



# NEWSLETTER

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## My First Week in Kindergarten

What a wonderful start to school! Kindergarten has been participating in hands-on activities including writing, counting, art, craft and singing. They have shown enthusiasm during reading lessons where they are starting to recognise sight words and use finger pointing. Kindergarten are exploring the numbers one to ten with words, pictures, actions and concrete materials. They are becoming familiar with routines and are enjoying playing with their new friends. School is such a fun and exciting place!









# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 8 February – P&C Meeting
- 9 February – Ty's Fit Friends Begins (Years 3-6)
- 15 February – "Meet the Teacher" (Kindy & Stage 3)
- 17 February – "Meet the Teacher" (Stage 1 & Stage 2)
- 18 February – Swimming Carnival
- 2 March - P&C Annual General Meeting 6:30pm
- 3 March – District Swimming Carnival

Welcome back to the new school year, with all our Years 1-6 students settling in quickly to learning last week, and our Kindys joining us on Tuesday. Special welcome to all our new students – we hope you have had a great first week at Wilberforce. Thank you to our dedicated staff who have been busy over the holidays preparing their rooms for an exciting and hopefully "normal" year ahead.

The staffing for 2021 is as follows:

KG	Mrs van Hensbergen & Mrs Phillips	3/4B	Mrs Bean
K P	Mrs Watt	3/4C	Mrs Chapple
1A	Mrs Ahmedi	3/4R	Mrs Rodwell/Mrs Brien
1G	Mrs Gersbach/Mrs Dickerson	4/5D	Miss Dossaer
1/2W	Mrs Wilkes	5/6A	Mr Anthoney
2H	Mr Hughes	5/6C	Mrs Chia
2/3M	Ms Maunder	5/6F	Mrs Farrell

Our classroom teachers are supported by:

- Library - Ms Tierney
- Science and IT - Mrs Ezzy
- Release from Face to Face - Mrs Phillips and Mrs Brien
- Learning and Support Teachers - Mrs Ruzgas, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Dickerson
- Counsellor - Mr Hal Simm

The Leadership team at Wilberforce is fortunate to have a hard-working group of professionals dedicated to ensuring individual, group and whole school student needs are identified, addressed and cared for at every level of their education.

Leadership team:

- Mr Wilkins Principal
- Mrs van Hensbergen – Kindy Team Leader
- Ms Tierney - Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
- Mrs Chapple - Assistant Principal Stage 2
- Mr Anthoney - Assistant Principal Stage 3

## COVID

Parents, friends and visitors to the school should report to the office when they arrive. For safety reasons each visitor is required to sign in and out in the front office, while at school. You must also register using the COVID Safe app if you are onsite for longer than 10 minutes. As of next week, parents of K-2 students **will not** be able to enter school grounds for pick up and drop off. We thank everyone for complying with the regulations and supporting our community.

## Assemblies

During Term 1, assemblies will be held over ZOOM on Fridays at 12.05pm. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend during Term 1. The first assembly will be held next week Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February where we will induct our Sports Leaders for 2021. The following week, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we will induct our Semester 1 SRC students. Assemblies provide news of events for the next week, announcements and celebrate the children's successes with awards for their achievements.

## Late Arrivals & Early Leavers

Children who arrive at school after the 9.30am bell need to be signed in to school at the office. Children may sign themselves in or an adult can do so on their behalf. Similarly, children departing school early need to be signed out through the office. Parents must attend the office to request students if departing early.

## Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Richmond Pool. This year we have liaised with Richmond Pool to ensure parents can attend as spectators, however, positions are limited due to COVID restrictions. Parent helpers have been selected based on those who have helped in previous carnivals. If you attend as a spectator then ONE parent from each family can register at [schoolinterviews.com.au](https://schoolinterviews.com.au) using the code:

**3dg4n**

There are limited spaces available and this is a first come first serve basis.

Parents/Spectators will need to:

- Remain in the allocated area.
- Ensure you have no contact with students throughout the day.
- Ensure you socially distance at all times.
- Check in using the Pool's COVID Safe App when entering the pool grounds.
- Not attend if you are feeling unwell.

## Meet the Teacher Evening

This year we have elected to hold meet the teacher evenings via ZOOM. Each stage will be conducting the meet the teacher at different times as listed below. A ZOOM link will be sent home next week for each meeting.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:30pm - Kindy

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 5:00pm - Stage 3

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:30pm - Stage 1

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 5:00pm - 2/3M, 4/5D & Stage 2

## BandCrafted

Solomon will begin teaching Music again next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. He is in the process of contacting parents to inform them if your child has been allocated a timeslot. Preference has been given to students who have already been learning music in previous years. A catch up day will be arranged for the swimming carnival.

