



The Waratah

— Term 1 Week 6 —



RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, RESILIENT LEARNERS *striving for excellence*

Principal's Report

Sporting Updates

Now that all PSSA team trials have trialled and selections have been finalised we have yet another talented sports person from Kurrajong to congratulate. Josie F. has been selected to represent our school in the Hawkesbury PSSA tennis team. This is no easy feat as only 4 students are selected overall and as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, the calibre of students selected to join these teams is extremely high. Please join me in congratulating Josie F. on this exciting achievement. We most definitely have a talent bunch of sports people at Kurrajong Public School!

P&C Appreciation Day

This week we celebrate the extraordinary efforts of our P&C. We are so lucky to have a committed group of parents volunteer their time to enhance our school. Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, welcome back BBQ's, Spring Fair's, colour run's and discos are all brought to you by our P&C. They spend several months in their own time organising these special events that bring the community together, often raising funds to enhance the learning environment or reducing the costs of excursions by paying for buses. We have much to be grateful for with regards to our P&C. THANK YOU!

The P&C is open to all parents and citizens so please feel free to come along to meetings and join in the fun. We have a lovely team who will welcome you with open arms. You can also follow our P&C on their very own facebook page.



Dance Curriculum

This week we wrapped up our exciting dance sessions with Omar & Tai with a community showcase that was bursting with fun and energy. Our students have loved learning a wide variety of dances and no doubt put on a few concerts at home for you all too. This has been a great opportunity for students to bond with their new class peers and learn to take calculated risks to step outside of their comfort zone and know that they will be met with kindness and support from their peers and not ridicule as they navigate new learning. Such an important experience to have that will set our students up well for their learning journeys throughout the year. You can watch a compilation of the dances on our Facebook page. We will also test our students memories by incorporating the songs into our upcoming Easter hat parade so if you were not able to attend the showcase, you can catch up on the fun at this event.

National Leaders Day

Miss Humphreys and I were fortunate enough to take our school leaders to a National Young Leaders Day event in Darling Harbour this week. We were amongst 5000 other school leaders who learned about the significance of leadership and the role of supporting others to achieve their best. This not only comes from modelling positive behaviour but also from modelling the way we challenge ourselves to grow and develop, take strategic risks that put us out of our comfort zones and draw upon resilience when things don't go as planned. We learned that our own perseverance and commitment to practise and develop our skills, knowledge and understanding often inspires others to do the same. What great messages for our young people to learn so early on.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy will commence at our school in Week 8. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 require their own headphones (not wireless) to complete the assessments. At Kurrajong Public School we don't like to make a big fuss about these assessments as we don't wish to place any additional pressure on students. Our students undertake assessments of their learning regularly throughout the year and this is just another sample that we can use to understand what our students know in order to best cater to their learning needs. If students are absent when their class completes an assessment they will be able to catch up if they return to school prior to 22 March.

Mrs Adams
Principal



Congratulations to Mackenzie for being the **very first person in our school** to complete the first page of her home reading log! FABULOUS effort Mackenzie!



Assembly Awards



KINDY WOOD DUCKS	Georgia Ollie Marshall			
1/2 WRENS KURRA KOALA AWARD	Milly Cohen Hamish			
1/2 COCKATOOS	Jed Iris Lyla	Cooper C	Lyla H	
3/4 ROSELLAS	Liam Isaac Izzy			
3/4 WAGTAILS	Eve Macey Leif	Olivia	Isabella	
5/6 BARN OWLS	Molly Hunter Cooper	Summer Mackenzie Josephine Hunter		
5/6 SNOWY OWLS	Cooper Darcy Willow	Holly		Harrison A

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

GOTCHA TROPHIES

Emma M, Isla P, Kate R, Samuel C



LIBRARY LOWDOWN



DON'T
FORGET!

Please bring a library bag to your lesson each week for borrowing.

The library is **OPEN** every Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
mornings.



HELP!

If there is anyone who might be able to assist in contacting library books Mrs Tonkin would love your help. The books will be sent home along with the contact. Thank you

KURRAJONG COMMUNITY

STORY TIME

Toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to join us for story time and borrowing each Thursday from 2:45pm - 3:15pm in the school library. No registration required, all are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you.





