With the spring rain and warmth our school garden is overflowing with fresh produce. We have loads of radishes, rhubarb, spinach, lettuces and fresh herbs which our students are going to harvest this week for sale at Artfest. Thanks Bec for keeping the ball rolling on the garden despite competing work demands. Thanks also to Bec, Monique, Phillipa, Helen, Brian, Andrew and Vera for weeding, mulching and tidying up the gardens at back entrance of the hall to make them look nice for Artfest. We are still looking for someone to run the garden group next year so if anyone is keen then let us know.

Next P & C meeting is the Christmas Party at the Grandview Hotel 7:30pm on Thursday 6th December. All welcome. It'll be fun and more than a few laughs! Email wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com if you want to come along.

WORKSHOP

Blue Mountains Youth Choir presents..

French Songs

Fun and very French

Sunday 18th Nov 2018 1.30-4.30pm
Lawson Mechanics Institute
Children ages 8-16 \$40

Register online at academysingers.com.au or phone 0409 602 016 by Nov 11



FREE child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Saturday 1 December 2018
TIME: 9am - 1pm
LOCATION: Hazelwood Childcare Centre Car Park, 10 Rosedale Ave Hazelbrook, 2779
Bookings are essential contact Council's Road Safety Coordinator on 4780 5000 to book your place.



An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.



Blue Mountains City Council Australia Day Awards

The Blue Mountains Australia Day Awards recognise and reward those citizens who have a consistent record of excellence, who have made outstanding achievements in their field and have contributed in a significant way to the Blue Mountains community.

Nominate today!

Citizen of the Year ● Young Citizen of the Year ● Community Achievement of the Year

Nominations close Sunday 9 December 2018

How to nominate bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/citizenawards





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