Thank you

*Graham Wilkins*



Principal

## NEWS, NOTES AND HAPPENINGS

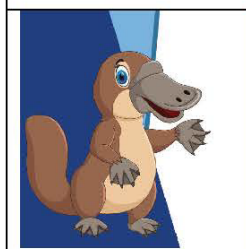
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NOTES Home	NOTES <u>Due</u>
Authority to Publish Form – Including Social Media	ASAP
Swimming Carnival	Thursday 11 February
Book Club	Friday 12 February
Year 6 Shirt Order Form	Friday 19 February
Start of Year Notices and Reminders	Information only
Term 1 Calendar	Information only

## Sound Waves

Week 2	Introduction to Sound Wave concepts – Graphemes and Phonemes		
Week 3 Term 1	Graphemes:	Graphemes: Extra	Focus Concepts:
	b bb	Blends: bl, br	Capitals, Adding ed, Alphabetical order, Past tense, Antonyms: white/black, sell/ buy, sold/bought, ended/began
Week 4 Term 1	Graphemes:	Graphemes: Extra	Focus Concepts:
	a	Patterns: ack, and, amp, ank, ang, atch, ash	Rhyming, Prefixes: dia, anti, Greek and annus, aqua, astro

## Weekly Focuses:



### Considerate:

I keep my hands and feet to myself.



### Curious:

I independently find new knowledge to learn.

## Book Club

Book Club was sent home today. Orders need to be placed online through the Book Club Loop by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. **Cash orders cannot be accepted.**



## Lost Property

With the new school year comes lovely new school clothing and food containers. Please assist us in returning your child's items each day by clearly labelling your child's belongings. You can:

- Use a **permanent** laundry marker to label jackets, jumpers and hats, or sew or iron on personalised labels.
- Check that the labels haven't **faded** with washing.
- Go through your child's bag with them each night.
- Label **all** containers, lunchboxes and drink bottles.
- Consider placing friendly **reminder notes** in their lunchbox to check Lost Property for missing items.



# STAGE NEWS

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## Early Stage 1

Welcome to Kindergarten 2021. This term we will be settling into the routines and expectations of school. There will be lots to learn including sight words and letter sounds. We will use this knowledge to learn about the two strategies of reading: visualisation (recognising sight words) and blending (sounding out unknown words). We will develop the skills to write one simple sentence with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. In Mathematics, we will learn to represent numbers with numerals, dot patterns, concrete objects and drawings. We will expand our understanding of two-dimensional shapes, days of the week and data. Our History unit will encourage us to explore individual characteristics, families and the past. In Science we will investigate the weather with a group project and the use of innovative computer technology. Our Art unit will allow us to manipulate the basic elements of colour, line, pattern, shades, texture and symmetry. We will coordinate singing with movement during Music and Dance lessons. In Sport, we will practise balance and sprint run in a range of games. We will discuss the benefits of an active lifestyle and develop friendship skills including sharing, taking turns, listening and cooperating. What an exciting first term of school!

## Stage 1

It has been wonderful to see all the students in Stage 1 settled and enthusiastic to learn. The classes are 1A, 1G, 1/2W, 2H and 2/3M.

In English, we will commence with public speaking, reading groups, writing and Sound Waves spelling. Assessments are taking place to organise students into their TEN groups for Mathematics. Lots of great art work is being done at the moment, for book covers and the study of famous artists. In CAPA, the students will be learning to appreciate International dances and music in line with Harmony Day.

Sport will be held every Friday morning in Term 1.

In History, we are working on the unit, 'The Past In The Present' and we will be going on an excursion in early Term 2, to bring our learning to life.

## Stage 2

Well done to Stage 2 students who have returned eagerly to school and settled quickly into new routines and new classes. The first days' activities have included preparing new books, setting out rules and responsibilities, completing diagnostic testing and getting to know classmates as teaching and learning programs commence.

In English, students will participate in the Sound Waves program, guided reading groups, handwriting and writing. The writing unit 'Green it up!' integrates shared reading, writing, speaking and listening activities. Students will investigate effective techniques used by authors to engage readers, with a focus on texts designed to persuade. Analysing these techniques, students will develop skills to apply these devices as they compose imaginative, informative and persuasive texts.

