



# Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3

#### August

- 12 Chess Tournament
- Write a Book in a Day
- 15 P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- 19 Meekat Production K-2
- 24 Book Parade
- 26 BPPSSA Athletics
- 30 FOIM Opera House

#### September

- 2 Father's Day Stall
- 19 Narragunawali 6.30pm KHS
- 21 Narragunawali 6.30pm KHS
- 22 Big Day In - Year 6 to KHS
- 23 Last day of Term

### TERM 4

#### October

- 10 Staff & Students return

## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2023

Our Kindergarten enrolment packs are now available.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please collect a pack from the office.

Online enrolment is also available through our school website. Click onto the enrolment tab and complete the online enrolment application.

[Enrolment - Wentworth Falls Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

Welcome to Week 4 and the final weeks of Winter. This Friday is the final "supermoon" we will see in Australia until 2023. This month's supermoon, the **Sturgeon supermoon**, will peak at 11:35am on Friday 12th August however moonrise is the best time to get a clear view. Keep your eyes on the eastern horizon anytime after 4:20pm on Thursday 11th or after 5:30pm on Friday 12th August for that great photo opportunity.

I would like to congratulate our two debating teams for their performance and behaviour at the Upper Mountains Debating Gala Day yesterday at Katoomba North. Mrs Dickens was full of praise for the way our students conducted themselves and for their debating skills throughout the day. It was very exciting to learn that they were declared the winning school for 2022. Thank you to Mrs Dickens for the extra time she has given to help prepare the teams for the day.

Congratulations to all students who travelled to Glenbrook last Tuesday for our athletics carnival. It was a glorious day and from what I could see everyone was doing their best and having a great day. Thank you to our teachers and volunteers who worked throughout the day supervising events so that the carnival ran smoothly. Carnivals are long days and it is due to these efforts that we are able to run them successfully. Thank you to the Katoomba High students who also came down for the day to help out with events. This is also greatly appreciated. Finally, thank you to Mr Evans for organising the day. It is not an easy or small job however I know everyone was highly appreciative of the work put in to make the day successful. Students who have successfully qualified to represent our school at the district carnival should be announced soon and I

wish them all the best when competing at the next stage.

Tomorrow we have two exciting events occurring at school. Mrs Roberts is conducting the "**Write a Book In A Day**" event in the library with 20 very excited budding authors. It will be a very long day for them as they begin at 8am and will continue until 8pm. I look forward to reading their finished products. While that is going on we are hosting the **NSW Primary Schools Chess Competition (Blue Mountains Zone)** in the hall. Eleven visiting teams from other schools will join our five teams for a round robin day of chess. Students from our chess club who are participating need to remember to bring their recess and lunch as they won't be able to access the canteen during the day. These students will bring home a reminder note today.

The school has become part of *The Fathering Project* network. *The Fathering Project* is an evidence-based organisation that aims to promote positive fathering behaviours and fathers' engagement with their infants, preschool, primary school and adolescent-aged children. For the remainder of this year we will share newsletter snippets for families to read. We will then progress to holding activities/events at school to help promote the positive involvement of fathers here at school. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Finally, this afternoon is the next **Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)** meeting. Any interested parents and/or community members are invited to attend. It is being held at Blaxland East Public School commencing at 4pm.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy fortnight.

Mr Giles

# Debating Gala Day

The WFPS debaters attended the Upper Blue Mountains Gala Day recently. Both teams won their debates and we received the shield for the 'Upper Blue Mountains Learning Community Debating'. This is a lovely accomplishment. However, I am most proud of these students for their work ethic they have attended at lunches and recesses, researched in their own time and caught up on class work in their own time. They needed to show respect in their engagement with each other and their opposition on the day. Some students who were not chosen for a team came to support preparation and offer ideas and plans. I was also impressed with the behaviour of our students on the day.



The standard for entry into the debating team was high- over 20 students competed for the initial 4 places. Thank you to the parents who listened (over and over!) to speeches, encouraged their child, cheered them on as they planned and supported them regardless of whether or not they ended up on a team.

