



Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4

December

- 2-6 Swim School
- 11 Celebration of Students
- 12 Thank You Morning Tea
- 13 Year 6 Gala Day
- 16 Year 6 Farewell
- 18 Combined Picnic Lunch
Year 6 Guard of Honour
Last Day of Term

January

- 28 Staff resume
- 29 Students resume

February

- 4 Swimming Carnival
- 18 P&C Meeting 1.00pm
- 26 School photos

From the Principal..

Dear Family and Friends,

What an action packed term it has been for everyone at Wentworth Falls. The fun never stops!

Last Tuesday, Mrs Dickens accompanied the Stage3 debaters to Katoomba North Public School where they tested their augmentative skills against other students from local schools. Both debates saw a closely contested match with Wentworth Falls claiming victory in one and conceding defeat in another. This proved an excellent forum for not only using the skills and knowledge that had been learned but also as a means of strengthening and extending these skills. Thanks Mrs Dickens for your efforts in preparing our students and accompanying them on the day.

Tuesday saw the School Leaders Elections. Twelve boys and fourteen girls addressed the students from Y2 to Y5 with information about why he/she would make a good school leader. The students listened respectfully to each speech and then had the opportunity to cast their vote. Those votes have been tallied and the successful contenders will be notified shortly. The public announcement of the captains, vice captains and prefects for 2020 will be made at the end of our Celebration of Student Achievement next Wednesday. Congratulations must go to each of these students for their nomination, preparation and courage in putting themselves forward for this very responsible role.

As mentioned, our Celebration of Student Achievement will be held next Wednesday 11 December. The assembly will be held on the pebblecrete commencing at 9 am. This is an opportunity for many students to receive recognition for their achievements in 2019 and

for us to see the remarkable performances from the choirs, dance group and the strings and recorder groups. Everyone is welcome to join us in our celebration.

Our Thank You morning tea will be held on Thursday 12 December following the combined scripture performance. All those who have helped us throughout 2019 are welcome to attend. This is our opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contribution made by our volunteers. We all would like to extend our thanks for the wonderful and essential contribution made by our many volunteers. Friday 13 December is the much anticipated Y6 Gala afternoon. Students should come prepared for an afternoon of fun and games. On Monday, 16 December our Semester 2 reports are due out. Thanks needs to be given to each teacher for their work in preparing these reports.

The final day for students this year is Wednesday, 18 December. Our final combined assembly for 2019 will be held on this day and is being presented by Y6. As their final farewell, these students will share their talents with us. This assembly will be followed by a combined picnic lunch. Families are invited to come along and share this picnic with us. The picnic will start at approximately 12.30. Just a reminder that we discourage the sharing of food as a safety measure due to allergies. And don't forget the Y6 Guard of Honour at 2.10pm

I am very pleased to announce that we will be having some new staff join us in 2020. Rhiannon Roberts will be taking up the role of Assistant Principal while Samantha Williams will be joining us as a classroom teacher. We are very excited to welcome Mrs Roberts and Mrs Williams to our teaching staff.
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K-6 Celebration of Student Achievement

We are holding our K-6 Celebration of Student Achievement Assembly at the pebblecrete on **Wednesday 11th December at 9am**. You are warmly welcome to come along and acknowledge the achievements and talents of our students at Wentworth Falls Public School.

Please note that the parents and caregivers of the award recipients have already been notified.

In case of inclement weather, we will move the celebration to the hall with K-2 beginning at 9am and Years 3-6 beginning at 11.30am. Information regarding this change will be posted on the app and a notice placed on the school website.

Principal's message continued

This Christmas Day the Kinship at Christmas Foundation is hosting a fabulous and free community lunch at both the Lower Blue Mountains (Blaxland) and the Mid Mountains (Lawson) Neighbourhood Centres. The Kinship for Christmas Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that provides this free Christmas lunch to people in the Blue Mountains and the surrounding areas. This will be their 20th year of operation.

As this is my last newsletter report, I would like to extend my thanks to our school community for their ongoing support for our school. I wish you all a very relaxing and safe holiday and look forward to working with you all in 2020.

Before I sign off completely, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful and exceptional staff we have at Wentworth Falls Public School. The staff has continued to meet the many challenges that have come our way this year with courage and determination. They have kept our core business of teaching and learning at the forefront of their efforts and have all worked tirelessly to ensure we deliver the best education for all of our students. Personally, I would not have been able to work in this position without their support and dedication. I cannot praise them enough and a simple thank you does not seem to say enough. However, I do extend my sincerest thanks to all our staff, I could not have done it without you! Enjoy your well-earned break.

