



Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3, 2020

September

14	Author Visit Stage 3
16	Interrelate year 6
21	P&C Zoom Meeting 7.00pm
23	Interrelate year 6
25	Last day of term

TERM 4, 2020

October

12	Students & Staff Return
13	Dance2bfit
20	Dance2bfit
27	Dance2bfit

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

Our Kindergarten enrolment packs are now available.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please collect one from the office, it can be sent home with a sibling or posted to your home.

From the Principal..

Welcome to Week 8 which started with a day of glorious Spring weather and then some rain to help the grass on the field get a start.

Over the past couple of Fridays we have been conducting some of our athletics events. A big thanks to Mr Zammit and Mr Evans for organising the timetable for these. This Friday and next will see the last of the events run and we will then be able to calculate the winning house. It has been great seeing the students embrace our unusual athletics carnival for what has been an unusual year.

I know Mr Evans and the teams participation in *Tournament of the Minds* are putting together the final touches for their presentations for this year's tournament. I am very much looking forward to having a look at these and will be eagerly waiting to see how they go.

Bushfire Season

Going home this week will be an information page regarding this year's bushfire season which commenced for us last Tuesday. In practical terms, you will notice not much has changed for us regarding our procedures, with our *shelter in place* area still being the hall.

As per last season, if a catastrophic fire rating is issued our school will cease operations. This will likely occur on a very small number of days, if at all.

The school will receive notification of these ratings the day before so it is very important contact details are up to date and the Skoolbag app has been downloaded.

Please contact the school if you have questions regarding the bushfire season or need to help with downloading the app.

Road Safety

During the past week the council's road safety officer has visited the school. During the visits she has looked at driver and pedestrian behaviour and has made a few recommendations that will occur throughout the year. As many would have noticed we have new orange pedestrian flags. These will be placed out on the crossing in the morning and afternoon each day. Hopefully this will help alert visitors to the area of the peak times when students are crossing the road. Signs and markings on the ground have also been earmarked for an update which will also help with pedestrian safety.

Tell Them From Me Survey

The *Partners in Learning* parent survey is a part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

It is open from now until the end of term (Friday 25th September). Parents can access the survey using this link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bmz93>

The survey is a valuable tool to ensure that parents' and carers' perspectives are included in our school's planning and decision making. The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take approximately 15 minutes and is completely confidential. Although participation in the survey is entirely confidential, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>
Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Mr Giles
Principal

5/6M

5/6M have been working hard to plan, draft, edit and publish their own historical fiction picture books based on their learning about the Australian Gold Fields. The students used “story mountain” to scaffold their narrative writing and thought carefully about illustrations that were visually appealing and enhanced the text. A great effort, 5/6M!



Online Enrolment System

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 14 September 2020

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

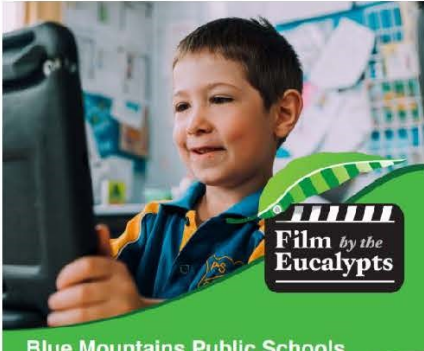
The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#).

Library Happenings



Film by the Eucalypts 2020

If your child has been busy making short films during isolation or in spare time this year they are encouraged to submit them to the Film by the Eucalypts short film festival. Entries due Friday 25th September. Films can be:

- Stop motion/ animated/ documentary/ puppetry/ live film
- Individually created or group/family
- Adult-assisted

But must:

- Be less than 3 ½ minutes long (including credits),
- include students' first names only
- credit the owners of any images or music used
- exclude themes that include guns, violence and zombies.

Further details and participation forms can be picked up from Mrs Halse in the library or by emailing the school office wentwthfal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Blue Mountains Public Schools Short Film Festival

The **Film by the Eucalypts** short film festival is still going ahead this year. Don't forget to get your films to your teachers for submission to the judges by the end of term 3.



The festival will be taking place online this year. Further details will be provided closer to the festival, check our facebook page for up to date information.