**Congratulations to everyone who tried out and to those who attended the gala day.**



## BORROWING BOOKS

Time is running out for students who are completing the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge! The final date for entering reading records is August the 19th (Week 5). K-2 students have now had their reading records validated - congratulations!

Number of loans since 1st of February: **6513! There have been 2371 different titles loaned out of 8362 in total - those poor other 5900 books...**

## BOOK WEEK

In celebration of this year's Book Week Short List, Wenty will be hosting Meerkat Productions - a performance group specialising in adapting and bringing to life children's literature for live performances in schools. They will be performing one of the shortlisted books for K-2 students on Friday, 19th of August. In library lessons students will make something to take to the performance as it is an interactive one!

Another part of our Book Week celebration will be the traditional Book Parade! Students will be able to show off their favourite literary character on Wednesday, 24th of August . More info coming soon!

## PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS

Current outstanding resources: **488 (OOPS!)** Overdue slips will come out over the next week. Please get in touch with Mr Walker if you believe that books listed as overdue have, in fact, been returned.

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders have been processed and the last ones should be arriving home next week.

The orders made by families earn rewards for our school - usually taken as books for the library. This Term the rewards are being put in a prize pool for students to win in a series of Book Week competitions! All students will have the opportunity to win book prizes during Book Week lessons in the library in Week 6.



# Canteen News

We had a strong start to Term 3 with record orders on our first Friday of service. Being Winter, dumplings and hot foods are being ordered in numbers we haven't seen before. We hope your children are enjoying their warm canteen lunches. Thank you to all our volunteers both experienced and new. Our canteen would not be open this term without you!

We are open 4 days a week this term.

**Recess only** - Tuesday & Thursday - **Cash only** over the counter  
&

**Lunch only** - Wednesday & Friday - **Quickcliq only** online orders

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen get in touch at either [canteenwfps@gmail.com](mailto:canteenwfps@gmail.com) or Elise 0422 950 822.

## **Kindy Drinks, Jelly Cups & ice blocks - remind your child to collect from the canteen window**

The first two terms of school, the canteen puts kindy drinks, jelly cups and ice blocks in the baskets with the lunch orders that go to the classroom as they are so new to the school.

From term 3 onwards we no longer put the drinks & jelly cups in the basket. Their lunch bag will be stamped with a drinks &/or jelly cup stamp & they come to the canteen to collect their drinks like the other children. Please remind your child to visit the canteen with their lunch bag to collect these items.

## **Quickcliq reminders**

- Place your order before 8.45am on the day of service. (If you miss this cut-off, it will place the order on the next day of service automatically)
- Please check for a confirmation email to confirm your order has been placed and check the date in the email is correct.
- If you have completed an order and want to add another item, you will need to cancel the existing order and place a whole new order for that day. The system only allows for one order per day. Unfortunately, if this isn't done, the new item will automatically be placed for the next day of service.
- If your child is sick or away and you have a Quickcliq order please call the school before 9.30am the day of the order and we can arrange a refund minus the Quickcliq fee.
- If you have any trouble getting on to or using the Quickcliq site please email us [canteenwfps@gmail.com](mailto:canteenwfps@gmail.com) and we can help you out

## **Jelly Cups Maker**

We are currently looking for someone to help make our Jelly Cups this term on a Monday for about 40 mins. If you can assist please get in touch with Elise - 0422 950 822

Thanks  
Elise & Sharon  
Canteen Co-convenors

# WFPS P&C NEWS

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Kristie Mckenzie has stepped down as President of the P&C Association.

We thank her for her service as P&C President and wish her well for the future.

Please note that the next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 15 August 2022 at 7.30pm in the School Library.



## *Father's Day Stall*

Welcome back to Term 3! Father's Day is less than 4 weeks away and the P&C is busy filling and decorating jars for the annual Father's Day stall. This year the stall will be held on **FRIDAY, 2 September**.