2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2024. At Kurrajong Public School we encourage every student to participate in this challenge. The challenge is available for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program aims to foster students' love of reading for enjoyment and to enable students to experience quality literature. The Premiers Reading Challenge is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read widely.

Students in K-2 will be completing the challenge with the assistance of Mrs Tonkin during library lessons. Years 3-6 will be responsible for completing the challenge independently. They will be given time during library lessons to upload the books they have read.

In order to complete the challenge, students will be required to read a set number of books (depending on their year group) from the PRC booklist and record the books on an online reading record.

Some time will be dedicated to participating in the PRC during class time, the majority of reading will need to be done at home. To record their reading record, students will need to access their student portal by going to <https://education.nsw.gov.au> and log in with their username and password they use to log onto the computers at school. (K-2 will be assisted at school to do this task). They will then need to select Premier's Reading Challenge in Launchpad and select student reading records to enter books.

Students who successfully complete the challenge will be given a certificate towards the end of the year.

Please visit the PRC website (www.premiersreadingchallenge.nse.edu.au) for further information on the rules and reading requirements for each age group.

Happy reading!

Mrs Tonkin

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of personal choice books
K- 2	30	20	10
3 - 4	20	10	10
5 - 6	20	10	10



Wood Ducks Newsletter



We love the Library!



1 / 2 Wrens

NEWSLETTER

Kindness Week



Ready to perform



1/2 COCKATOOS ARE KIND AND POSITIVE



STAGE 2 News









STAGE THREE



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Term 1 2024 Planner

Updated Term 1 Week 6

All events are subject to change at the discretion of the school. Changes will be communicated as soon as practical.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY & SUNDAY
WEEK 1	29 Jan	30 Jan SDD	31 Jan SDD	1 Feb Students First Day Best Start	2 Feb Best Start	3 & 4 Feb
WEEK 2	5 Feb Kindy's first day!	6 Feb	7 Feb Meet the teacher & welcome back event	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 & 11 Feb
WEEK 3	12 Feb 8+ years swimming carnival	13 Feb Y1 - 6 Parent & Teacher Learner Conversations	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb PSSA zone trials (selected sts)	17 & 18 Feb
WEEK 4	19 Feb	20 Feb 7pm P&C meeting	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb PSSA zone trials (selected sts)	24 & 25 Feb
WEEK 5	26 Feb Student Leader Brewongle camp	27 Feb Student Leader Brewongle camp	28 Feb	29 Feb 2:45pm Community Story Time	1 Mar 2:15pm Assembly	2 & 3 Mar
WEEK 6	4 Mar Student leader conference	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar 2:45pm Community Story Time	8 Mar Zone swimming carnival	9 & 10 Mar
WEEK 7	11 Mar	12 Mar Y6 Leadership day	13 Mar	14 Mar 2:45pm Community Story Time	15 Mar 2:15pm Assembly (zone swimming carnival ribbon presentation)	16 & 17 Mar
WEEK 8	18 Mar	19 Mar 7pm P&C meeting	20 Mar	21 Mar Harmony Day (wear orange mufti) 2:45pm Community Story Time	22 Mar African Beat drumming incursion Donated easter eggs due Easter raffle tickets due	23 & 24 Mar
WEEK 9	25 Mar Kindy Parent & Teacher Learner Conversations	26 Mar Easter hat parade	27 Mar	28 Mar Regional swimming carnival 2:45pm Community Story Time	29 Mar GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	30 & 31 Mar EASTER WEEKEND
WEEK 10	1 Apr EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2 Apr Autism awareness day (wear blue mufti)	3 Apr	4 Apr 2:45pm Community Story Time	5 Apr	6 & 7 Apr
WEEK 11	8 Apr PSSA Cricket gala day	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr State swimming carnival 2:45pm Community Story Time	12 Apr State swimming carnival Students last day of Term 1 2:15pm Assembly	13 & 14 Apr



