

Werrington Public School Term 2 Week 5, 26th May 2025

<u>Dates for your</u> <u>calendar!</u>

29th May

3-6 Assembly 2pm—Hall

30th May

Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic

5th June

K-2 Assembly 2pm—Hall

6th June

PSSA Winter Gala Day

9th June

Kings Birthday—Public Holiday

12th June

3-6 Assembly 2pm- Hall

19th June

K-2 Assembly 2pm- Hall

23rd June—4th July

Nepean Dental Hospital

23rd June

Last day to hand in Awards to the Office for Werrington Wise Assembly.

26th June

School Athletics Carnival

27th June

P&C meeting 2pm- Oosh

30th June

Werrington Wise Assembly K-2—9:30– Hall 3-6—10:15am– Hall

4th July

Kindergarten 100 days Last day of Term 2



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to week 5, in what has already been a busy term, it is hard to believe we are halfway through Term 2!

With the cooler weather upon us, our children are wearing their warm jackets and trousers. For the wellbeing of our children, it is important that every child comes in full school uniform every day, including wearing the correct school hat. If you need assistance with purchasing the correct uniform for your child, please come and see Mrs Mallia in the school office. School uniforms are available at a very reasonable price from the office, and payment plans are available. Please also ensure that you clearly label your child's uniform including jackets and hats with their name.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who represented Werrington Public School at the Zone Cross Country Carnival last week at Penrith Lakes. Thank you Mr Cordingley and Ms Brown for coordinating our students on the day.

Debating Workshop

In week 2, nine Stage 3 students represented out school at the Western Sydney Primary Debating workshop at Penrith PS. Students learnt about rebuttals, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles, completed some games and activities and a chance to deliver a short debating speech and gained feedback.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

On Friday of Week 2 we held out school Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Student presented preprepared speeches from a list of multicultural topics. The standard of speeches was at such a high level the judges certainly had their work cut out. Congratulations to Nanki, Ariya, Nevaeh and Scarlett who will now go on to represent the school at the local final of the NSW 2025 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at Penrith Public School on the 17th June.

Aboriginal Dance Workshop

Monday 12th May saw nine students from Years 3-6 who identify as having an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander background participated in an Aboriginal dance workshop presented by The Arts Unit at Kimberwalli. The students had a wonderful day and learnt some dances including ones relating to Wombats, Pippis, Goannas and Emus.

P&C Meetings

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 27th June from 2-3pm in the Camp Australia

room. We welcome all our parents and carers and hope that you can join us at this time.

Werrington Wise Award Assemblies

These will be held on Monday 30th June at 9.30am for K-2 and 10.15am for 3-6. If your child has eligible awards, please hand these into the office by Monday 23rd June, to enable the awards to be processed. You will receive a letter advising you if your child is receiving an award.

Little Hoots -Friday Playgroup

Don't forget our playgroup that operates every Friday from 9.15am to 11am in the before and after school care centre attached to the library. If you have a baby, toddler or pre-schooler in your care, please come along for some fun socialising.

Notes Home/ School Bytes

Don't forget to regularly check your emails, as most notes from the school will be sent through School Bytes to your email, you can also log into the parent portal on https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth.login If you aren't receiving emails, please check your junk and spam folders and add WPS to your contacts list. Ensure that you have downloaded the School Bytes App, to make sure that you don't miss any important information.

Student Absences

Please contact the office by phone, school bytes or email, if your child is absent from school. Our office staff follow up on all unexplained absences, so it is most helpful if you let us know on the day of the absence. For extended leave such as family holidays, please contact the office for a leave form or complete one in School Bytes.

Nut Allergies

As you may be aware, there are children in our school who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts and nut products. Please assist us to keep these children safe at school by not sending in foods that contain nuts to school with your child. Items that are labelled "may contain traces of nuts" are fine to send in. Please also speak with your child about the importance of not sharing food and drink at school.

School Hours and Out of School Hours care.

