



Waratah West Public School – Moving Forward Together

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Hello families and friends,

The last fortnight has certainly been busy! We have started our Transition to School program and are enjoying welcoming our 2022 Kinder students each Friday morning. I'm extremely proud of our older students for their leadership in supporting our younger students.



Our first Term 3 school Assembly was on Friday 30th July. Tangerine class entertained us by sharing research and art work about Big Red Kangaroos. Tangerine class also won the weekly points competition for Week 3, as well as the Attendance Award!

The Smoothie fundraiser was enjoyed by all, and was a great opportunity to share a healthy lifestyle message, as well as raise funds for our Year 6 farewell gift.

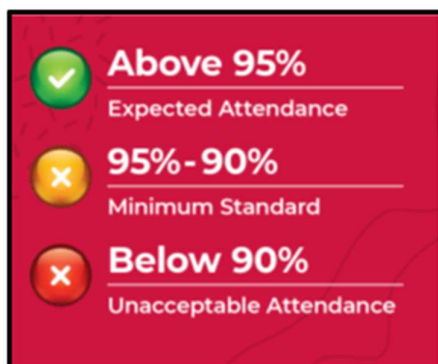
Last week was Education Week, and we promoted the theme of Lifelong Learners in our daily activities. Mrs Thann's guitar group are enjoying their lessons, as are the Let's Go Green group who are making fantastic improvements to our school gardens.

Please enjoy the highlights in this Newsletter and on our school Facebook page.

Attendance Congratulations!

Our goal is to reach 90% or above every week of Term 3!

Year 1 were the top attenders in Week 3 with an **AMAZING 100%!**



2021 Overall School Attendance Rates

Term 2		Term 3	
Week 1	87.4%	Week 1	91.1%
Week 2	89%	Week 2	81.5%
Week 3	83.6%	Week 3	82.1%
Week 4	87.3%	Week 4	
Week 5	85%	Week 5	
Week 6	87.4%	Week 6	
Week 7	83%	Week 7	
Week 8	83.1%	Week 8	
Week 9	86%	Week 9	
Week 10	83.5%	Week 10	

Student Safety



Cycling is a popular form of transport to and from school and is also a healthy and enjoyable outdoor activity for children. As with most activities, cycling has the potential to cause injury to the rider, with head injuries being the most common.

Bicycle riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet.

Students riding bikes or scooters to school must wear a helmet. For further information, follow the link:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/helmets-gear.html>

School Hours

As you are aware, the school gates open at 8:30am and classes begin at 9am. Before school begins, and after school finishes at 3pm, teachers are engaged in a range of activities including meetings with parents, preparation for the day, professional development, staff meetings and work meetings off-site. These activities do not permit them to also supervise students. **Out of School Hours** services operated by Waratah OOSH (49682817) and PCYC (<https://pcycoosh.org.au/>) are available. Please contact the providers directly for further information.

Starting Kindergarten in 2022

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten at Waratah West Public School in 2022?

Do you know of a neighbour or a friend with a 2022 Kindergarten child?

If you have not already done so, please enrol your child at the school office. This can be done in one of the following ways:

- Call the school office on 49681765 to register your child's details and an enrolment pack will be sent to you
- Email the school at waratahwst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- log on to the Department of Education website and download an enrolment form. On completion, email or send to the school

We are excited to welcome the newest members of our Waratah West family to our Transition to School group. Transition activities will continue with Ms McCabe each Friday morning from 9am to 11am. A COVID SAFE PLAN IS IN PLACE FOR THIS WEEKLY EVENT. Ms McCabe, Mrs Pola and Miss Wickens will meet families and children at the school gate from 8:30am.

COVID-19 Update: A reminder for all families

All students are expected to be at school unless they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms.

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

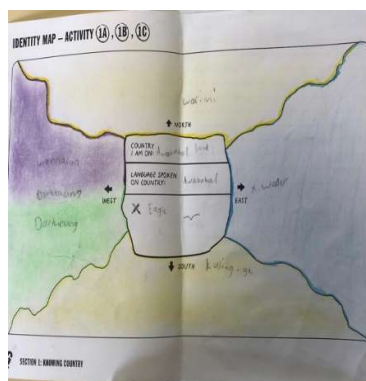
Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

More information for parents is available here for schools outside Greater Sydney: [Schools outside of Greater Sydney \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://schools.nsw.gov.au/Schools/outside-greater-sydney)

Purple Class News

Purple class have had an exciting couple of weeks to begin Term 3. Take a look at what we've done!

