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Official Newsletter

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Week 11 Term 1 2019

The Wallsend South Public School community values and respects all people as individuals and believes in life-long learning, the celebration of success and the achievement of academic and social potential for all, in a secure, stimulating and challenging environment.

Day	This week is Week 11 Term 1 Commencing Monday April 8.	Next week is Week 1 Term 2 Commencing Monday April 29.
Monday	✓ Canberra deposit due today ✓ Junior Band 3-4.15pm	✓ Staff Development day ✓ Parent/Carer Cyber Safety Information Presentation 6.00pm – 7.00pm in 6N
Tuesday	✓	✓ Students begin Term 2 ✓ Cyber Safety workshops for students
Wednesday	✓ Senior Band 3-4.15pm	✓ Senior Band 3-4.15pm
Thursday	✓ Silent Disco ✓ NO BAND today due to Silent Disco	✓ Senior Band 1-1.40pm
Friday	✓ School Banking	✓ School Banking

Principal's Reflections

Have a Safe and Happy Autumn Break



Have a lovely Autumn Holiday break everyone. School returns for all students on Tuesday 30th April. Enjoy 😊

Mr Parkinson's Address to Community Pending Retirement

Dear All;

For those who are unaware, I am turning 60 this year and as a result, I will be retiring at the end of the Term 2 holiday break (Sunday 21st July). This has not been an easy decision to make. As a teacher, I have been actively involved in NSW public education since 1981 and have been a principal since 2001. Further, I have been fortunate to hold positions at State level for both the NSW Department of Education and the Primary Principal's Council, which has helped to shape the future of public education.

I have deliberately chosen this time, to allow for as smooth a transition as possible for our wonderful school and community. I expect the new principal to commence day one Term 3 (Monday 22nd July) and I will conduct a full hand-over prior to their commencement.

During my three-year custodianship at *Southy* (2016 to 2019), it has been an honour and a privilege to lead such an impressive school and community. As a former parent myself, I recognise the on-going quality of curriculum delivery, teaching & learning programs, wellbeing, care and compassion that *Southy* is deservedly recognised for.

Our school continues to break new ground with innovation, excellence and educational best practice. It is a "lighthouse school" in so many ways. Our staff remain highly dedicated, professional and passionate educators. Our students are first-rate learners and our community support is something to be celebrated.

I am reminded of a song from the 60's by the Byrds ... "For every season turn, turn."

You will still see me in and around the local community, as I am a proud local.

Let's all "teach the children well."

To infinity and beyond *Southy* ☺

Congratulations Tracey Mahoney



Tracey was recognised last week at the Department of Education Regional North Excellence Awards for her outstanding service and contribution to our P & C as former Treasurer. I had the honour to watch Tracey receive her award and to give a short speech on behalf of *Southy*.

Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant Success

Great news. We were successful in obtaining a \$1,000 Junior Landcare Grant to revitalise our *Rainforest Area*. Our *Rainforest Area* is found at the corner of Grandview and Smith Roads (electronic sign corner).

Yours in public education

Christopher Parkinson

M.L.M.Ed.; M. Ed. Studies.; B. Ed.; Dip. Teach.

Principal ☺

To Do...

Year 6 Canberra deposit

Canberra deposit is due today Monday 8th April 2019. The deposit can be paid in instalments or as a bulk payment. If you require financial assistance, please contact Mr Parkinson (this is confidential).

Cyber Safety Parent/Carer Presentation – Monday 29 April (Term 2)

On Monday 29th April, parents/carers are invited to a cyber safety presentation in 6N from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Kirra Pendergast (Safe on Social) will deliver the presentation. Kirra is a nationally recognised expert in *online safety*. *Please note this information session occurs the night before students return for Term 2*. If you are able to attend this information evening, please RSVP by Friday 12th April by either contacting the front office or the school email

wallsends-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au indicating how many people will be attending. This is to assist with catering.

WSPS staff will be undertaking an in-depth Cyber safety course with Kirra on Monday 29th as part of our Term 2 Staff Development Day. On Tuesday 30th April, students will attend workshops facilitated by Kirra about staying safe online.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Naylor.

Year 6 Lambton High School – Orientation Day – Wednesday 8 May

Lambton High School is conducting their first transition event for 2019. All Year 6 students are welcome to attend. Permission notes are due back this coming Thursday 11 April. Please do not send in any money – this can be paid early next term.

Library Buzz.....Coming up...