CANTEEN ROSTER – Term 1 2024

Term 1	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
January / February	1	School holiday 29	School development day 30	School development day 31	Yrs 1-6 Students back to School 1	2	3/4
February	2	Kindergarten students start 5	6	7	8	9	10/11
February	3	Swimming Carnival 12	Amy H 13	14	15	16	17/18
February	4	Shelley F Brooke M 19	20	21	22	Julie C Jodie T 23	24/25
February / March	5	Leonie S Amy H 26	Amy H Brooke M 27	28	29	1	2/3
March	6	4	5	6	7	8	9/10
March	7	Leonie S Brooke M 11	12	Rhianna A 13	14	15	16/17
March	8	18	19	20	21	Annie M Vanessa M 22	23/24
March	9	Michelle N Gillian L Erin S 25	26	27	28	Good Friday 29	Easter Saturday Easter Sunday 30/31
April	10	Easter Monday 1	2	3	4	5	6/7
April	11	8	9	10	11	12	13/14

Volunteers needed!!

New volunteers warmly welcome

If you can spare some time in our Canteen **PLEASE contact**

Amy Hague - 0413 009 167

Kurrajong Public School 2024 Term 1 Canteen Menu

Lunch by pre-order only, orders will be collected by the classroom teacher after the morning bell.
Recess snacks will be available over the counter.

LUNCH

SANDWICHES:

Junior Hamburger	3.00
Junior Hamburger with Tomato	3.20
Junior Cheeseburger	3.40
Junior Cheeseburger with Tomato	3.60
Grilled Chicken Burger	3.40
Grilled Chicken Burger with Tomato	3.60
Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese	3.60
Grilled Chicken Burger w/ Tomato & Cheese	3.80
Toastie with Cheese	2.00
Toastie with Ham and Cheese	2.50
Toastie with Ham, Cheese and Tomato	2.70
Vegemite Sandwich	2.00
Hot Dog	3.00
<i>(order sauce for burgers, hot dogs separately---->)</i>	

HOT FOOD:

Twisty Bolognese Pasta Bake	4.00
Butter Chicken with Rice	4.00
Beef Pie	3.50
Sausage Roll	3.00
Macaroni & Cheese	4.00
Chicken Noodles	2.50
Nacho Dippers	4.50
Pizza-Ham and Cheese 5"	3.50
Crumbed Chicken Tenders (3)	3.00
Crumbed Chicken Tenders (5)	5.00
Corn on the Cob	1.00
Tomato Sauce Sachet	0.30
BBQ Sauce Sachet	0.30
Mayo Sauce Sachet	0.30

DRINKS

Blue Mountains Spring Water, 350ml	0.60
Blue Mountains Spring Water, 600ml	1.00
Chocolate Oak Milk, 250ml	1.80
Strawberry Oak Milk, 250ml	1.80
Up & Go, Chocolate	2.00
Up & Go, Strawberry	2.00
Up & Go, Banana	2.00
Up & Go, Vanilla	2.00
Just Juice, Apple	1.20
Just Juice, Apple Blackcurrant	1.20
Just Juice, Orange	1.20

Fridays Only:

Slushie, Mango	1.00
Slushie, Raspberry	1.00
Slushie, Blueberry	1.00

SNACKS (OVER THE COUNTER)

Apple/Banana	0.50
Frozen Pineapple Slice	0.50
Red Rock Sea Salt Potato Chips	1.00
Muffins	0.60
Pikelets	0.50

Frozen Items:

Quelch Juice Stick	0.60
TNT-Ice Mony Sour Blue Raspberry	1.00
TNT-Ice Mony Sour Red Berry	1.00
TNT-Ice Mony Sour Strawberry	1.00
Juicies Tube-Lemonade/Tropical/Wildberry	1.20
Twisted Frozen Yogurt-Chocolate & Vanilla Bean	2.00
Twisted Frozen Yogurt-Strawberry & Vanilla Bean	2.00

***** Order online at school24.net.au / school code - 25446963

OR download the App!

Revised February 2024

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Community Messages



Afternoon Art Club for Kids | Portraits and paper Wednesdays 4pm – 5:15pm | Starts 14 February

Afternoon Art Club is a friendly after-school art class for kids in years 1-4, who love to make art and learn new techniques.

In each lesson, students tour the current gallery exhibition with the artist tutor. They explore the artwork on display and discover creative ideas and artmaking techniques.

In term 1, the Art Club students will explore painting, portraiture, and paper art. And take inspiration from the gallery exhibitions including Paper Scissors Rock and the Archibald Prize 2023.