We celebrated NAIDOC week with lots of great activities including learning about our country and designing our own indigenous jersey.



We had a fabulous excursion to the Wetlands.



We held a Year 6 fundraiser where we made fruit smoothies with a blender that's powered by a bike. Our tropical smoothies and berry smoothies were both delicious!

We recognised Education Week by writing about all the reasons why students should enrol at our school.



WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO WARATAH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL !!

Did you know what we do on your BIRTHDAY? We have a lucky dip and if you are here on your birthday you get to choose a gift but you have to be here. If it's on the weekend or on holidays you still get a dip.

You should come to Waratah West because it is an amazing school - so good you won't believe your eyes! At Waratah West you will learn a new thing every day I guarantee it.

Getting to know our Waratah West Staff 2021

Ms Stephanie Wickens	
Role at school	Casual Teacher
Pets	My family have a cat called Bowie.
Hobbies	Reading, crochet, watching movies.
I grew up in	Dubai. I lived there for 14 years.
Food	Cheese naan bread.
Favourite things about my job	Being around so many different and wonderful people every day.
What would you sing at Karaoke night?	Every single Taylor Swift song.
What did you want to be when you were small?	I wanted to be a teacher, lawyer or an actor.
Who is your hero?	My Aunty. She is so wise, calm, and caring. I always ask her for advice when I need to make a big decision.
If you could live anywhere other than Newcastle, where would it be?	Vienna. It's so beautiful and there are lots of yummy cakes to eat.
What is your biggest fear?	Spiders and getting a blood test.

Mrs Vicki Anschau	
Role at school	Teacher
Family	Daughters Kate, Emma and their partners
Pets	Bella and daycare poodles, Charli and Sherry

Mrs Vicki Anschau

Hobbies	Gardening, swimming, walking with my dogs or friends, cooking
I am passionate about	Animal welfare
I grew up in	Waratah West
School	Waratah West P.S
Food	Food cooked at home for friends and family
Favourite holiday	Sri Lanka
Who is your hero?	Fred Hollows
Nickname	Vick



Jade, Jake, Mark, Aydan,
Ekamjit

Principals Award



Dominic, Addison,
Emma, Nissy,
Lachlan, Tamsyn,
Beaudean,
Muhammad, Destiny



Assembly Awards

	Class Award	Superstar
AQUA	Suey	Fadhil, Nate, Marky
TANGERINE	Necoh, Phoebe	Lachlan, Tiarna, Sienna
SILVER	Darius, Luka, Lyric	Saia
PURPLE	Savannah, Jade, Tyler	Soziar, Myah
LIME	Otto, Kareem	



Easy, Simple Lunchboxes

Fussy eaters can be overwhelmed by having lots of options in their lunchbox.

Keep the lunchbox simple for easy, healthy lunches that kids can eat before they run off to play.

Try Swapping:

- Cake → pikelets
- Muesli bar → wholegrain cereal bites
- Rollup → fruit



Check out some extra [Tips for Fussy Eaters](https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-for-fussy-eaters/)

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Good for kids
good for life

PLAY TOUCH FOOTY!

JUNIOR COMP REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Girls & Boys
7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s
Teams or Individual

CUBS Program
4 to 6 yrs of age

\$100 Rego includes:

- official referee,
- Affiliation with Touch Football Australia,
- Sports Cover Insurance,
- reversible playing singlet or boot bag

CUBS Program - \$60 inc shirt & ball

Tuesday Evenings

- R1 - 24 Aug
- R2 - 31 Aug
- R3 - 7 Sept (CUBS Start)
- R4 - 14 Sept
- R5 - 5 Oct
- R6 - 12 Oct
- R7 - 19 Oct
- R8 - 26 Oct
- R9 - 2 Nov
- R10 - 9 Nov

Semi & GFS- 16 Nov

WE'RE COVID SAFE

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER BY 16 AUG

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