



NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3 May – School Cross Country
- 6 May – Author Visit: Kate & Jol Temple
- 7 May – Mother's Day Stall
- 10 May – Mother's Day Breakfast
- 14 - 16 May – NAPLAN
- 17 May – Walk to School Day
- 22 May – Scenic World (Stage 2)
- 24 May – District Cross Country
- 31 May – Rouse Hill House & Farm (Stage 3)

How quickly our holidays come and go, but I know we are always thrilled to return to work and be back working with our wonderful Wilberforce school community.

Over the holidays, the installation of the shade shelter for the play equipment has begun. This is expected to be finished in Week 3. The guttering in some parts of our school has also been replaced.

Our staff continued to use part of their holidays to either work on their programs at home or come into school and work on school grounds. This dedication to getting learning activities ready and done during holiday periods is a part of our culture and I am very thankful to all our staff for their efforts.

NAPLAN will commence in Week 3 and I would ask all parents to ensure students, especially those in years 3 and 5 are at school promptly during this time.

Very Special ANZAC Day Services at Wilberforce

On the last Friday of Term 1 our school community participated in a very special ANZAC day service. We were fortunate Mr Angus McDonald and Mr Kevin Johnson, accepted our invitation to speak at this assembly about the importance of the ANZAC spirit and recognising this day is not about

celebrating war, but recognising the sacrifices men and women have made to enable us to live in the society we live in today.

Congratulations to our student leaders on their sincere and respectful approach to running and assisting with this very special service. Thank you to the many parents who attended. It is always wonderful how our students behave and demonstrate respect throughout the service.

Last Thursday morning at 8:30am Mrs Chapple, and I had the pleasure of arriving to find a large group of our students and their families who committed to meeting us dressed in school uniform ready to represent our school at the Wilberforce service. We were certainly thrilled to have such a genuine and dedicated group of families participate in the ceremony with us to pay our respects and gratitude.

Thank you to the students and their families on attending and being a part of such a proud and memorable moment.



Our school Leaders also attended the We Remember Ceremony in the city. It was a very sombre service and the students showed their usual leadership throughout the day. This year we also had the time to go through the newly renovated museum under the memorial. The picture opposite is taken next to the soil collected from Wilberforce as one of the original places soldiers were recruited from during World War 1.



Election BBQ

With another election fast approaching, we are again calling on volunteers to assist with the P&C BBQ. Please register your interest at schoolinterviews.com.au using the code: **r2zew**

This time around we will be having a cake stall.

Mother's Day Breakfast & Mother's Day Stall

After feedback from our school community last year this year, we would like to invite all our Mothers and Grandmothers to come along and share the morning with their children at our Mum's Breakfast. Please RSVP at schoolinterviews.com.au using the code: **24mw3** by Monday 6th of May.

Our P&C will also be conducting our annual Mother's Day stall at school on the morning of Tuesday 7th May. Gifts will be on sale from \$2 to \$10.

Opportunity Class 2020

Opportunity Class nominations are open. Please see the "Stage 2" heading in the newsletter for more information.

Visiting School Grounds and approaching the school

Just a reminder to all parents and visitors when entering school grounds during the school day; Child Protection and Workplace, Health and Safety procedures require all parents and visitors to report to our school office before proceeding to classrooms or the playground during school hours. We are constantly working to ensure all our students are protected and cared for, but we require your support to ensure this policy remains successful. We would also ask all parents to read the "Approaching the School Policy" sent home today with your child and consider how we can work together to support all parents, students and the school to build a strong resilient community.

Thank you

- Thank you to Mrs Wilkes for organising the Netball Clinic for some of our lucky Stage 2 students.
- To the school leaders and all the students and families who attended the ANZAC Day Ceremony.

Graham Wilkins

Principal

NEWS, NOTES AND HAPPENINGS

NOTES Home	NOTES Due
Scenic World (Stage 2)	Wednesday 15 May
Bookclub	Friday 17 May
Rouse Hill House & Farm (Stage 3)	Friday 24 May
Soundwaves Payment Reminder	Friday 24 May

Hawkesbury Show Art Entries

A selection of our students' art work has been entered into the Hawkesbury Show to be held on Friday 10th May to Sunday 12th May. The theme for this year's art is "My Favourite Transport". When you are at the Show be sure to visit the pavilion and have a look at the wonderful art entries. Thank you to Mrs Reinhardt for the enormous effort in coordinating these entries.