Many of us look forward to the arrival of our gorgeous gingham topped jars, but for those new to the school, you are in for a treat! Each student has the opportunity to choose a jar filled with the ingredients needed to spoil all the wonderful fathers and grandfathers of Wentworth Falls. There will be the very popular brownie mix, a choice of biscuit mixes, salts and pancakes. These are gifts our children and families can feel good about. They are eco-friendly, made locally with reusable jars, and they are absolutely delicious! Many families say they enjoy the time spent baking together, and some older students take the initiative and make afternoon tea themselves!

All gift jars are **\$8.00** each and all the profits will buy resources for our children to use at school.

If you would like your child to select a gift jar, please go to [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) and click on **EVENTS under the QuickCliq Logo**. We have chosen this online system to streamline the process for our volunteers this year. If you are unable to order using QuickClik, there will be forms available at the office, and payment will be required in correct cash. Your child will be able to choose from the selection of jars on the 2nd of September at school.

**The last day for orders will be WEDNESDAY, 31 August.**

If you are able to help with the stall on Friday 2 nd September please contact Renee Miller (0457 151 885).



## *Clothing Pool*

Clothing Pool is open on Fridays 8.30 – 8:50 (ish) outside room 1/2D

Come and see us for any pre- loved clothes!

All money raised goes to the P&C and back to the school!

Thank you to everyone who has given us clothes this term! We accept clean, good quality pre-loved uniforms. Uniforms can be handed directly to the clothing pool or you can leave them with the front office staff. We have been short on sizes 8-10 this year so these size donations are especially needed!



### *Upcoming P & C Events*

Monday 15th August -  
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the school library

Friday 2nd September -  
Father's Day Stall

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November -  
Blue Mountains Artfest

A big thank you to all the people that volunteered with the schools athletics carnival!

THANK  
YOU

If you are interested in the role as P&C President or have any enquiry about the P&C please email [wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com](mailto:wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com)

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Co-Vice President

MALTE EBACH  
Co-Vice President

PETER DANCKWERTS  
Secretary

DAVID MELLOR  
Treasurer



## Blue Mountains Artfest 2022 – 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November

The school's major annual fundraiser Blue Mountains Artfest will be on again in person at the school this year from 11th - 13th November. Totally volunteer run by parents and raising much needed funds for the school each year.



For those new to the school or who haven't seen it run before Blue Mountains Artfest is an Annual Art and Craft Show in its 39th Year that is held over 1 night & 2 days - Starting Friday Night 11th November with Opening Night and then Saturday 12th 9am - 4pm & Sunday 13th November 10am - 3pm. A great local community event, supporting Blue Mountains Artists and Makers.

### How can you support our Major Fundraiser?

We would really appreciate it if you could like our Facebook page [Blue Mountains Artfest](#) (if you haven't already - we are hoping to hit 1500 followers) & follow us on Instagram as well @bluemtnsartfest

### Sponsorship - cash or donations of quality items for raffles

We are getting organised to go out to local businesses requesting Sponsorship for this year. If you have any leads or workplace contacts for Sponsorship for either in kind donations or cash sponsorship, please get in touch [sponsor@bluemtnsartfest.com.au](mailto:sponsor@bluemtnsartfest.com.au) or get in contact to discuss, Elise 0422 950 822.



**Pop the dates in your diary.** A great place to do your Christmas Shopping and be Christmas ready early! We will be calling for parent helpers over the weekend closer to the event and children will be performing on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November if they are in choir, band, or recorder group.

### Call for Art or Craft Workshop Facilitators

Do you have an artistic skill or talent that you would like to share? We have had parents volunteer their time to facilitate a workshop for either children &/or adults. For example, in the past we have had parents run floral arranging, wreath making and terrariums workshops.



If this is something that you would be open to doing, please contact Lauren at [workshops@bluemtnsartfest.com.au](mailto:workshops@bluemtnsartfest.com.au)



Nicola McDermott  
Former Little Athletics  
2021 Olympian

# Run, Jump, Throw, Walk or Roll TO BE YOUR BEST

Sign up for your local Little Athletics Centre this Summer

**Katoomba District Little Athletics**  
welcomes you and runs **Saturday Morning**

Visit [lansw.com.au](http://lansw.com.au) to join today  
*Active Kids vouchers accepted*

Little Athletics is a Foundation sport that focuses on leaning and developing fundamental skills with a focus on Family, Fun and Fitness!