\$120 (8-week term)

\$50 Service NSW Active and Creative Kids Vouchers accepted



Hawkesbury Regional Gallery,
300 George Street, WINDSOR
(02) 4560 4441
gallery@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



Community Messages



Online Safety and Social Media

TikTok, YouTube and Instagram

Online webinar with Greg Gebhart
Senior Trainer, eSafety
Commissioner

Date: Tuesday, 12 March
Time: 12:30PM- 1:00PM AEDT

Scan here to
Register!



Community Messages



YEARS 5 & 6, 2024

Open Night

MONDAY **11** MARCH

5:30 - 7:00PM | COLO HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's address

School tours and meet and greet staff and students

Light refreshments



All prospective students and families welcome

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Community Messages



School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by nbn

To support students that do not have access to internet at home, the Australian Government has committed to providing up to 30,000 families with free nbn-powered broadband internet at home for one year.

You may be eligible for the School Student Broadband initiative (SSBI) if you:

- Have a school-aged child
- Have no active **nbn** connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days
- Live in a premise that is serviced by the **nbn** network.




Scan the QR for more information.

To check your eligibility:

 Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)

 www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet

Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.

 Translating and Interpreting Services are available.

EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS

Wednesday 13 – Thursday 28 March

Bookings are now open to snap a photo with the Easter Bunny!
To make a booking –
www.lastingmemoriesphotography.com.au/easter-bunny-at-richmond-marketplace-booking



Community Messages

2024 FEMALE COMPS

JOIN THE HAWKS

IN 2024

NEW PLAYERS

PAST PLAYERS

EXISTING PLAYERS



Email for more info
nicole.a.evans@hotmail.com

Community Messages

FREEMANS REACH SCHOOL OF ARTS COMMITTEE

Free Community Event



Sunday 7 April 2024
from 11am



**Glossodia Classic Vehicle Club
Macquarie Towns Hot Rod Club
Macquarie Towns Motorcycle Restoration and Preservation Club
Sydney Antique Machinery Club
have been invited**



Freemans Reach School of Arts
194 Blacktown Road, Freemans Reach
Enquiries please phone Glenda Chapman: 0407 666 597



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Free Entertainment
Local Duo - Da'Chaps



**Freemans Reach Rural Fire Brigade
&
Hawkesbury SES
will be in attendance**



**Soft drinks
available
BYO alcohol**



This activity is supported by Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network (NBMPHN) as part of the Australian Government's response to the 2022 floods. Wentworth Healthcare is the provider of NBMPHN.

Community Messages



NO PARKING

No waiting. You have two minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within three metres of your vehicle.

If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away, park elsewhere and return when there is space.

Penalties from \$215
Demerit points: 2



BUS ZONE

You must not stop or park in a Bus Zone for any reason unless you are driving a public bus.

You can only park in a Bus Zone if it is timed and you are parking there outside of those times.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2



Current as at 1 October 2023
and subject to change.
For more information visit:
Offences on NSW Roads

SCHOOL ZONES & PARKING RULES

PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around School Zones.



hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



NO STOPPING

You must not stop in a No Stopping Zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2

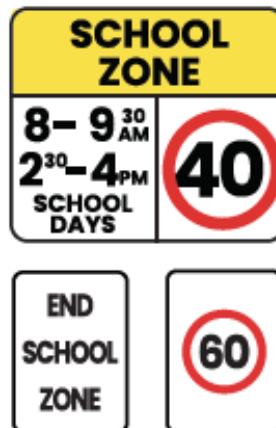


PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing, unless signage is in place allowing you to park there. Do not let your children in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping Zone.

Penalties from \$514
Demerit points: 2

SPEEDING



The speed limit in a School Zone is 40km/h. School Zones are in force on all days which are not a weekend, a public holiday or a publicly notified school holiday for government schools. School Zone days include development days / student free days.

Penalties from \$225
Demerit points: 2

DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on the road alongside a car that is parked at any time.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2

FOOTPATH, DRIVEWAY OR NATURE STRIP

You must not stop across a driveway, footpath or nature strip for any reason.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 2

U TURNS

U turns are illegal on or near pedestrian crossings and across double white lines.

Penalties from \$387
Demerit points: 3