VISITING AUTHOR ANNOUNCED!!!!



The secret is officially out! Morris Gleitzman is our visiting author!

Morris Gleitzman will be visiting Wallsend South on Thursday, 9 May (Term 2, week 2).

Whilst many of his books are targeted to students in Year 4 and above, Morris will be speaking to all students in his role as the current Australian Children's Laureate. *The Laureate's role is to promote the importance of reading, creativity and story in the lives of young Australians.*

(<http://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/about/>, 03/04/19)

This is an amazing opportunity for all of our students and not one to be missed. Please ensure you have paid the **\$6 visiting author fee listed in the Term 1** costs to ensure your child does not miss this chance to hear from this highly acclaimed Australian author. Students who have not yet paid were advised by Mrs Chapman and Mrs Lovat during their library lesson last week.

As Morris Gleitzman is on a tight time schedule for the day, a select number of students in K-3 will be part of a group photo and a select number of students in 4-6 will be able to have their book signed by Morris. These students will be selected by a raffle held at the beginning of Term 2, week 2. Please note, students who enter the book-signing raffle must have their own copy of a Morris Gleitzman book (there are no sales on the day).

P & C News...

Our P&C Committee would like to thank our wonderful school community and our volunteers for all of your support you have shown us throughout the Term. We wish you all a lovely & safe holiday and look forward to more fundraising events in Term 2.

I would like to personally thank our wonderful P&C Executive Committee for all of their dedication, passion and hard work. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes. I am so blessed to volunteer alongside such a wonderful team.

Leah Walker
P&C President

Fundraising - Term 1

Silent Disco – Thursday 11th April 2019 we are looking forward to this event. Remember to come dress in something easter or colourful theme.



Easter Raffle Tickets – please return all raffle books sold or unsold to the office by 9 am Thursday 11th April. Qkr! sales will end 9 am Wednesday. Please ensure your child's name and class is on the front cover page and if paid using Qkr! please indicate on the cover also.

A sneak peak on What's Happening in Term 2

Woolworths Earn & Learn starts 1st May

Save the Date – Movie Night - Friday 21st June 2019 at 6pm Event Cinemas, Glendale Toy Story 4.

Mothers Day Stall – Wednesday 8th May and Mothers Day Breakfast – Friday 10th May

Federal Election - Date to be confirmed – Cake Stall, BBQ & Book Fair other suggestions welcomed.

If you are free to volunteer on any of these events, please email wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

2019-2020 Entertainment Book

The Entertainment Book (digital & hard copy) is available NOW to pre-order by following the link - www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/348o67

For those that pre-ordered before the 4th April (both hard copy and digital) your additional bonus offerings will be sent home with your child on Monday 8th April. Those that pre-ordered a hard copy book you will receive them on Monday 8th April as well.

This year we will NOT be sending a book home with every family, but should you wish to purchase one (\$65) they will be available at the Office from the 8th April and payment can be made via Qkr! app before you pick the book up. A display book will also be available in the reception area of the office for you to view.

Information brochures are available in the office now providing details about what the Entertainment Book is and how it works. The brochure gives all the details on how to purchase the book or digital version online.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the P&C Secretary - Kylie Hale via email – wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au.



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Canteen News...



Treat Day on Friday 12th April – Selling Easter cupcakes for \$2 and Lollies from 10c - \$2.

Our Canteen is in the process of putting our Menu on the Qkr! App as from Term 2 we will be on-line. So all you will need to do is place your child's order via Qkr! App and we will process the order.

This weeks volunteers are:

Mon 8 April	Tues 9 th April	Wed 10 th April	Thurs 11 th April	Fri 12 th April
Bec Dorse	Julie Dann	Rachel Hawkins Linda Gresswell	Emma McGarth Mackenzie Quinn Leanne Sendjirdian Silent Disco - Junior Jessica Emms Jess Lillicrap Rebecca Dorse Lynn Li Kayte Tripodi Keith Morris Leah Walker Senior Jemma Greentree Jane Chapman-Cole Joyce Marodin Tracey Mahoney Shannon Smith Jodi Olajoyegbe Kayte Tripodi Leah Walker	Treat Day! Leanne Sendjirdian Jacki Dymock Bradshaw Kate Bosworth Suzanne Rigg Tanya Burke Kim O'Connor Leah Walker

From Your Canteen Committee ☺

Shop hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:45 am to 9:15 am each week this term. Alternatively please lodge your order online via our Qkr! app and we will deliver to your child's classroom. Please allow approx. 2 school days for delivery.

