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Waterfall Public School

Possum Post

Term 2 Week 1 2022

Principal's Message



Term 2

Week 2

Wednesday 4 May

- ❖ Orienteering – students wear sports uniform

Thursday 5 May

- ❖ Canteen open with Winter Menu up and running

Friday 6 May

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen open with Winter Menu up and running
- ❖ School Sport – students wear school uniform
- ❖ Mother's Day afternoon Tea 2.15pm

Week 3

Monday 9 May

- ❖ P & C meeting 7pm on site and via Zoom. A link will be sent via Skool Loop. All welcome 😊

Tuesday 10 May

- ❖ Naplan Online testing for Year 3 and Year 5 Students

Wednesday 11 May

- ❖ Naplan Online testing for Year 3 and Year 5 Students
- ❖ Orienteering – students wear sports uniform

Thursday 12 May

- ❖ Naplan Online testing for Year 3 and Year 5 Students
- ❖ Canteen open with Winter Menu up and running

Friday 13 May

- ❖ Library Day
- ❖ Canteen open with Winter Menu
- ❖ Naplan catch up day
- ❖ School Sport – students wear school uniform

WELCOME BACK

I hope our families had a lovely holiday spending time with family and friends, bushwalking, going to the park, having coffee, connecting to country, shopping or just watching TV. Holidays are a time to relax, reconnect and be ready for another fun Term!!

It was lovely to see our students return yesterday with smiling faces and ready to learn attitudes. Welcome back to Term 2!!!

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AND ASSEMBLY

Colt proudly represented our school at the Dawn Service at Club Heathcote on ANZAC Day. He laid a wreath on behalf of WPS honouring the memories of those brave men and women who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Our school service was held yesterday, and I was extremely proud of our senior students Colt, Glenn and Mark for the way they lead the assembly. They stepped up and were true leaders, this shone though the way they spoke and presented themselves. Thank you to the families who joined us yesterday to commemorate and remember the fallen. 'We will remember them, Lest We Forget'



FAREWELL MRS MCPHERSON

We say Goodbye to Donna McPherson as she starts her new job in childcare at a centre in Engadine. We thank Mrs McPherson for her hard work and support with the students at WPS. Mrs McPherson has formed lasting friendships with staff and community. She has developed a wonderful rapport with the students, always putting their needs first. We also thank her for the many hours she has spent maintaining our gardens– which are looking amazing !!

We wish Mrs McPherson all the very best in her new chapter. I am sure she will drop in and let us know how she is going!!



120 YEAR ANNIVERSARY POSTPONED

A decision will be made tomorrow in regard to whether our 120 Anniversary Celebrations will go ahead.

REPORTING AND TRI CONFERENCE

Mrs Bremner, Miss Evans, Mrs Giddins and myself are working extremely hard on putting together a new improved reporting system which will be shared with P&C on Monday 9 May. Reports will go home in Week 9 on Wednesday 22 June. For interviews this year we are going to trail a Tri – Conference. This means that your child will be with you at the parent/teacher interview and together we will set a goal for you and your child to work on at home. This will also be explained during the P&C meeting. We are working towards presenting parents and carers with clear information on what and how well your child is learning and receiving regular information in accessible formats about how to further support your child's progress endeavouring to strengthen the relationship between home and school.

COVID UPDATE

What you need to know:

- Term 2 operational settings will remain largely the same as Term 1 with additional measures to support continuity of classroom learning.
- Isolation requirements for close contacts have changed meaning that from this week students and staff can return to school as long as they have no symptoms and follow the **close contact guidelines** to do so, including daily rapid antigen testing (RAT) and wearing a mask indoors.
- Additional supplies of RAT kits will be distributed to all schools to support staff and students identified as close contacts who are able to return.
- NSW Health have updated the advice for students and staff **returning to school after testing positive for COVID-19** including the recommendation to wear a mask for an additional 3 days after the 7-day isolation period. Please refer to the [NSW Government's COVID-19 pages](#) if you have questions or concerns about testing and isolation requirements as this information is updated regularly.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

As you may have heard that on 26 April 2022 the NSW Teachers Federation directed all members to strike for 24 hours on Wednesday, 4 May 2022. Our school will remain **open** during the industrial action with lessons continuing as normal.

P&C UPDATE AND MEETING

Sydney to Gong that was proposed for Sunday 1 May has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 9 May onsite at 7pm. A zoom link will be sent out via Skool Loop for any parents who would like to be involved in P&C but are unable to make the meeting onsite.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will be held at school with a day and time TBA. Engadine Zone Cross country is scheduled for Friday 20 May at Heathcote Oval. Fingers crossed we get some sunny days so we can run our school cross country onsite.

KINDERGARTEN 2023

Staff are already preparing for Kindergarten 2023. We are hosting another open morning on Wednesday 18 May for all parents wishing to come and meet our team and ask lots of questions about our school. Please pass this information on to any parents and families in the community. You are our best form of advertisement, and your advocacy of the school can only make it bigger, brighter and better.

MOTHER'S DAY

Our students are busy preparing invitations for our afternoon tea on Friday 6 May. Please join us in celebrating mums, grandmas, all other carers who we appreciate every day but especially on Mothers Day.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Library borrowing will begin on Friday 6 May. Any books borrowed last term are now due back. Please drop them off to the office before next Friday.



BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 catalogues will be sent home this week. Online orders will be open until 16 May 2022 via the Scholastic website.

Please contact the office if you did not receive a catalogue or would like some assistance with the online ordering process.



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will return next Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 10am. All welcome! Tell your friends!








Open Day Kindergarten 2023
Wednesday 18 May
9.30am – 10.30am



Personalised Tours
If you are unable to attend our Open Day, please call the school on 9520 9638 to make an appointment for a personalised tour.




Kindergarten Transition Sessions

Monday 14 November
9.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 22 November
9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 30 November
9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 7 December
9.30am – 10.30am



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Lilly Morabito
Principal

**EVERYDAY
IS A FRESH
START**