Book Week- week 2 term 4

Book week has moved to WEEK 2 TERM 4 this year. It will be a slightly different event this year owing to covid restrictions, but there will still be an opportunity for dressing up in costume, so start digging through wardrobes, get your hot glue gun or your sewing machine going and start planning those costumes! 😊



BMCC Library Competition

Children's BOOK WEEK

Make your Mark!
Bookmark Design Competition
"Curious creatures, wild minds"
Celebrate Book Week 2020 by designing a wild and creative bookmark!
PRIZES to be won!
1 September 2020 - 2 October 2020
T 4723 5935 - Children and YA Team

BLUE MOUNTAINS LIBRARY
library.bmcc.nsw.gov.au

your library

Blue Mountains City Council

To celebrate Book Week 2020, the Blue Mountains Library is running a bookmark design competition, **Make Your Mark**. The theme for the competition is **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds ...** but with a library or literary twist. Winners will have their designs produced as bookmarks and available for free in the library during Book Week (17 – 23 October). They will also receive a prize pack in the post.

This competition has three age categories: Kindergarten – Year 2, Year 3 – 6, and High School Students (12 – 17 years).

Our judge for the competition, Naomi Oliver, has put together a video tutorial on bookmark design and can be accessed on the library's website or via our Facebook page from Tuesday 1st September:

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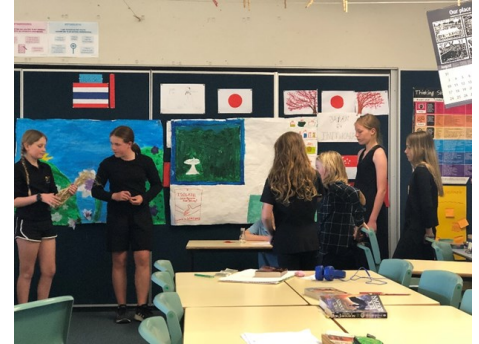
The competition runs from Tuesday 1st September – Wednesday 2nd October. Students can pick up templates and entry forms from the school or council libraries.

*Happy Reading, from
Mrs Partington and
Mrs Halse*

5/6E and Stage 3 Conquer the Tournament of Minds for 2020!



5/6E (and some other wonderful students from Stage 3), have spent the past 6 weeks working different solutions to a given problem. It culminated in the filming of 5 videos outlining the solution to a challenge. Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem-solving program for multi-aged teams of students who work together to solve a demanding, open-ended Long-Term Challenge. It has been a feature of schools for over 30 years. Wenty returned to the Tournament last year after a long absence and secured a first place in the Social Sciences division. This year it is a slightly different challenge due to Covid, so students had to film their responses. Fingers crossed for the results which will be found out on Sunday! Congratulations to all the students involved! Mr Evans



Athletics Carnival

2020 has been a different year in many respects!! One big difference has been the cancelling of many sporting events, gala days and carnivals. Over the past few Friday's, Wenty has been running the Athletics Carnival at school. Due to the current Covid restrictions, we have had to run events in separate age groups. So far, we have had the running races (on our beautifully marked out track- thanks Mr Ryan!), long jump and this Friday we will have shot put and discus. Here are a few photos showing some of our competitors!! Mr Evans and Mr Zammit





Cricket NSW Visits

Over the past three weeks, we have had the great opportunity to have development officers from Cricket NSW visit our Stage 2 and 3 students and teach them a variety of skills and to play some games. We even had an amazing high catch competition! Visit <https://www.playcricket.com.au/> to see the offerings in our local area.



Mr Evan's Maths Group

Mr Evans's Stage 3 Maths Group have been learning about fractals. We learned about Sierpinski's triangle which was named after Polish mathematician Waclaw Sierpinski. It's a fractal set based on an equilateral triangle, made by dividing the triangle into four smaller triangles, removing the central triangle then repeating this for the other triangles. If you repeat this forever you get a fractal. In these photos we have made 81 Sierpinski triangles and combined them to make one large one. We have also investigated the patterns within these triangles!



P&C News

Clothing Pool – Open Friday’s only till the end of term

The Clothing Pool (selling second hand school uniforms) is open Friday’s from 8:25 - 8:50 outside room 1/2CM.

At present we have plenty of girls dresses \$10 each and sloppy joes \$8 each and a mixture of other items.

Some things to note:

*We have permission from Mr Giles and staff for parents to enter the school to come to the clothing pool, however please don’t remain inside the school once you have finished at the shop.