This weeks volunteers are:

Tuesday 9th April 8:45 am – 9:15 am	Friday 12th April 8:45 am – 9:15 am
Pam Battle Kylie Hale	Kim Sparrow Shannon Smith
R: Sandra Dart	R: Tracey Mahoney

From Your Uniform Shop Committee ☺

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This Friday is the last banking day for the Term.

Our school banking record is **146** deposits & we would love to beat it this year!

Can we beat it...yes we can!

Woohoo...what a fantastic effect with a total of **95** students banking & a total of **\$1,086.50** deposited...! The class with the most deposits was **2J** congratulations...!!! ☺



Year	Students Banked 5/04/2019
Kindergarten	10
Year 1	18
Year 2	17
Year 3	15
Year 4	20
Year 5	10
Year 6	7
Ex-students / Siblings	5

Term 1	Student Deposits
Week 1	55
Week 2	63
Week 3	104
Week 4	100
Week 5	105
Week 6	101
Week 7	93
Week 8	97
Week 9	95
Week 10	95
Week 11	

Keep on banking!

From your School Banking Team ☺

- ❖ We are looking for another school banking volunteer to join our team - if you are free on Friday mornings from 9 am - 10:30 am please email wsp_s_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

This weeks volunteers are:

Friday 5th March - 9am – 10:30 am
Holly Spannenberg, Leah Walker, Sonia Nathan, Megan Walsh & Shannon Smith



School Banking Volunteers Team - Holly Spannenberg, Leah Walker (School Banking Co-ordinator), Leanne Outram & Shannon Smith ☺

Community News

Autumn School Holiday Activities



Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students

Get an interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

Autumn Session Times

Sessions for Kindergarten – Year 2
Monday, 15 April, 10.00 am – 11.30 am
Wednesday, 17 April, 10.00 am – 11.30 am
Sessions for Year 3 – Year 6
Monday, 15 April, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Wednesday, 17 April, 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm



Cost: FREE (bookings essential)
Bookings can be made online via the Museum Website
www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

For more information or assistance with online bookings please contact the Reserve Bank of Australia Museum.

Email: museum@rba.gov.au
Phone: (02) 9551 9743
Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000

DINOSAURS AND MORE! 13 to 27 April 2019



Closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday, ANZAC Day

Dinosaur Exhibition featuring scale casts, fossils and resin replicas of dinosaurs from the collection of local palaeontologist Mike Dawson

- Dinosaur Dig - What's that in the sand?
- Look out for Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus Rex and Acrocanthosaurus as you wander the Wetlands.
- Check out some modern relatives of dinosaurs with our Reptile Rangers.
- Dino Colouring, Dino Craft, Dino Hopscotch



Exhibition open daily 9.30am-1.30pm



Special Extra Event
Saturday 13 April & Tuesday 16 April

Dino Disco 10.30 to 11.30am

- Rock along to the Dino Disco. • Come dressed up or make a Dino Mask to wear on the dance floor. • Join in when children's author Deborah Kelly reads her book *Dinosaur Disco* and sets the mirror ball spinning. • Prizes for the best costumes and dancers.

Included in Wetlands entry fee but please book online as space is limited.
www.wetlands.org.au

Special Easter Event
Saturday 20 April

Easter Fun Day 9.30am to 1.30pm

- Face Painting • Jumping Castle • Craft • Meet the Easter Bunny at 10am, 11am or 12pm
- Included in Wetlands entry fee. Avoid the queues and book online.
Easter Saturday Sausage Sizzle \$2.50



Good for Kids good for life

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Australian guidelines recommend that **kids spend no more than 2 hours each day on small screen entertainment**. Long periods of use should be broken up as often as possible. While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids and teens get from being physically active are just as important.



Office of the Children's
eSafety Commissioner

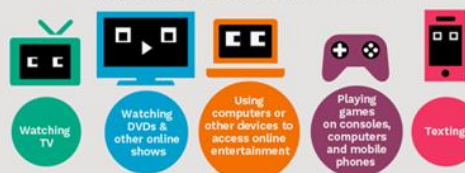
Keeping an eye on screen time



Are your kids constantly glued to a screen? Where do you draw the line to keep screen time in check?
This quick guide can help parents manage screen time.

What is screen time?

Screen time is the amount of time spent watching a screen or electronic media for entertainment. It includes:



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNEHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

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