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## The Aquila Feed

**Our school acknowledges the Wangal people of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land along the southern shore of the Parramatta River. We express our gratitude for the sharing of this land and acknowledge our sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing and pledge to take care of the land and its people for the future.**

At Wentworth Point Public School:

I care for myself.

I care for others.

I care for the environment.

Kind hands. Kind legs. Kind words.

We model and teach Common Courtesies.

Say, 'Please' whenever you ask for something.

Say, 'Thank you' when someone gives you something or does something for you.

Say, 'Pardon?' if you didn't hear what someone said.

Say, 'Excuse me' when you walk or lean in front of people.

When people speak to you, look at their face and listen to what they say.

Greet people when you see them.

Use the person's name when speaking to them. Eg. 'Yes, Ms Manousardis.'

Say, 'Please may I...' followed by your request. Eg. 'Please may I leave the room?'

Knock before entering a room, walk in and stand where the teacher can see you. Wait quietly to be asked your business.

Be on time for the beginning of lessons and excuse yourself if you are late.

School Values	Classroom	Transitions	Office	Toilets	Playground	Canteen
 I care for myself	I ask questions I persevere I speak kindly I work towards achieving my goals I am an active listener	I walk on hard surfaces I keep my hands and feet to myself I use my inside voice when I am inside	I ask for help I say please and thank you I use my inside voice	I use the toilet at break times I wash my hands	I get lots of exercise I take turns I follow the rules of all games I walk on concrete pathways	I choose healthy food I wait for my turn I only eat my food
 I care for others	I allow others to learn I help others learn I listen to others I speak kindly I take turns	I walk on the left hand side I keep my hands and feet to myself I use my inside voice I give way to adults	I wait for my turn I say please and thank you I use my inside voice I give way to adults	I let others use the toilet I let others wash their hands I take turns	I take turns I keep my hands and feet to myself I share the sports equipment I use kind words	I say please, thank you and excuse me
 I care for the environment	I keep my classroom neat and tidy I take care of property I put rubbish in the bin	I take care of plants by walking on the walkways	I close doors behind me	I put rubbish in the bin I turn off taps I close doors behind me	I put rubbish in the bin I walk around the gardens I take care of the sports equipment	I buy food with little packaging I throw my rubbish in the bin I recycle my rubbish

## Kindergarten 2022

Wentworth Point Public School

GROWING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE



**Is your child starting school next year?**  
 We are delighted to share with you our schedule of activities for Kindergarten 2022. We look forward to sharing with all the many things that make Wentworth Point PS a wonderful environment for learning and growing.  
 Please be aware that we may need to make changes to the outlined activities in the event of increased COVID-19 restrictions. Any changes will be communicated via Schoolzine and the school's Facebook page.

### Starting School Information Session

Thursday 28 October  
 Choose between 10am – 11am (Face to Face) OR 5pm – 6pm (via Zoom)

This is a highly valuable session for all parents and carers where you will build an understanding of Wentworth Point Public School and learn about the academic, personal and social expectations for children in Kindergarten.

We will talk through what you can expect for your child at school including our approach to wellbeing, an overview of curriculum, parent and carer involvement in learning, and strategies for preparing your child for school.

You are required to book a session through **SchoolZine**. Bookings will open from **Monday 6 September** till **Monday 25 October**.

### Orientation Program (3 Sessions)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021  
 Choose **ONLY ONE** of 4 different groups available across each day.

Your Kindergarten child is invited to three 'getting to know you' sessions. They are all different and we therefore encourage you to attend all three of days. We offer three days because children are quite shy during the first one, so by the second and third days they are ready to show us everything they can do. You will need to book a time for your child through **SchoolZine**. There are four different times to choose from. You need to select your preferred time which your child will attend for all three orientation days. Bookings will open from **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** till **Friday 29 October**.

Please be aware that parents will not be able to remain on the school site while children participate in the orientation session. You will be informed of drop off and pick up arrangements during the parent information session.