The following students have their art work on display:

Zali D, Ashalina A, Alexandra D, Lewis P, Heidi T, Zahra V, William J, Daniella B, Scarlett B, Flynn E, Ella G, Abigail S, Lani K, Mia D, Aaron B, Dekoda B, William S, Sam P, Ella S, Ruby B, Anna D, Ella S, Nicola S, Harrison G, Jazmin T, Stephanie A, Romy S, Ava T, Abbey G

Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2019 started yesterday. During the previous campaigns we have been involved in we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned. You can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. Stickers can be collected and brought into school for us to redeem or you can pop them in the Wilberforce Public School Earn & Learn box located at one our local Woolworths.



This weekend Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th of May you can earn DOUBLE points!

Soundwaves

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Term 2</p> 	<p>Graphemes:</p> <p><u>u o</u></p> <p>Patterns: ut, un, up, ug, um, uck, ust, ump, uch</p>	<p>Graphemes: Extra</p> <p><u>young</u>, <u>doesn't</u></p> <p><u>flood</u></p> <p><u>cup</u>board</p>	<p>Focus Concepts:</p> <p>Greek and Latin roots: circum, curro cursus, duco ductus, justus, struo structus</p> <p>Homophones: current/currant, disgust/discussed, muscles/mussels, mustard/mustered, scull/skull</p>
<p>Week 2</p> <p>Term 2</p> 	<p>Graphemes:</p> <p><u>h; j g ge dge</u></p>	<p>Graphemes: Extra</p> <p><u>who's</u>; <u>budget</u>, <u>suggest</u>, <u>soldier</u></p>	<p>Focus Concepts:</p> <p>herd/heard, whose/who's, whole/hole, hear/here,</p> <p>Contractions: he's, he'd, he'll, who's, here's, hasn't, haven't</p>

We have scheduled a Sound Waves Parent workshop in the evening of the 26th of June 2019. More information regarding this event will follow next term.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal conducted by The Smith Family

Please return your clothing bags to the front office by **Friday 17th May** for collection.



Stewart House Donation Drive

Please place a gold coin in the envelope sent home today for your chance to win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Envelopes will need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 17th May**.



Mr Fothergill's Hawkesbury School Gardening Competition

Mr Fothergill's is running a monthly Gardening Competition for schools within the Hawkesbury region.

Wilberforce Public School are proud to announce that we were first prize winners for the month of April. The prize was a \$50 product pack, it included 24 herb windowsill pots which links in perfectly with Stage 2 science theme. The competition is ongoing and submissions are entered on the 15th of every month. There is an overall grand prize winner at the end of the year. Students' are encouraged to frequently submit progress reports to Mr Fothergill's. The competition has been a group effort across all stages and we would like to give a big thank you to the boys' shed who have been working as an amazing team undergoing the instalment of irrigation lines to all vegie gardens.



Woolworths Landcare Grant

Great news for Wilberforce Public School, last term we were awarded a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant. Our project will improve the waste management practices at our school by increasing the number of compost bins and worm farms to handle the school's food waste. We intend to purchase worm and composting bins to recycle food scraps from student's recess and lunch. Our SRC and Garden Club students will be involved in the project, assuming primary responsibility for implementing the composting practices.



Book Club

Book Club was sent home today. Orders need to be placed online through the Book Club Loop by **Friday 17th May**. **Cash orders cannot be accepted.**



Walk to School Day

Friday the 17th May is Walk to School Day where the staff, students, parents and families can walk to school. Walk to School Day aims to promote the health benefits of walking, safe pedestrian behaviour, reduce car dependency and reduce air pollution cause by cars.



Congratulations Abbie

Congratulations to Abbie T who was the flag bearer for the Australian women's polo team who played against England at the Polo International match last term.



STAGE NEWS

Early Stage 1

Welcome back to Term 2! This term we are developing our reading skills by thinking about the story, recognising sight words and blending phonemes in words. We will become more independent in Writing by brainstorming adjectives and editing our work. In Mathematics, we will learn about place value, odd and even numbers, and adding complete tens. Our Science unit this term focuses on how objects move and the forces that impact on movement, such as, gravity and friction. In History, we will be learning about the Aboriginal dreamtime. Our fundamental movement skills for Term 2 are 'jump' and 'catch'. We will also be participating in aerobic dance lessons, and our school "Peer Support" program which teaches children about interpersonal relationships. We will continue to expand our fine-motor skills in a variety of fantasy inspired artworks, and will explore body percussion in Music. Our acting skills will be harnessed in an engaging Drama unit on "Toys". We are looking forward to another productive and exciting term!

