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**Term 4 Week 5
Newsletter
Thursday
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 13 November

- League Tag Gala Day
- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday 19 November

- Multi Sports - Supported Learning

Thursday 20 November

- Final Leadership speeches

Monday 24 November - Friday 5 December

- Swimming Scheme

Monday 24 November

- Art Group Excursion

Tuesday 25 November

- House Captains Election

Wednesday 26 November

- Kindergarten Silent Disco

Thursday 27 November

- Kindergarten Orientation
9:30am - 10:30am

Friday 28 November

- Kindergarten Orientation
9:30am - 10:30am
- Year 6 Cool for School fundraiser
- Book Club due date

Tuesday 2 December

- State wide Year 6 Orientation

Wednesday 3 December

- Gold Reward Barbecue
- Kindergarten Twilight Evening
5:00pm

Thursday 11 December

- K-2 Presentation Day 9:30am
- 3-4 Presentation Day 12:00pm
- P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 12 December

- Kindergarten Pool Party
- 5-6 Presentation Day 9:30am



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Student Leadership Speeches

Twenty-one boys and girls delivered their leadership speeches last week. Year 5 voted after the speeches to come up with 16 candidates for the Major election on Thursday 20 November. The 16 students will have one last opportunity to impress the voters when they produce the reasons why they should be the school captain of WPS.

It is a great honour to be a prefect at our school. Congratulations to all candidates for taking the risk or chance to put themselves forward for this role. The final 16 are: - Andie P, Amy L, Elizabeth B, Felicity H, Poppie A, Isla L, Harmony N, Evie S, Marty G, Ihaia PT, Hudson S, Jukka J,

Hunter W, Aiden J, Jai S and Harison R.

I'll let the successful eight candidates know by Monday 24 November. The Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be announced at the 5/6 Presentation Day on Friday 12 December commencing at 9:30am. Parents will be invited to attend.

House Captain Election

This important day will be on Tuesday 25 November. House Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at the 5/6 Presentation Day on Friday 12 December commencing at 9:30am. Parents will be invited to attend. Please note the eight successful Prefects will be ineligible for the House Captain Election.



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Remembrance Day

We held a lovely ceremony on Tuesday 11/11 to acknowledge Remembrance Day. It is always a day of special significance for all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Thank you, Mrs Smithwick for coordinating the ceremony.

Opportunity class and selective high school applications opening

The application process for 2027 entry into selective high schools and opportunity classes is open.

The application link is available at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) from 6 November.

Students seeking placement in an opportunity class are in Year 3 when applications open and will be in Year 4 when applications close.

Students seeking placement in a selective high school are in Year 5 when applications open and in Year 6 when applications close.

Parents and carers must apply during the application period – late applications will not be accepted. Applications close on Friday 20 February 2026.

Key dates

Thursday 6 November 2025: Selective high school and opportunity class applications open

Friday 20 February 2026: Applications close

Friday 1 May and Saturday 2 May 2026: Students sit Selective High School Placement Test.

Friday 8 May and Saturday 9 May 2026: Students sit Opportunity Class Placement Test.

Aboriginal Ambassador

This very prestigious position will be voted on next week by staff. We have had some absolutely incredible students in the role over the past few years.

Obstacle Colour Rush

Friday was such a fun day for our students. Not so much fun being slimed but everyone else seemed to really enjoy it! Congratulations to Aspen for being the highest fundraiser, 4AD highest fundraising class and to all the prize winners. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser in any way. Congratulations to our P&C and WPS staff especially Mrs Beach and Mrs Smithwick for a super great day. The photos clearly demonstrated the sheer joy on the students faces and on a few staff faces as well. Mandy and Kerry were amazing.

Swimming Scheme

This important program starts on Monday 24 for Year 2 and 3 students. Good luck boys and girls.

Multi Sports Day

Good luck to the students from Supported Learning participating in this fun day of activity next week.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on this evening commencing at 6:30pm in the staffroom and via Zoom. All parents are welcome to attend. Email the P&C if you require a Zoom link.

2026 Class Formations

This is my final invite (past five newsletters) to parents to submit any special requests regarding their child's class placement for 2026 in writing addressed to myself (not the class teacher)

before the end of Week 5, 14 November 2025. These requests should be about student relationships both positive and negative. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort and time into ensuring that all classes are as balanced as possible taking into consideration factors such as academic levels, social development, relationships, behaviour, and male/female. Please note it is not appropriate to request individual teachers.

