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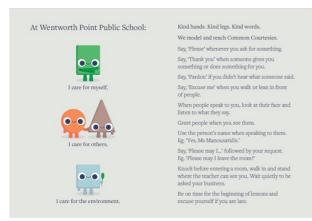
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The Aquila Feed







Messages from Jayne Muir, Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Change to enrolment of Temporary Visa Holders at WPPS

On Monday 4 March I communicated to our community regarding the changes to temporary visa holder

enrolments. Wentworth Point Public School has increased enrolments to the point where we have reached our capacity to accommodate our students in permanent classrooms.

Effective from Monday 29 April 2024, holders of

Temporary Visas will not be able to enrol into Wentworth Point Public School, irrespective of their address. This does not affect students currently enrolled into the school. The next available school that has capacity to accommodate Temporary Visa Holder students is Victoria Avenue Public School, located at 64 Victoria Ave, Concord West 2138. Please contact Victoria Avenue Public School on telephone number 9743 1352.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see many of our students dressed in full school uniform. Wearing the Wentworth Point Public School uniform promotes a sense of belonging and creates a positive identity for the school community. Please ensure that your child is wearing:

- · Black shoes
- · School shirt
- · School jumper/jacket
- · School hat
- · Navy or white socks/stockings
- Only simple earrings and a watch
- Sports Uniform only to be worn on sports day, which includes blue school shirt.

Road Safety

Each morning our relievig Deputy Principal, Mrs Grace Lattuca and I, welcome our community onsite. We stand at each of the entry gates, say good morning, quite often have a chat with our community and answer any questions. In addition, we use this opportunity to speak to our students about road safety. Lately we have been speaking to students about how to safely arrive at school. Below are two key messages we have been sharing with our students.

1. Walk scooters and bikes across the road, including at the pedestrian crossing- Some students are riding their bikes and scooters across the pedestrian crossing, quite often at a very fast speed without stopping on arrival at the crossing. The safest way to cross the road is to walk scooters and bikes.

- 3. Walk across the road- It is important for everyone to reinforce the message Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road:
 - 1. STOP! One step back from the kerb
 - 2. LOOK! Continuously look both ways
 - 3. LISTEN! For the sounds of traffic
 - 4. THINK! Whether it is safe to cross the road

Remember always hold a child's hand up to the age of 8 years old when on the footpath, crossing the road or in a carpark.

Harmony Day - Thursday 21st March 2024

Harmony Day is a national celebration that recognises and celebrates cultural diversity in Australia and aims to bring together communities.

At Wentworth Point Public School, Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and sense of belonging for everyone.

This year we are inviting parents and caregivers to share a special game or activity from their culture. We look forward to welcoming our community onsite to share this national celebration.

Kind regards, Jayne Muir Principal

Messages from Grace Lattuca, Relieving Deputy Principal



It is Wellbeing Week at WPPS and as such, staff are enjoying small opportunities to refresh, renew, slow down and breathe. During Wellbeing Week staff are exempted from attending meetings, and instead use the time to interact with each other or indulge in some alone time. Teachers are encouraged to look after their

mental, emotional and physical wellbeing, with many teachers opting (and encouraged) to leave work on time and enjoy

invaluable time with their families. We thank you for supporting us to support our staff throughout each week 7 of term, and appreciate the little ways that you make this week a less stressful one for all.

I hope that you too manage to prioritise time for yourself this week, and every other week.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Grace Lattuca
R/Deputy Principal

Update - Kindergarten Parent Drop off Routines in the morning

It has been wonderful welcoming our Kindergarten students and families to our school this year. We have noticed that there are many parents gathering in the playground in the morning, specifically near the play equipment and on the Kindergarten veranda. The gathering of parents for extended periods of time in the morning is unsettling to some students and so we are requesting that parents leave the playground with a quick goodbye.

Some mornings we can have up to 40 parents on the verandas and around the play equipment. The additional adults, toddlers and prams causes congestion. Thank you for your support in assisting us to help our students to become independent, for keeping our playground safe, and for establishing a positive learning environment every morning.

If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please email the school and request to make a time to arrange a meeting. It is extremely difficult for teachers to talk to parents in the morning while they are on playground duty or setting up their classrooms for the day. One of the busiest times of the day is the morning when teachers are welcoming their students into their classrooms and establishing the morning routine.

As always, we appreciate your support.

The Butterflies Blend Science and Art with Flying Colours!



Belugas



Dare to be Dramatic!

This week the Ninjas took to the stage to discover the journey of drama. They are learning about the elements of drama and how to use voices and gestures to create a dramatic scene. Students rehearsed and performed their scene from the novel, *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, in front of their class and received feedback. They worked well together and were able to communicate with each other to perform a cohesive performance.

The Ninjas are super-excited to Be the Star!





WSPSSA for Zone Tennis and AFL

On Tuesday 5th of March, Jacqueline Tjie tried out for Zone Tennis at Illawarra Association Courts. Jacqueline showed great determination and made it to the top 8.

On the same day, Poppy Essex tried out for AFL Zone at Strathfield Park. Poppy also showed great enthusiasm. Though the students did not make it to Zone, they should be very proud of themselves for representing Wentworth Point Public School.

Well done Jacqueline and Poppy!





Sporting Schools - Netball NSW

Last week, classes in Year 3 - 6 had the opportunity to participate in a free netball session run by coaches from Netball NSW. Students engaged in a range of fun activities while developing their netball skills such as passing, throwing, catching, and shooting.

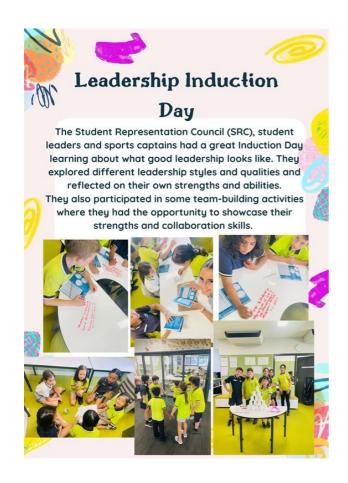
Thank you to the coaches from Netball NSW.

Netball will be offered to students as a Winter PSSA sport this year. Information about Winter PSSA trials will be distributed soon.





Leadership Induction Day





This year, the P&C is introducing a Parent Connection Program. The aim of this program is to help parents form connections with other parents in their child's class, and to offer each other support. If you're keen to participate, simply scan the QR code to register.



P & C Mother's Day Keepsake Fundraiser

Students at Wentworth Point Public School have been creating their Mother's Day artwork at school. As a fundraiser, we are inviting parents and carers to purchase a keepsake from the choices below, featuring the artwork.

Order Keepsake:

Click here to visit the Crazy Camel webpage https://www.crazycamel.com.au/38713



For any questions regarding P&C, kindly contact info@wpps-pca.org.au.