Scan to register at your Little Athletics Centre



SCIENCE WEEK FUN

Blue Mountains Theatre Presents

# The CRAZY Scientist

LOONY LAB SHOW

Sat 20 August, 11am  
Tickets \$12-\$16

### Play & Learn with Science!

On the day of the show drop in to the Hub for free science fun from 10:30am-1pm!  
Join our library team as you explore our interactive science kits - for kids 3-12 yrs.  
Reserve your kit for take home science!

*"Explore the wacky world of science with interactive demonstrations that will blow your brain cells!"*

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## Blue Mountains Community


# FUN DAY!

Games - Prizes - Free BBQ - Music - Emergency Services & more!

### AT LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Saturday 3rd September 2022 10am-3pm





**NO SCAREDY CATS**

**Parentshop**  
Helping behaviour change

**No Scaredy Cats**

**REDUCING ANXIETY & BUILDING RESILIENCE SKILLS IN 2-12 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

**PARENT EDUCATION COURSE**

AT Blackheath Kookaburra Kindergarten  
AT 9-11 Park Ave, Blackheath 2785 ON Thursdays, 8, 15 and 22 Sept 2022, 4-6pm

**PARENTS WILL LEARN**

By having a greater understanding of the problem of increasing levels of anxiety in children parents will identify anxiety and counter it's progress.

- An overview of how a well-honed theory of parenting (what you need to repeatedly do) can assist parents to manage children's worries.
- Coverage of how some misguided policies are making parents and children more anxious.
- The brain, including how the pre-frontal middle cortex and the amygdala operate, and where fear and anxiety originates.
- Commonly misused phrases and cognitive distortions used by children and their peers.
- A helicopter view of what risks we can allow and which require us to keep children safe.
- 'Traps and trip wires': what to do when a child's amygdala starts to play-up.
- Memorable strengthening sayings, questioning strategies and mindfulness exercises.

**PARENTS RECEIVE**

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion

**WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE**

The course facilitator is: **Linda Croyston (Thrive Services)**  
who completed No Scaredy Cats practitioner training on **3 February 2022**

**REGISTER TODAY**

Contact Linda Croyston at Thrive Services  
Ph: 4782 1555 or email [linda@thriveservices.org.au](mailto:linda@thriveservices.org.au)

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JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING PARENTING PROGRAM TO HELP YOU WITH THE CHALLENGES OF PARENTING A CHILD WITH ADHD.

4 SESSIONS WILL RUN OVER 2 WEEKS, WHERE WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT STRATEGIES YOU CAN USE TO MANAGE YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

WEEK 1 SESSIONS: 13TH & 14TH SEPTEMBER

WEEK 2 SESSIONS: 20TH & 21ST SEPTEMBER

WHERE: THRIVE SERVICES, 2 STATION ST KATOOMBA

TIMES: 10.00 - 11.30AM

OPTIONAL LIGHT MORNING TEA SUPPLIED 11.30AM - 12.00PM FOR PARENTS TO CHAT AND UNWIND AFTER THE SESSION

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE  
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Wentworth Falls Public School  
**Kick start to School Playgroup**

Starts July 25th 2022  
9.00 am—11.00 am  
Monday Mornings  
During School Terms 3 and 4

**Free Play Learning**

**Group Activities**

Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year?

Join us for a starting school playgroup. It helps provide a gentle introduction to school life through play.

Please bring some lunch, a bottle of water and a hat for your child.

Parents stay with their child at the playgroup.  
Siblings can attend.

Each morning there will be free play, group time and morning tea.

**Stories & Games**

**Visit Areas of the School**

**ART, FUN & FEELINGS**

Free 2 part workshop for children aged 6-9 and their parent/carer

Learn simple, effective, creative strategies to help manage big emotions

**Wednesday 24 & 31 August**  
**3.30 - 5.00 pm**  
**Joy Anderson Hall at**  
**Mid Mountains Community Centre**  
**New St, Lawson**

Bookings & info call  
**Liz 0422 733 224**

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