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Fortnightly Newsletter

20 February 2020

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1

#### February

Sun 23	P&C Working Bee
Tues 25	Cupcake Day - Kindy Fundraising

#### March

Wed 4 - Thur 5	Years 5 & 6 CARES
Tues 11	Harmony Day P&C Meeting 7pm. All welcome
Mon 9	Zone Swimming
Thur 19	Years 3 & 4 Botany Bay
Fri 27	P&C Picnic Evening
Thurs 26	Years 1 & 2 Edward Emu Workshop
Mon 30	Resilience Project – Parent Evening 6pm

#### April

Thurs 2	<b>New Date</b> - School Photos
Fri 3	School Cross Country
Thurs 9	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>

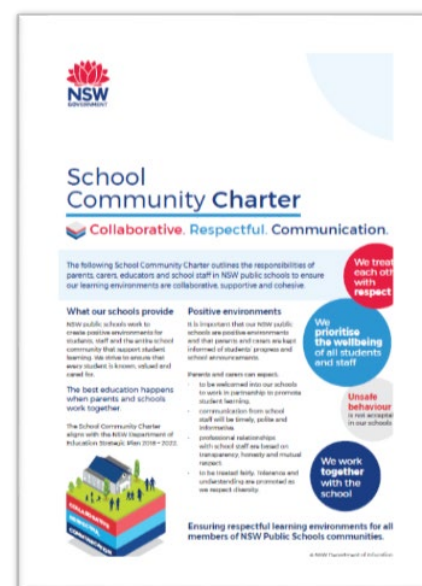
## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers

### Meet the Teacher Evening

It was lovely to welcome so many of you at the Meet the Teacher evening yesterday. As part of our ongoing communication with parents, this is the first formal opportunity in the year for us to outline our programs and strategic directions. I would like to thank our teachers for providing their time along with Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Carden for providing supervision for students in the library, and Primary OSHCare for providing additional supervision to our OOSH students.

At our parent information session one of the handouts we shared was the



*School Community Charter*. This document outlines collaborative and respectful communication across our NSW Public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive. Please take the time to review this document via the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/school-community-charter.pdf>

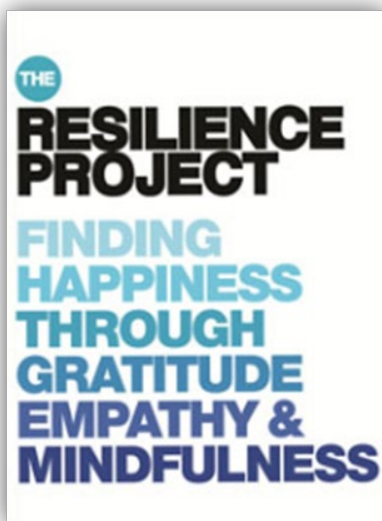
## Extra-Curricular Programs in 2020

We are very excited that our band program for 2020 has commenced and we welcome back Frances Fordham who will be mentoring the training and concert bands. This year the training band has been split into two groups for the first term so that they can readily learn their instrument. We are very excited to see the progress of both bands as they perform at school events and external competitions throughout the year. A big thank you to the parents who have taken on roles to support our successful band program.

The junior and senior dance group auditions also commenced last week and we thank Mrs Carden, Mrs Jeffress and Mrs Owens for their support. We also welcome back chess club and this term we have a Year 2 and 5 writing enrichment group for selected students. We look forward to our PSSA sports teams competing this Friday and wish them the very best for the first week of competition. Our Spelling Mastery groups, Scripture groups and the Green Team also commenced this week working hard in the vegetable garden. Thank you to our teachers and volunteers who are supporting these extra-curricular activities across our school.



Green Team - 2020



### The Resilience Project

Later this term we are very excited to be commencing our involvement with 'The Resilience Project'. 'The Resilience Project' is a yearlong program that practises gratitude, empathy, mindfulness and emotional literacy. Please book into our parent session in the hall which is from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Monday 30 March to learn more about how you can support your family to build resilience. The P&C are very kindly supporting the cost of this program so that all parents can attend free of charge. There will also be a staff professional learning session and student sessions. Details on how to book your place are included later the Billboard.

### BYOD in Stage 3

The student devices have all been sent home this week so that our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program can commence in our Year 5 and 6 classrooms next week. We are very excited to be using technology to further support and augment the learning process. Thank you to Mrs Wares and Mrs Trevenar for all their work in getting the project up and running. This photo shows some very excited students collecting their imaged Chromebook devices to take home for charging.



Please remember that our playgrounds are not supervised in the morning until 8:45 am. If children need to be at school prior to this time, please book your child into before or after school care as needed to ensure their safety and wellbeing. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards

*Caroline Desmond*  
Principal

## Year 3 – 6 News

### Year 5 and 6 BYOD Program

Students and teachers from Year 5 and 6 are very excited that the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program will be starting on Monday 24 February. The options available for students this year are to buy their own device, to hire one from the school, or to use a school device which remains at school. On Tuesday afternoon, students collected their devices from the school office to take home, ready for the start of the program next week. This additional access to technology will allow students to be more flexible in their approach to using technology to enhance their learning.