Numeracy skills have been assessed to place students in TEN groups for 2021. The students will be extending their skills in working with whole numbers, addition and subtraction. Other topics that will be investigated are 2D space, length and time.

The History unit will include some revision work for Year 4 as we investigate the early navigators to Australia, who they were and how they got here. Students will be also looking at the Aboriginal way of life before and after colonisation, especially in our local area. We will look at why the area of Windsor was recognised as a suitable area for settlement, and the history of the establishment of Wilberforce town. Planning is underway for an excursion to the Rocks in Term 2 to complement our studies of the arrival of the First Fleet.



In PDHPE, students will be focusing on why empathy, inclusion and respect are important in our relationships. They will consider strategies to make home and school healthy, safe and physically active spaces. The Child Protection unit is themed 'My right to be safe' and it includes lessons on respect, rights and responsibilities and the No-Go-Tell strategy.

Stage 2 teachers are looking forward to working in partnership with parents as we wish the students an enjoyable, rewarding and very successful year of learning in 2021.



## SPORT

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As of next week, Wilberforce Public School will be running an in-school program to promote healthy active lifestyles. This program will run weekly on Tuesdays and is run by Ty's Fit Friends. The sessions are designed with the latest knowledge of children's health, fitness and development in mind. The innovative programs are aimed at specific age groups between 3 to 12 years old. The main focus of the programs is, 'Fitness through Fun', and is about supporting active, healthy lifestyles for children. Healthy habits now, means healthy habits in their future.

Years 3-6 will be completing their program in Week 3 through to Week 6. Years K-2 will be completing theirs in Week 7 through to Week 10. Please ensure students wear appropriate sports uniform on these days. The sessions are FREE and go for 40 minutes during class time. This program supports the PDHPE syllabus outcomes.

We look forward to learning while having fun!

## LIBRARY

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Welcome back to school for 2021. This year, there are lots of great things to do in the Library. During class library lessons, we will be enjoying lots of books, reading tasks, writing activities and research for projects. The Premier's Reading Challenge will commence again in March and later in the year we will be holding another Book Fair.

The Library is open every Tuesday (technology free), Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Chess). The students are able to enjoy some time with friends sharing books, playing games, drawing and craft.

Please remember to bring a bag on your library day to keep books clean and safe from damage. Students can borrow up to two books for a loan period of 2 weeks. Remember to return library books when they are due, for others to read. Borrowing will commence next week from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.


## WEEKLY AWARDS & ASSEMBLY

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Due to the number of students awards the office receives for Friday assembly we ask that all awards come in a plastic envelope with your child's name clearly marked. **Please use individual envelopes for each child. Awards need to be into the office on Wednesday the week of the assembly.**


**Only send in awards that have not been stamped as this can cause confusion when processing.**

After they have been used (stamped on the back) they can then be placed into your own Award Folder to be kept at home.



### Awards System

*Each child is entitled to receive awards.*



3 Class Awards = 1 Bronze Award and a Pencil  
3 Bronze Awards = 1 Silver Award and a School Pen  
3 Silver Awards = 1 Gold Award and School Banner

**Awards that Can be used**  
to claim a Bronze Award are:

- End of Term Citizenship awards
- Merit Certificates
- Class Awards
- Captains & Prefects Awards

**Awards that Cannot be used:**

- Book of the Week
- Homework Merit Award
- Library Awards
- Peer Support Awards
- Sports Awards
- Birthday Awards
- Presentation Day Academic Awards

Once you have 3 Class Awards, as noted above, bring them into the office for date stamping and initialling (this indicates that the award has been used). You will then be issued with your Bronze Award and pencil.

Once you have 3 Bronze Awards, bring them to the office for date stamping and initialling, then you will be issued with a Silver Award and Pen.

Once you have 3 Silver Awards, bring them to the office for date stamping and initialling, then you will be issued with a Gold Award, Banner and your photograph will be taken for display in the school foyer.

All Awards are presented at the Whole School Assembly held each Friday in the hall.

**Our first whole school Assembly via ZOOM for the year will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 12:05pm**

- Sport Leaders 2021 Induction – Friday 12 February
- Semester 1 SRC Representatives Induction – Friday 19 February



## UNIFORM

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OPEN EVERY 2ND Wednesday FROM 3PM to 4PM

Orders can be placed online through our online store at [www.wilberforcepandc.com.au](http://www.wilberforcepandc.com.au)

The shop will be opened next on: **18<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### Year 6 Students:

Year 6 students will be trying on Year 6 shirts tomorrow morning, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.  
Order forms will be sent home with them and will need to be returned



## CANTEEN

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Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1 February	3 February	5 February
<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>	Carly Vincent Kate McHenry Leagh Follington	Rebecca Zerk Rianna Hart Jenny Sligar
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
8 February	10 February	12 February
Rebecca Stephen April Stephen	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b> <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Jade Epiha Melanie Reberger Jordana Cooper

**Please note:** We are looking for volunteers on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, if we are unable to fill this spot by Friday afternoon the Canteen will have to close.