Stage 2

Opportunity Class

If your child is in Year 4 and you are considering entry to the Year 5 OC Class at Richmond Public School in 2020, please note that the applications need to be placed online by **Friday 17th May**. No late applications will be accepted. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday July 31st 2019.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

Whole school Assembly every Friday 12:15pm

Date	Class	Teachers
3 May	5/6R	Mr Ranger
10 May	3/4R	Mrs Rodwell/Mr Anthony
17 May	1E	Mrs Ezzy/Mrs Bartrop

WEEKLY AWARDS

Bronze

Seth F 2C, Lani K 2C, Amelia K 1/2W



SPORT

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held tomorrow afternoon. No permission note will go home as this is a school based event and students are expected to participate, however we are requesting volunteers to help on the day. If you can assist please let Mrs Wilkes know.

Premier's Sporting Challenge School Ambassador Visit

On Thursday 10th April, we received a visit from three Premier's Sporting Challenge Ambassadors. These were Paige Hadley from the NSW Swifts Netball team, Simaima Taufa from the Roosters Rugby League team and Brittany Smart from the Sydney Uni Flames Basketball team. The Year 4 girls from our school participated in a netball coaching clinic run by Paige Hadley. She taught the girls a variety of skills, drills and talked to them about the importance of training hard and never giving up. The girls had an amazing time and were commended by the ambassadors for their excellent behavior, effort and teamwork. Well done girls! Thank you to Mrs Wilkes and Ms Maunder for organizing this event.



The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) encourages all students in public schools to be more active, more often by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity. Physical activity isn't just about being fit, it's about building **resilience**, improving **concentration**, and supporting **overall health and wellbeing**.

All NSW Public Schools have been invited to participate in this 10-week challenge. Ms Maunder has already signed the Wilberforce students and staff up and will be coordinating the tracking of our physical activity. More information on this will be provided once the challenge has commenced. We look forward to participating again this year!

P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall will be held on **Tuesday 7th May**. No donations will be required this year, all the gifts have been pre purchased by the P & C Association. The student's classes will attend the stall to make a purchase for their mother's day gift. The gifts will be priced at: - \$2 to \$10. Remember to send along some money with your child and a bag for their purchase.

Helpers needed to Wrap Gifts

- Friday 3rd May 9:30am – 12:00pm

Helpers needed to Serve at the Stall

- Tuesday 7th May in the morning



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Monday 6th May**.

Easter Raffle

Class Rabbit Winners:

Amelia P, Zali D, Samuel H, Kobe G, Jemma V, Mika J, Damien M, Zane P, Zoe W, Summah C, Ethan S, Riley S, Paige E, April M, Lachlan B, Jimmy C, Jasmine V, Lilly S, Brax C, Taj K, Taylah F, Emily A, Hudson H, Jack M, Lani K, Alexia S, Lachlan D, Nathan S, Lilly H, Selene C, Sheldon G, Jacob A, Deckota C, Katie K, Archer V, Aaron A, Jade B, Claire T, Ryan E, Matthew M, Addison D, Ava S, Bailey L, Luke M, Kai A, Felix J, Charli H, Nicola S, Braydan C, Ben T, Lilyarna H, Ella S, Macy M, Emily M, Jason B, Gurisher S



Basket Raffle Winners:

Blake S, Galea Family, Mia D, Hadchiti Family, Aidan M, Chad J, N Kanawati, McMillen Family, Joshua B, Neil Hannah, Sam B, Jackson P, Jack M, Said Family, Toby T x 2, Mikayla & Chloe H, Zane P

UNIFORM

OPEN EVERY 2ND Monday FROM 3PM

Orders can be placed online through our online store at www.wilberforcepandc.com.au

The shop will be opened next on:

Monday 13 May

Monday 27 May

CANTEEN

Welcome to Linda our new Canteen Manager

We are pleased to be able to introduce our new Canteen manager, Linda who has started in the Canteen this week.

Linda brings with her experiences in managing commercial kitchens and canteens. She is excited to be part of the team at Wilberforce Public School and has been impressed by the work done by our volunteers to date. She is looking forward to meeting everyone, as well as using our veggie gardens for some new ideas!



Now we have Linda as our Canteen Manager we only require two volunteers each canteen day. Monday's are now filled for this term, but we still need two volunteers for Friday 17th May.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
6 May	8 May	10 May
Sandra Binks Kerrie Allen	Helene Giggins	Joanne Cox Rhianna Hart Rebecca Zerk
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
13 May	15 May	17 May
Emily Read Rebecca Stephen	Rebecca Smith Kelly Dickinson	VOLUNTEER NEEDED VOLUNTEER NEEDED

