



# Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4

#### December

4	Dance2bfit
8	Year 6 Gala Day
11	Year 6 Farewell
13	Celebration of Student Achievement
15	Last day for Students

### TERM 1 2024

#### January

30	Staff Return
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#### February

1	<b>STUDENTS FIRST DAY</b>
8	School Swimming Carnival
28	School Photos

**If you are not returning to WFPS next year, please advise the office as soon as possible.**

## From the Principal..

Welcome to Week 8 and the final day of Spring. As one of our Stage 2 students told me today, only 12 school days left (for students). Christmas trees are starting to go up and decorations are popping up everywhere.

Last week we had our final Kinder orientation session and they had a lovely time in the library. From what I could see they are all set and ready to start Kinder once 2024 begins.

Swim school is in the final days and I have only heard outstanding reports regarding our students who are participating. Each day I get updates as they are eating their recess so I know they have been practicing floating, treading water, back sculling, stroke correction and even putting their face in the water. All students should be congratulated on their efforts, improvements and their behaviour. Thank you to Mrs McMath and Mr Dobe for accompanying the group throughout the two weeks.

On Tuesday, a group of students accompanied by Mr Evans attended Year 7 orientation day at Katoomba HS. Orientation days help students learn about lessons, subjects in secondary school, the teachers, classrooms, school procedures and provides an opportunity to meet fellow students. Our students participated in a wide variety of learning experiences and had a great day.

Monday will be the final week of our Dance 2 Be Fit program which has been fantastic. Students have been learning steps, routines and generally having a great time to music.

Falls Road is a very busy place at both drop off and pick up times. In order to keep our students safe it is essential that we all do our part. Please ensure that you only park in areas assigned to parking and that you use the pedestrian crossing at all times, especially during wet weather when visibility is lower. By modelling these safe

behaviours for our students we help them to make safe choices around roads.

The staff at Wentworth Falls PS will be hosting a Thank You Morning Tea in recognition of the commitment and dedication of many parents and community members who volunteer their time at our school to support the learning and well being of our students. The morning tea will be held on Thursday 7th December at 10:30am in the school library.

Other important events occurring before the final newsletter are the Year 6 Farewell and our Celebration of Student Achievement (COSA) assemblies. The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 11th December and the COSA assemblies will be on Wednesday 13th December. Primary (3-6) will be held first at 9am and the infants (K-2) assembly will be held at 11:15am (after recess). Invitations will be sent home soon to families of award winners. Finally, student reports will be sent home on Thursday 14th December and the last day for students in 2023 will be Friday 15th December.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy fortnight ahead.

Mr Giles

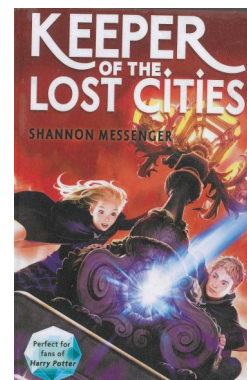
## Eliza's Book Recommendation

***Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger***

Sophie foster is a telepath, she can read minds of the people around her. Then she meets Fitz, another telepath who brings her to a magical land.

But, there are memories people want from Sophie's mind .... can Sophie protect herself?

This book is perfect for fans of Harry Potter and I recommend it to students in Year 4 or higher.



## Smiling Mind



### Topic 20: Resilience

The goal of this topic is to develop the ability to bounce back from setbacks and learn from mistakes. The lesson aims to normalise failure and encourages students to see failure as an opportunity to grow and learn. Students are challenged to recognise when their mind has wandered during the practice and then to bring their focus back. They are guided to recognise that this will happen often and that's ok.

[Keeping Calm - Building Resilience with Hunter and Eve](#)  
[My Strong Mind Read Aloud](#) | [Social Emotional Videos for Kids](#) | [SEL Books for Kids](#)

Activity: Students can identify people and activities that are helpful in managing when they find things are challenging. Possible categories could be: family/people who support me; friends I can go to; artistic things I can do; physical things I can do; and things I can say to myself.

## A Morning Tea to thank you for your support!

Join us for a thank you morning tea on  
**Thursday, 7 December at 10:30AM**  
 in the library.



Please RSVP via 47571604 or  
[wentwthfal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wentwthfal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
 by 1st December

## YEAR 6 GALA DAY



**Raising funds for the Year 6 Farewell**

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023**  
 AFTER RECESS

GOLD COIN  
 DONATION AND  
 WEAR MUFTI



**BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION AND WEAR  
 MUFTI**



## Spooky Files

On Thursday 16th November, Students from Film by the Eucalypts, Write a Book in a Day and the Stage 3 Creative Writing group attended a screening of the show *Spooky Files* (2023). Afterwards, Guy Edmonds, an international Emmy award winning writer and director, and one of the creators of *Spooky Files* (2003), shared how the show was created.

We were lucky enough to go behind the scenes of the show, learning about storyboards and costumes. We also learnt about some specialist screen writing skills, including previs (the process of visualising a scene before creating it) and features of the show's script, as well as, concept designs for the 'spookies' characters.

A big shout out to Guy for showing us the possibilities of having a creative career and for giving up his time to share his work with us.

Mrs Evans and Mrs Roberts





# CELEBRATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WEDNESDAY  
13TH  
DECEMBER

COLA

9AM - YR 3 - 6

11:15AM - YR K- 2

HOSTED BY SCHOOL  
CAPTAINS  
LAYLA & CALEB



## Performances by:

- School Band (Yr3 - 6 assembly only)
- Choirs
- Dance Group
- Strings and Recorder Group

*Please come along and  
celebrate the achievements  
of our students here at  
WFPS.*





# ATTENTION!

All books must be returned to  
the Library for Stocktake.

There are  
263 overdue!