### Best Start Kindergarten Assessment Period

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

All Kindergarten student are required to complete a Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. This assessment is designed to identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge of your child so we can tailor their learning to their skills. Each assessment is done before Kindergarten starts, and takes approximately 40 minutes.

You will need to book a time for your child through **SchoolZine**. Bookings will open from **Friday 19 November 2021** till **Monday 24 January 2022**.

It is important that all families register with **Schoolzine** to receive booking notifications for the different Kindergarten 2022 activities.



Welcome to Wentworth Point Public School.

I look forward to working with you all as your children grow and commit to providing opportunities for your children to shine.

If you have any questions about enrolling your child, please contact the school.  
 Ph: 9748 6260



Nathan Smith  
 Relieving Principal



MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY!  
 First Day of Kindergarten:  
**Friday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

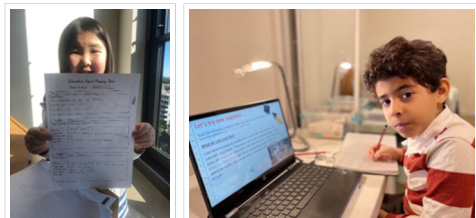
## The Chimpanzees are Staying Physically Active

The Chimpanzees have been working hard to stay active while being indoors this term. Mr Stephens has made some YouTube videos with a variety of movement challenges for the students to attempt. This week the Chimpanzees were challenged to play a game of 'wall ball'. This involves creating a ball made out of paper and then tossing the ball against a wall. The students then to use the palms of their hands to hit the ball continuously against the wall, keeping score of how many times they did so. The students were asked to send in a video of themselves

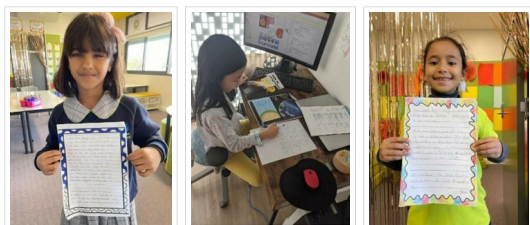
attempting the challenge and many students gladly did. Well done Chimpanzees in accepting this challenge!



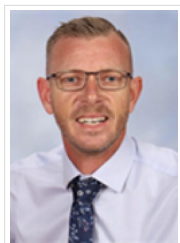
## Term 3 Writing with Year 2



This term in Year 2 we are learning about how to write an information report. We now know that the structure of an information report contains a title, subheadings and a classification. We have covered many different topics and learnt new things. Our information reports have covered subjects such as transport, mythical creatures, the planets, animals and different types of flowers. We have also learnt about the grammatical features of an information report including adverbs, prepositions and different types of adjectives. We are developing our skills in using keywords to summarise, draft, review and edit. Here is some of our work. Please keep sending your work in everyone. Your photos make our day!



## Messages from Nathan Smith, Relieving Principal



Dear parents and carers,

At this difficult time for everyone in NSW, it is important that you are kept up to date with the latest developments on how the NSW Department of Education is continuing to support schools, students and families.

Firstly, I wanted to say a big thank you to every family for your efforts to support learning from home for your children. We acknowledge the experience for every family will be different. The connection between the school, teacher, you and our students is vital to ensure that everyone feels supported. Even in a learning from home environment, these connections can have a profound impact on the learning that continues to take place.

Currently, the department updates principals in daily Situation Reports and weekly webinars which are focused on the latest outbreaks affecting schools, procedures for HSC students, keeping numbers down in schools, especially in Local Government Areas of concern, and what we should do if a case were to occur on site. They are also encouraging as many staff to get vaccinated as possible and I am grateful to be fully vaccinated.

The department is working very closely with NSW Health as the restrictions and the stay at home orders change. The clear messaging from Health, at this current time, is that families should be keeping children at home unless it is absolutely necessary they need to attend school.

### Staying up to date

There are regular meetings between the department, NSW Health, the Government and a range of other agencies. The department has been advocating strongly for staff and students to have access to vaccinations, to seek clear information on how we can help to keep our communities safe and up to date with relevant information.

The department's COVID-19 page is constantly being updated and outlines the restrictions in our schools as well as other useful information and resources to keep you up to date and supported.