Yours in learning

Gaynor Haynes
Relieving Principal

Upper Blue Mountains Soccer Shield

Two Stage 3 soccer teams were pleased to represent WFPS at the Upper Blue Mountains Soccer Shield competition. Both our teams played very well on the day. Our B team had 1 loss, 1 win and 1 draw before the day had to end early due to the smoke haze.

The A team won all of their games and became joint winners of the Upper Blue Mountains Shield which is now proudly displayed in our school office.

Congratulations to both teams on their camaraderie and perseverance and thank you to Mrs Harris for her wonderful organisation and preparation for the day.

Upper Blue Mountains Debating Gala Day

Firstly, an enormous thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who transported their debaters to and from the venue. I know it takes a lot of juggling to get to these occasions. Your efforts certainly paid off, with the debating teams having a brilliant day.

With a very short lead time, 2 teams and their reserves prepared for a debate each. The topics were

'Students should write reports on teachers' and

'Primary school students should only use the internet for school work'.

I was extremely proud of both teams. They conducted themselves with maturity and showed respect to the other schools. It was wonderful to see them overcome nerves and speak so confidently and coherently. One team (debating on student reports) won their debate and while the other team lost, the adjudicator stressed how close the result was. She also commented on how pleased she was with the high standard of the debating. Congratulations debaters on your hard work and success!

Mrs Dickens

P&C News

Thank you to departing P&C members

Thank you to our departing P&C families who will be moving on with their Year 6 children this year. A special note of thanks to Helen Pitcher and Winton Evers who have both spent a number of years as part of the executive committee.

Tea & tissues for Kindy Parents & Carers

The P&C will be hosting tea & tissues in the library on Friday 31st January for new and existing Kindergarten parents and relatives. Please head over to the school library for a cuppa and a sweet treat after seeing your new kindergarten student off to their first day of school!

First P&C Meeting in 2020

Our first P&C meeting for next year will be at 1pm on Tuesday, 18th of February in the School Hall. As you know, we will have a new principal starting next year so this will be a good opportunity to come along and introduce yourself and meet the new Principal.

P&C Executive Positions to fill next March

Early next year we will be looking to fill a couple of positions on the executive team of the P&C as Vera Wong and David Roberts of our current executive will be standing down from their positions as their youngest children move into their final year at school. Please feel free to contact Julie Guyer (P&C Secretary) in person or via email wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com if you would like more details about what is involved. The elections will be at the AGM in March.

Join the P&C mailing list

If you would like to be kept in the loop about what the P&C does at the school, where and how P&C funds are being spent or to access the principal's report at P&C meetings. Please email wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com and ask to join the mailing list.

Lost Property

We have baskets of lost property outside the staffroom door. Could you please get your child to look through it.

So many school jumpers and jackets are not labelled and therefore cannot be returned to the students. Please ensure you label school uniform especially jumpers and hats.



TERM 4 OPENING DAYS

FULL LUNCH SERVICE: Wednesday's and Friday's

RECESS ONLY SERVICE: Every day

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

5th December 2019

CONTACT DETAILS

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"Wentworth Falls Public School Canteen"

Online Ordering Canteen Website

<https://quickcliq.com.au>

Anne and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year



THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work this year. Without them we would not be able to open.

If you would like to be a part of the canteen community please contact Tina for further details.

VOLUNTEER ROLES AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR

Our beloved Helen Pitcher and Jen Richter are leaving the school this year. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for all their help.

With Helen and Jen leaving the positions of online co-ordinator and rosterco-ordinator. Full training and support are offered and available and the work can be done from the comfort of your home. Please contact Tina for more details.

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 4

The canteen will be closed the last week of term due to the need to clean and organise the canteen for the holidays. The online system will be closed so you will not be able to order lunches for your children.

Please ensure your children have both recess and lunch for the last week of term as we will not be able to provide food.

THANK YOU TO MRS BONES AND MR KERTESZ!!

I would like to offer a huge thank you to Mrs Bones and Mr Kertesz. On Friday 29th November we were down a volunteer AND I have never seen the canteen so busy!!

Fortunately, Mrs Bones and Mr Kertesz came in and, seeing how busy we were, went to a counter and started serving!!

Thank you, Mrs Bones and Mr Kertesz,