Overseas Email access for students

Student accounts are critical tools for learning. The Department is introducing new measures to increase protection for students and their personal information restricting access to student accounts when logging in from overseas or when using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs).

Use of VPNs

Students are not permitted to use VPNs to log into department systems at any time.

VPN traffic can look like unapproved overseas access or may mimic cybercriminal behaviour by making it appear as if the student is logging in from Australia.

If a student uses a VPN, their account may be locked or scrambled as a security precaution. If this occurs, students will need to contact their school during school operating hours to regain access to their account.

More Info: [Overseas access for students](#)

Cameron Osborne
Principal

Year 3 Beach Excursion

The children had a great time and learnt some lifesaving information. The main one is to always swim between the flags at a patrolled beach. The patrolled beaches are Town, Flynn's, Lighthouse, Lake Cathie and Bonny Hills.



Mr Osborne Sliming



Colour Fun Run



Prize Winners

Well done and congratulations to our major prize winners and our 192 lucky door prize winners!

Prizes	Name
Highest Overall Winner	Aspen C
Highest K-2	
1st	Paxton M
2nd	Keegan C
3rd	Matilda H
Highest 3-6	
1st	Cooper H
2nd	Ella T
3rd	Hazel B-H
Highest Supported Learning	
1st	Peyton H
2nd	Taynarlah P-H
3rd	Beau H
Highest Class - Pizza Party	4AD
Highest Student in each Class	
1/2MM	Evelyn S
1KB	Levi G
1LF	Ayah L
1MH	Jason S
2JB	Ripley D
2JC	Amber B
2KB	Oscar C-A
3-6BB	Roxen H
3-6JG	Samuel M
3JW	Lilliana G
3KD	Hazel G
3SS	Evelyn C
4AD	Ronan C
4BB	Kody H
4MH	Oakley B
4RB	Dyrell P-H
5/6CW	Hunter W
5AL	Harper H
5CG	Lawson Y
5CR	Zoe S
6DB	Rosealee W
6JS	Alma L
6ML	Hailie P
K-6BC	Frankie E
K-6RF	Ilakya G
K-6RT	Tobias C
K-6RW	Courtney G
K-6SR	Parker C
KJL	Lucy M
KLR	Jaxon S
KNB	Bellamy D
KSS	Sahara I
KVW	Malakai T

P&C News

2025 Colour Rush Wrap-Up



What an incredible celebration of colour, community, and generosity! Thanks to the unwavering support of our amazing school community, the 2025 Colour Rush raised a phenomenal \$25,735- with the profits going directly toward funding the air-conditioning in our school hall.

A super slimy thank you to Mrs Beach and Mrs Smithwick for masterminding and running this unforgettable event. Your energy and creativity brought joy to every corner of the school!

We salute the brave teachers, SLSOs, and staff who stepped up for the slime spotlight: Mr Latimer, Mr Geary, Mr Reichelt, Mrs Beach, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Buczko, Mr Beard, Mrs Rock, Mr Grech, Mrs Darcy, Mrs Pepperell, Mr Hurrell, and of course, Mr Osborne.

Well done to our enthusiastic slimers: Lena B, Cooper H, Oakley B, Rheagan C, Paxton M, Navarna S, Aspen C, Keegan C, Malakai T, Taynarlah P-H, Hazel B, Lawson Y, Beau H, and Ahren M - with a special shout-out to Aspen C, our top fundraiser!

To our dedicated P&C volunteers on the day, Mandy, Amber, Lauren, Barbara, Sue, Samali, Jess, Ashley, Laura, Karen, Shelby. Our Team in the Canteen Ruth, Sarsha, Chloe, Heather, Bodhi and our year 6 and other school helpers! And to the hard working Team in the background who began planning this event back in June - your tireless efforts, creativity, and commitment are immeasurable!

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous event sponsors: Graham Seers Cyclery, Wauchope Dental, Deadly Science, Wauchope Domino's, Bago Maze and Wine. And our 2025 WPS P&C Gold Sponsor - Sundial Dental, for gentle dental care.

To help us improve future events or express interest in volunteering, please reach out via wauchopepsandc@gmail.com

Upcoming P&C events

P&C General Meeting

Thursday 13 November 6:30pm in the Staff room or email us via wauchopepsandc@gmail.com for the zoom link! Come join us!