### Learning from Home

We understand the pressures of parents both supervising learning from home as well as completing their own work. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher if you need further guidance or something is not working for you.

All schools across NSW are now implementing their Learning from Home programs. The learning from home page has a wide range of curriculum based activities to further supplement your child's learning, if required.

### Return to school

As always student and staff safety is our number one priority. The Premier has strongly indicated that restrictions may ease but will not be fully lifted for some time and the department will be directed by the NSW Health and the Government advice. We will continue to work on the best way to support the safe return of students to schools.

### Big Thanks – Essential Workers!

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work of our essential workers who deal with the public daily while ensuring we have what we need during these very difficult times. I would also like to thank the children of essential workers who are on site for some or all of the week. I know it's a challenge for you being at school, but all of the staff at Wentworth Point PS are proud of you.

### Zoom Sessions from Week 8

Please note that students are being provided with at least two Zoom sessions each week until the end of this term starting next week. Please see the timetable below for stage session times.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:30am	Stage 3				
9:30-10:00am	Stage 2 + Dragonflies				
10:00-10:30am	Year 2 + Manta Rays	Stage 3			
10:30-11:00am	Year 1 + Manta Rays			Year 1 + Manta Rays	
11:00-11:30am					
11:30-12:00pm	Kindergarten		Kindergarten	Year 2 + Manta Rays	
12:00-12:30pm				Stage 2 + Dragonflies	
12:30-1:00pm	Support Unit			Support Unit	
1:00-1:30pm					
1:30-2:00pm					
2:00-2:30pm			Stage 3		

### Practical Parenting in a Pandemic – Maggie Dent Webinar

Next Wednesday 1 September between 4:00pm-5:15pm, well-known parenting author, educator and speaker Maggie Dent will present an hour-long webinar entitled Practical Parenting in a Pandemic. In this webinar Maggie explores the layers of stress, anxiety and grief for families that have been created by the pandemic. She then dives into the issue of students learning from home. Maggie will explore the reality of parents working from home with kids or teens underfoot, with some doing digital learning while in social isolation. Please use the following link to access this free webinar.

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68784865493?pwd=MDR4dTdqR1VpeKx4K3hvcWNaWXgyQT09>

### Message from the Governor

Her Excellency the Governor of New South Wales has prepared a video message to thank and encourage NSW school communities. I encourage you to view this message in the link below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wb6zr7ndvfng1bc/August%202021%20School%20Message%20Edit.mp4?dl=0>

### Book Week @ WPPS

It was wonderful to see so many students and staff in their book character costumes earlier in the week and although this year was somewhat different to the norm, your efforts were pretty impressive. Big thanks to the team including Mrs Silvia, Mr Sanchez, Miss Bonham, Miss Lim, Mrs Attia, Miss Urng, Mrs Bajaj and Miss Sung for putting this week together and to those mystery readers each day of the week for their wonderful book readings. Please remember to check out our Facebook page for some pictures and video of our Book Week celebrations.

Lastly Mr Sanchez, class teacher of the Amethysts, will be leaving us for a little while and we wish him well over the next 12 months as he takes on new challenges. Mr Sanchez will be

replaced by Miss Bianca Perugini as Amethysts teacher and I am sure you would all join me in wishing her all the best as she takes on this important role.

Have a great weekend everyone. Take care and look after yourselves and your families.

**Nathan Smith**  
**Relieving Principal**

## Stingrays



The Stingray's have shown amazing resilience and flexibility as they have adapted to the world of online learning. It has been so wonderful to see the children's work posted on SeeSaw. The children have shown great creativity with their artworks, information writing, mathematical concept posters, science experiments, historical inventions and fitness activities. One of the best times of the week has been catching up with the class over Zoom. This week, we created our own learning, social and personal goals to achieve throughout the week. Some of the children even shared their work that they were proud of. We ended our Zoom with a musical statues game where the students showed off their best dance moves. The Stingrays have done so well to keep a positive attitude to learning and to keep motivated during these times. Keep it up Stingrays!