*Please social distance - only one person inside the room at a time, please wait outside for your turn at a safe distance

*Card is the preferred payment type

Thank you

Chris, Vee and Frida

Father’s Day 2020



Thank you to everyone who bought a Father’s Day jar this year! It was a bit more challenging than usual to make up all the jars with COVID restrictions on quantities of ingredients, chocolate chips being stuck in a warehouse in Melbourne and the school photocopier breaking down in the middle of it all, but a very dedicated crew of volunteers made it all possible again this year, despite the extra challenges.

Special thank yous must go to Jason and Monique Cronshaw for picking up the jars from Sydney and Elise Okunew for collating all the orders and counting up the money.

The next big thank you is to all the people who helped collect, wash and count jars, fill them, organise them into bags for each order and transport and deliver them to the classrooms. Many of you deserve thanks for more than one job, thank you for your support!!!

Thank you Kathy Bohdanowicz, Anne Boyle, Sarah Buckland, Monique Cronshaw, Amanda Connelly, Erica Gander, Fiona Gibson, Naomi Hogan, Kate Holden, Nicole Jack, Fenny James, Neige Manwaring, Elise Okunew, Jane O’Neil, Jo Stewart, Lloyd Swanton and Helen Thompson.

Please bring back your jars to be refilled for next year. It really makes the whole process much easier when we don’t need to source and clean more jars. Thank you Wentworth Falls!

Nina Tuason for the P&C

Thank you Nina for all your efforts in co-ordinating and organising our annual Father's Day gifts. As you can see above it was a little trickier than usual and though it is a team effort, without Nina championing and coordinating this project, it wouldn't be possible.

Picture Plates

Thank you to all who placed orders for picture plates and other items such as mugs, water bottles, picture clocks and calendars. The orders have been collated and sent off and are expected back around the end of November/early December.

A BIG thank you to Emma Gray for organising and managing the logistics of this popular and fun fundraising activity. I believe it was more popular than expected with lots of last minute orders coming in. Thanks for your time and effort Emma.

Next P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting will be via Zoom on Monday 21st September at 7pm. Please email Elise, P&C Secretary on wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com to be sent the Zoom meeting details.

P&C Mailing List

If you would like to be kept up to date with P&C news and receive a copy of the P&C meeting minutes, join our mailing list. Email wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com to be added.

TERM 2 OPENING DAYS

ON-LINE LUNCH SERVICE ONLY : Wednesday's and Friday's

10th September
August 2020

CONTACT DETAILS

Canteen Admin Convener:

Tina Mellor 0455 503 203

Canteen Kitchen

Convener: Anne Boyle

canteenwfps@gmail.com

Stay up to date with the latest information by liking us on Facebook

"Wentworth Falls Public School Canteen"

Online Ordering Canteen Website

<https://quickcliq.com.au>

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

Due to the continued rules regarding social distancing, we are not able to resume over the counter sales just yet due to the size of the canteen and the serving area. This is a great disappointment to us all.

We look forward to re-introducing over the counter sales when/if the rules change.

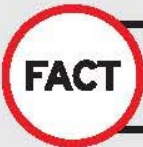
Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

On-line ordering

Please be aware when ordering your child's lunch that the cut-off time is 8.45am the morning of the order. This is to give our volunteers enough time to get the orders done. If your order is done after 8.45am a red notice will pop up letting you know that you have missed the cut-off time and your order will default to the next open day.

Please double check this date to ensure that your child receives their order on the day that you wish them to.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



Pedestrian Crossings

Do not stop or park on or near a marked crossing.



No Stopping

You are not permitted to stop on a length of road with a no stopping sign.



Driveways

Do not stop on or across a driveway.



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.



Intersections

Do not stop on or within 20 metres of an intersection.



Mobile Phone Use

Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.

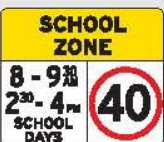


Parallel Parking

Must parallel park in direction of travel unless signpost states otherwise.



School Zone Speeding Offences



40kmph is the speed limit. Children are vulnerable in school zones.



Double Parking

Do not double park in a school zone.



Footpath and Nature Strip

Do not stop on a footpath, nature strip or obstruct ramp or path access.



*Fines current as of July 2020. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.