### Meet the Teacher Night

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to come along to our Meet the Teacher Evening on Wednesday. The teachers really appreciated your attendance and the ability to share information about their class with you. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's teacher for an information handout. Also, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment to discuss your concerns.

*Emily Wares*  
Assistant Principal

## K – 2 News

**Kindergarten** have adjusted to the new routines so well and are now following the Years 1-6 lining procedures.

**Sportspro** lessons have begun for K-2 and students are enjoying the program.

**Assemblies** will begin formally for K-2 from Week 6. Year 2 leaders will take turns every fortnight to help lead the assembly and different classes will begin presenting their items.

**Cupcake Day** -The annual Kindergarten Cupcake Day is next Tuesday 25 February. Cupcake costs usually range from \$ 1 to \$ 2 each. Thank you Kindy parents for baking for this delicious event.

**Jane Packman**  
Assistant Principal



## Sports Update

### Warringah Zone Trials

Congratulations to Amelia D (Year 5) who have been selected to represent Warringah Zone at the Sydney North Tennis Trials later in the term. Well done Amelia and we wish you all the best!

Congratulations to Oscar H (Year 6) and Myles N (Year 6) who were selected to represent Warringah Zone and the Combined Zone Cricket trials next week. We wish them luck at their next level of representation.

### Swimming Carnival Ribbons

Just a reminder that the ribbons from our swimming carnival will be presented in the Years 3-6 assembly on Friday (1.50pm). Further information regarding our upcoming Warringah Zone Swimming Carnival will also be handed out to the students who will be progressing to the next level of competition.

### PSSA Weekly Competition

Our Warringah Zone competition commences tomorrow. Students who have been selected into our softball, t-ball and cricket teams are reminded to be at school at 8.50am for a roll call before heading off with their team coaches. If there are any parents who are available to assist with the transport of our kits, please let your team coach know.

**Trish Fox** – PSSA Sports Organiser

## Library News



In February we are celebrating Library Lovers' Month. Students are discussing their favourite books and we are finding out which are Wakehurst PS students' most loved books. On February 14 staff members chose a most loved book and gave it to another staff member to read to their students. 3/4F students loved the choice from Mrs Johnson so much that they wrote letters of appreciation to her. The staff members have been photographed with books that they loved as a child or books they love reading to students now. These photos are displayed near the books in the library and are inspiring our students to read the books themselves.



### 2020 Library Leaders

The library leaders have been busy training on the Oliver Orbit system, shelving books and helping junior students at lunch time. They love their new leadership role and I really appreciate their enthusiasm.



### Issue 1 Book Club – Orders close tomorrow

The Issue 1 Book Club will close Friday 21. Please use the **LOOP** payment process to place your order. The Book Club books will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Thanks for your support.

**Catherine Lindsay**

Teacher Librarian



Thanks  
for buying  
books from  
**Scholastic Book  
Clubs** —  
they help build  
our classroom  
resources!

## Live Life Well

### Live Life Well @ School

#### PARK & WALK or RIDE

Try parking a short distance from your school and let the kids either walk or ride a bike under your supervision the rest of the way.



#### Benefits include:

- Less traffic congestion around your school
- Extra exercise for you and your children
- Socialising with community members and other families
- Learning important road safety skills
- Children who live too far to walk or ride all of the way can still participate in active travel.

Hold the hands of  
children aged up to 10  
when crossing roads!



Health  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District



### What is The Big Veggie Crunch?

Did you know that only around 6% of Australian children eat enough vegetables? To help our community do better, our school will be taking part in The Big Veggie Crunch (part of Vegetable Week) with their Buddy Classes in Week 6, on **Thursday 5 March**.

Primary schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables:

- 50 260 students crunching simultaneously (2018 record)
- 14 991 students crunching at other times over Vegetable Week (2019 record)

### What can you do to help?

- Pack a container of vegetables (**not fruit this time**) for your child to eat on The Big Veggie Crunch Day
- Remember to keep serving up the vegetables at home and in your children's lunchboxes!

Need some ideas?

