

## STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths



**Waratah West Public School**  
– *Moving Forward Together*

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### Principal's Message

Dear Families and Friends of Waratah West Public School,

Welcome back to Term 4! We are looking forward to a wonderfully busy term that includes our usual classroom and co-curricula programs, as well as many exciting special events. Please check the calendar and Notes Due notice below to keep up with us!

#### CALENDAR - Term 4

##### Week 2

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October | Swim School       |
| Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October   | Kinder Transition |
|                                    | Assembly 2:15pm   |

##### Week 3

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October   | Life Education        |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November | Swim School           |
| Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November   | Beach Day             |
|                                    | No Kinder Transition. |

##### Week 4

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November | Swim School       |
| Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November   | Kinder Transition |
|                                    | Assembly 2:15pm   |

#### PLEASE RETURN NOTES AND MONIES\* BY:

| ASAP     | Religious Education Preference Note         |
|----------|---|
| 25.10.18 | Swimming School                             |
| 26.10.18 | Life Education Permission/Payment           |
| 26.10.18 | Beach Day                                   |
| 02.11.18 | Taronga Zoo Permission, Medical and Payment |

\*Please see Mrs Bunny for payment plan options.

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Thompson who was married during the school holidays! Mrs McGovern is back on deck after a relaxing honeymoon in the Cook Islands.

### Engineers Australia

A team from WWPS (Pride, Ci'Anna, Saffron and Teddy) participated in the Engineers Australia Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) Straw Challenge at Westfield Kotara yesterday. In a large and competitive field, our team were awarded third place for their tower construction. Congratulations on this amazing achievement. Many thanks to Mrs Umbaugh for her support with this activity, and to Mrs McCormack and Mrs Dunnet who inspire their students every day to have a passion for STEM learning.



### Children's University

For many years WWPS have proudly participated in Children's University. All of our 3-6 students will graduate at a very special ceremony at University of Newcastle on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. We hope to see many WWPS family members in the audience, and at the party afterwards. **The university need to know numbers for seating, please return your notes ASAP.**

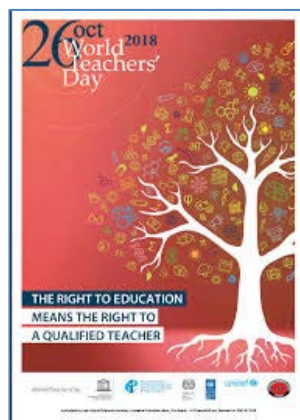
### Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to our wonderful volunteer Mrs Krysteen Jenkins! Krysteen is a tireless volunteer at our school and in recognition was recently the recipient of the prestigious Sharon Claydon Community Volunteer Award.



### World Teacher's Day and Staff Professional Learning

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October** is designated World Teacher's Day. I would like to acknowledge the passion, dedication and professionalism of our WWPS teachers in ensuring that **every** student is known, valued and cared for.



World Teachers' Day this year includes a global statement, that "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher." WWPS staff are committed lifelong learners and regularly engage in further education and training to enhance our skills for the benefit of your children. Recently, this includes

-Mrs McMaster completing Beginning Teacher Induction and STEM training to support the MiniMeMars Rover program

-Mrs McCormack, Mrs McGovern and Mrs McMaster travelling to Shell Cove Public School for Visible Learning PL

-Ms McCabe and Mrs McGovern ongoing PL in Language, Literacy and Learning (L3)

-Mrs Chapman completing Wellbeing training to further support Out of Home Care students

-Mrs Bunny and Ms Moroney completing Finance and Human Resources training

-Mrs Rush and Mrs Chapman improving their technology skills to revamp our school website

-Mrs McGuire engaging in PL to support Literacy and Numeracy teaching in the classroom



Outdoor Classroom Day is a day to **celebrate** outdoor learning and play, and to **inspire** schools everywhere to make outdoor learning and play part of **every** day.

Why?

- **95%** of teachers say taking lessons outdoors make them more enjoyable
- **90%** of pupils who go outdoors to learn feel happier and healthier
- **96%** of parents say play enables children to become well-rounded adults

As well as teaching children critical life skills, schools that introduce more freedom to play and more outdoor learning see less bullying, fewer accidents and greater readiness to learn. Children **and** teachers say it makes school much more enjoyable too.

Waratah West Public School will celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day by having **Beach School at Nobby's Beach on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

**Swim school** begins tomorrow. There is a selection of pre-loved swimwear available from the school.

Students K-6 will visit the **Life Education** Centre on Monday for essential education in achieving a healthy lifestyle, with, of course, an appearance from Healthy Harold. Please return permission note and payment by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**Assembly Showcase - Tangerine.**  
Please join us on Friday at 2:15pm.



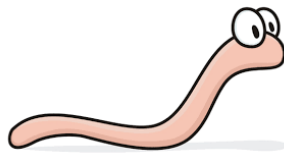


*Jaid, Jamie, Jessica,  
Necoh & Kyian*



### Threadworm

There are many different types of intestinal worms, but the most common is threadworm (also called pinworm). Threadworm is a type of roundworm that is commonly found in preschool and school-aged children, however the whole family can become infected.



Threadworm causes a very itchy bottom, which is usually worse at night. If your child is infected with threadworm, it is not usually serious and can be treated easily with medication available from your local pharmacy. Treat all the family members at the same time, even if they aren't showing any symptoms. Adults can also get threadworm.

### Signs and symptoms of threadworm

If your child has threadworm, they may:

- have an itchy bottom, which may become red and inflamed from scratching
- be irritable and generally 'out of sorts'
- not sleep very well
- have a reduced appetite.

*Nicola Moroney, Principal.*



**CILLIAN, Ellie, PORSHA, Robyn,**  
**LUCY, Tyler, Isabella,**  
**Lachlan & Layla**

### Tex Mex Nacho Beef Bowl, Fresh Salad & Fruit

It's the best in the West at Waratah West. It's a Mexican fusion meal that's popular all over the world. We'll be spicing it up in the Yalla Café with our Tex Mex Nacho Beef Bowl using lean beef mince and beans on a bed of Mexican style rice, topped with tasty cheese, a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkling of crispy corn chips. A fresh salad and juicy fruit platter will complete this tasty meal.



A Tex Mex vegetarian bean bowl is available too.

Please note students are to bring their own drink. The cost is \$2.00 per student.

### Assembly Awards

| CLASS     | RESPONSIBILITY AWARD           | SUPERSTAR AWARD   |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| AQUA      | Cillian<br>Lachlan<br>Ezzekiah |                   |
| TANGERINE | Soziar<br>Lucas<br>Karlarnie   | Estelle<br>Hamish |
| SILVER    | Bailey<br>Jai<br>Taylor        | Jade W<br>Porsha  |
| PURPLE    | Jamie<br>PJ<br>Amelia          | Jessica<br>Sarah  |