### Canteen Volunteering

We are calling for new volunteers in our Canteen. Canteen days are lots of fun and are a great way to meet new people of our school community. We would love to see Mums, Dads, Grandparents and other community members in the Canteen.

*The smile you get from your child is priceless*

Due to Work Health & Safety policy we are unable to have siblings in the Canteen. If you would like to trial volunteering in the Canteen we are happy for you to pop in for a couple of hours to check it out.

### Volunteer Roster ONLINE

To access the Canteen roster online is via **Signup Zone** (see link below). Each volunteer is asked to set themselves up with a profile, then choose the days they would like to volunteer. If you need any assistance with this process please contact Carly on 0401 955 107.

<https://signup.zone/kXM7uWtFxMusfesEt>

Also, please like our two Facebook pages:

**Wilberforce Canteen** and **Wilberforce Canteen Volunteers**



**REGISTER NOW @**  
[registration.playfootball.com.au](http://registration.playfootball.com.au)

For more info contact  
[wilberforcesoccer@gmail.com](mailto:wilberforcesoccer@gmail.com),  
 0401213461 or



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## Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
 Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order  
 using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**,  
 speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)  
 or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.  
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?    [FIND](#)

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

 **SCHOLASTIC**



## How to install the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents



SkoolBag



### For Apple Users

- From your iPhone/iPad, Go to the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- Download the free SkoolBag app.
- Open the App and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!
- Choose your grade/grades and "allow notifications".

### For Google Android Users

- From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store.
- Go to Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- Download the free SkoolBag app.
- Open the app, add your school(s).
- Choose your grade/grades and "allow notifications".

For more info visit [skoolbag.com.au](http://skoolbag.com.au)



Term 1 Wilberforce Public School 2021					
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	25 Jan School Holidays	26 Jan Australia Day	27 Jan Staff Development Day	28 Jan Staff Development Day	29 Jan Students Return Years 1-6
Week 2	1 Feb	2 Feb <b>Kindergarten Starts</b>	3 Feb <b>Uniform Shop</b>	4 Feb <b>Newsletter</b>	5 Feb
Week 3	8 Feb P&C Meeting 6:30pm (ZOOM)	9 Feb Ty's Fit Friends (Years 3-6)	10 Feb	11 Feb Book Covering (Stage 1)	12 Feb
Week 4	15 Feb "Meet the Teacher" via ZOOM Kindy – 4:30pm Stage 3 – 5:00pm	16 Feb Ty's Fit Friends (Years 3-6)	17 Feb <b>Uniform Shop</b> "Meet the Teacher" via ZOOM Stage 1 – 4:30pm Stage 2 – 5:00pm Book Covering (Stage 2)	18 Feb <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Swimming Carnival</b> Years 3-6 (and Yr2 turning 8yrs old)	19 Feb
Week 5	22 Feb	23 Feb Ty's Fit Friends (Years 3-6)	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb
Week 6	1 Mar	2 Mar Ty's Fit Friends (Years 3-6)	3 Mar <b>Uniform Shop</b> Zone Swimming Carnival	4 Mar <b>Newsletter</b>	5 Mar
Week 7 <i>Harmony Week</i>	8 Mar	9 Mar Ty's Fit Friends (Kindy-Year 2)	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar
Week 8	15 Mar Kindy Grandparents Day	16 Mar Ty's Fit Friends (Kindy-Year 2)	17 Mar <b>Uniform Shop</b>	18 Mar <b>Newsletter</b>	19 Mar
Week 9	22 Mar	23 Mar Ty's Fit Friends (Kindy-Year 2) Kindy 2022 Information Evening	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar
Week 10	29 Mar Kindy Conversations	30 Mar Ty's Fit Friends (Kindy-Year 2)	31 Mar <b>Uniform Shop</b>	1 Apr <b>Newsletter</b>	2 Apr GOOD FRIDAY
HOLIDAYS	5 Apr EASTER MONDAY	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr
HOLIDAYS	12 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr

*\*This a working document, events may change*

Students return for Term 2 on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**