- carrot, celery, cucumber – cut into sticks or left whole
- capsicum – cut into sticks or wedges
- corn – raw baby corn spears or a cooked corn cob
- broccoli or cauliflower florets - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- tomatoes – small cherry tomatoes or a large tomato that can be eaten like an apple
- beans or snow peas - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- mushrooms – sliced or left whole

Tracey Albon  
Vegetable Week School Coordinator



TEACHING YOUNG AUSTRALIANS TO BE  
*mentally healthy*

# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Come along to our parent information  
night to learn more about methods to  
support mental health and wellbeing

**WHEN:** Monday 30 March

**TIME:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**WHERE:** Wakehurst PS Hall

Secure your place today by visiting [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the event code hzca6

**THERESILIENCEPROJECT.COM.AU**

## Return and Earn

### Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machine at Glenrose Shopping Centre

Wakehurst Public School has been accepted as a donation partner for the Return and Earn recycling program. You can help donate to our school by taking recyclable bottles and cans to the Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machine at **Glenrose Shopping Centre from Monday 24 February through to Sunday 24 May 2020.**

When you deposit your bottles and cans all you need to do is select Wakehurst Public School as the group you wish to donate to and the donations will be provided to the school. Check out what bottles and cans are accepted in the image below.



Thanks for your support, all money raised will be used to purchase plants for our school vegetable garden.

*Tracey Albon*

## School Banking

Hi All

My name is Tony Franklin and School Banking started on Tues 18th Feb.

Our desk is setup every Tues outside the front of the school canteen. Please don't hesitate to come over and visit even if you have any questions or just to say hello. I can help you with setting up a new account if you would like your children to join.

Also if any parents would like to volunteer their time it is only about 40 minutes once every 3 weeks from 8.40am. Please let me know as we are short on numbers at the moment.

Hope to see you there

Thanks  
Tony Franklin  
0424940181



### Grounds Committee

We are inviting any parents or family members to help at our first



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020  
from 9am to 12noon

Items to complete:

- Installation of Soccer Goals
- Adjustment of 6 x Sprinklers
- Spreading of Mulch
- Installation of Notice board
- Weeding of the vege garden
- Removal of seats and treated poles

BYO Shovels, Wheelbarrows. Rakes and other items are available on the day at the school



With the oval now looking green and healthy, and the reed weed nearly going, we are ready to install the soccer goals. Come along to the working bee on Sunday to help with the installation of the soccer goals and some other grounds tasks.

### Help Wanted - Join the Grounds Committee

The parents and citizens (P&C) of a school play a vital role in working with the school on maintaining and improving the condition of the grounds of the school, filling a void of the Department. We are building a team for the Grounds committee; many hands make light work!

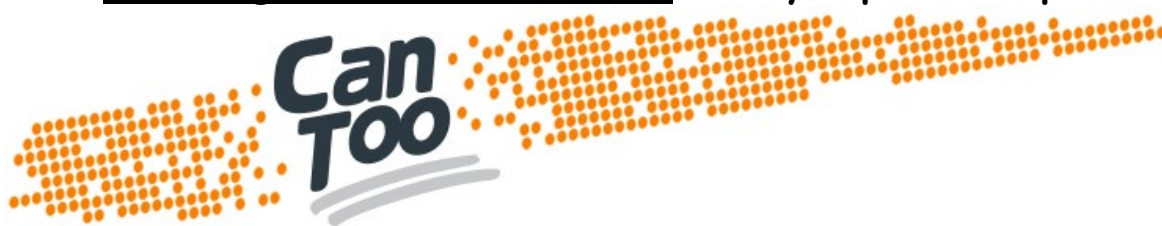
The role entails organising working bees for maintenance tasks and parent funded projects of the school grounds. Projects in pipeline are increasing the capacity of the water tanks for the new irrigation system and improved composite system / bin for the Vege garden. We are also looking for Parents to take on a supervisor / helping role for the maintenance of the herb and vegetable garden.

If you are interested in joining the grounds committee or helping with the vegetable garden please contact me on my email – [wrs26@bigpond.com](mailto:wrs26@bigpond.com) or call me 0418 488 927

Bill Stephinson  
Grounds Committee &  
Vice President P&C



### A message from Mrs Jeffress – Can you please help?



Our vision is transforming lives – through improving health and wellbeing in the community and supporting the research, prevention, care and control of cancer.

### Thank you!



Well I managed to complete my very first 1km ocean swim at Palm Beach on 26 January! Yes, the ocean still scares me but I'm enjoying the swimming training and am wanting to continue to raise funds for cancer research.

Thank you to everyone from the Wakehurst community who sponsored me for my first swim and contributed to such a worthy cause.

I'm now training for another swim! If you'd like to make a donation...

Please click on the link below and donate to this very worthy cause...

<https://www.cantoo.org.au/fundraisers/stephjeffress/balmoral-1km-swim-2020>

Thank you so much,  
Stephanie Jeffress

## Community Notices

### Give rugby a try at our TRY RUGBY sessions



5pm Friday  
21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
February

@ Wakehurst Rugby Park

- ✓ U6s – U14s, non contact drills & skills
- ✓ Welcome BBQ, canteen & bar open
- ✓ Mouthguard fittings from 5pm
- ✓ Boys & girls welcome
- ✓ New & existing players welcome
- ✓ Inclusive & family friendly club



Get registered or try rugby with Wakehurst this February!

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