The school site opens at 8.40am each day and supervision commences at this time. Access is via the pedestrian gates on Armstein Crescent and Heavey Street, these gates open at 8.40am and close at 9.15am. Classes start at 9.10 am and conclude at 3pm. The office is open Monday to Friday 8.40am -3pm during term time.

Two, Out of School Hours (OoSH) care providers service the school for students who need care before 8.40am or after 3pm. Camp Australia which is onsite can be contacted via 1300 105 343 or via their website www.campaustralia.com.au. Off-site services are also available through Penrith City Council's Yoorami service in Werrington. For further information see Penrith City Councils website www.penrithcitychildcare.com.au/our-centres/yoorami-children-s-centre or phone 4732 7844.

Teacher Professional Learning

Regularly, teachers and staff undertake professional learning to keep up to date with the latest theory, research and practice in education.

Many of these are held after school hours! These sessions include:

- · All staff participated in a full day staff Development on High Potential and Gifted Education:
- · All staff participated in the CPR and anaphylaxis training;
- · All staff participated in an update to the NSW DoE Reporting to Parents requirements:
- · All teaching staff have participated in student data discussions; and
- · Mrs Mason attended the network phonics professional learning.

These sessions are an important way for the school and staff to keep up to date with best practice and the latest developments within the Department of Education (DoE) and the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA).

Have a great week,

Mrs Avery

Principal

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."

-- Chinese Proverb

Office News



Nepean Dental Hospital Clinic

As you maybe aware Nepean Dental Hospital Clinic will be visiting our school during the end of Term 2 this year.

To help with the organisation for the Dental Nurses, could the Dental forms that you have received please be handed into the office as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday, 19th June 2025.

Could you please also make sure that you sign in all the required areas on both blue and purple forms.

Debating Team News

If the parents of eight, year five students notice that their children are getting better at presenting convincing arguments, it may be because they attended a full day debating workshop at Penrith Public School on Monday 5th May. Anthony Davey from The Department's Arts Unit, was our wonderfully dynamic, entertaining, and demanding debating coach for the day.

Not for a second were our debating team members intimidated by the hundred and fifty other students gathered in the hall, all equally ready to argue the point. Our students contributed with enthusiasm to every stage of the day.

Max stepped up to argue why his stage persona should get the only parachute left on a crashing plane, Lilah argued well to defend our teams suggestions for 'If We ruled The World.' Aishleen demonstrated, in fabulous theatrical style, how not to act on stage (that was her job - to show us what not to do). Noah, Breena, Diva, Kaleb and Isabelle were also vocal and valuable team members each learning new skills and shinning in their own way. Next up for this team of fine young thinkers is to continue to hone their talents ready for the Premiers Debating Challenge when we will be taking on other teams from across our region for a chance at the title.

The competition is open to year five and six students across NSW, however all of our team are from year five. Well done Werrington's Debating Team for representing us so well at the Interschool workshop. We are proud of you.

So, if your children are on the Debating Team, and are arguing long and hard to defend their point of view, rebutting any arguments that differ from theirs and generally becoming more convincing in their ability to reason out a point of view - you can thank our participation in the Premiers Debating Challenge for building these great life skills.





Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter





Your OSHC.



01/05/2025

Werrington Public School

A message from your Coordinator

Hi Families.

What a fun Rocketeers we have had!

Here at Werrington PS, we held Footy Frenzy on our grounds. Here the children learnt different ticks and the rules of AFL. The children spent the day kicking and passing the footy with all their friends. Another exciting experience was our trip to Scenic World. Together we explored the rain forest, Down the cableway, went up the world's steepest railway and across the glass skyway.

The children also loved the project days where they got to make their own teddy bears with a secret message inside. We also had a superhero day where we did puzzles, colouring in, made rocket blasters and our own superhero gear.

Hope to see you during our next season of Rocketeers.

Kind regards,

Rachelle

Activities coming up

- Footy Frenzy
- Move and groove
- Scenic world
- Day dreamers
- Superhero academy

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.





