

Science Day



Tarcutta Public

NEWSLETTER



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Week 9
Term 4, 2020



Building the Future



Calendar 2020 Term 4

Week 9

Mon 7 Dec	Swim School starts
Tues 8	No Bakery lunch today
	Yr 6 Farewell 5:30pm
	WWHS Orientation Day
Wed 9 Dec	Presentation Ceremony 9am

Week 10

Mon 14th Dec	Put lunch orders in
Tues 15 Dec	Special lunch order day
Wed 16 Dec	Pool Party at Adelong
	Last day of school

Calendar 2020 Term 1

26 Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday
27-28 Jan	School Development Days for staff only
Fri 29 Jan	Students return for Term 1

Reminders

Return to School

Pool Party Permission note and lunch order

Principal's Note

Dear parents and caregivers,
Welcome to one of the busiest weeks in our school calendar. It's a week full of celebration.

Swim School

Swim School started yesterday with all students assessed and placed into their groups to start their lessons.

WWHS HS Orientation for Year 6

The WWHS HS Orientation program is on today with students catching the bus into town for the first time. We know they are going to have a wonderful time exploring their new high school.

Year 6 Farewell

Today our Year 6's will celebrate the end of their Primary School experience with our friends in the WWCoSS at a farewell dinner. We will meet at 5:30pm at Collins Park for commemorative photos. We will take lots of photos. Then we will move to the Wagga RSL Club for the dinner which will be followed by speeches and dancing. Our Year 6 students have created a placemat with some of their favourite photos.

Presentation Assembly

COVID restrictions this year have enabled us to think outside the square and be flexible with our organisation for our annual presentation assembly. For the first time it will be held during the day. By the time everyone gets settled and the technology set up for live streaming it will probably start around 9:10am. Attached to today's newsletter will be instructions on what to do if you are attending in person along with how your family can watch it via Livestream. We will try to record the event for those who would like to watch it later. If you are attending in person you will need to sign in using your phone and the QR code. You will also need to sign a declaration to say that you aren't unwell and haven't visited a hotspot in 14 days. These are all



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new restrictions but I'm sure we will cope. There will be a sign on sheet for those who aren't able to use the QR codes. The COLA will be set up for the ceremony. Please enter via the carpark ramp and move directly to a seat. We ask that you remain seated until the end of the assembly and that you don't remain and mingle at the end of the assembly.

We are still trying to work out if we are going to be able to record the Presentation Assembly. Please let us know if you would access to a recording of this event.

Class Pool Party—Wed 16 Dec

Permission notes went home yesterday regarding our end of year class pool party at the Adelong Pool. Please return this note to the office. With COVID restrictions lifting we are pleased that our parents will be able to join us as normal to this event. We have organised 2 buses to take us over and back to Adelong. Thank you to the P&C for assisting with the cost of this event. The kiosk will be open for students to purchase food, lollies and drinks. Students can choose a pie or a sausage roll or they can bring their own lunch.

Jackie French Virtual Excursion

Last week we were delighted to join a virtual excursion with Australian author Jackie French. She read us her book *Diary of a Wombat* and then took questions from students. We asked her for information on wombats and also how much research she has to do for her historical novels.

CWA Microscope Day

We had the most magnificent day last Wednesday working with scientists and researchers from Charles Sturt University using their amazing microscopes. They have left one of them with us to use until the end of the term and then we will be participating in 2 more workshops next year with them.

Current Restrictions

Please ensure your child has a water bottle everyday.

If your child is unwell please ensure that you keep them at home. If they have had any symptoms you will need to provide a negative COVID test before they can return to school.

Kirrilee Post, Principal



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HOW TO JOIN THE LIVESTREAM.... PASS THIS ON TO FAMILY MEMBERS

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 8th December 2020

Arrive: 9am



Please use the link below to join the webinar or open your camera and scan the QR code above:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67365584291?pwd=aUtzakVFckxkNEhnbGIZWUV0SXcxQT09>

Passcode: Tarcutta

*** You will need to set up an account in ZOOM to watch this presentation, so you might like to do that today***

We are hoping to record the session as well for those who would like to watch it later. Please contact us for access.



Presentation Ceremony

Wednesday 9th December 2020

9am



2 People from each household may attend



Watch it by LiveStream or the recording later



Please use the hand sanitiser



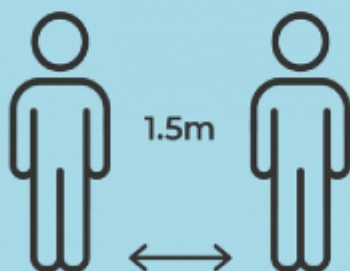
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Please sign the register and leave your contact details



Remain in your seat



Keep your distance



No mingling



Come and have some fun at your local waterway

VENUE Wagga Beach - Cabarita Park, Johnson Street Wagga Wagga

SESSION DAYS/TIMES Term 1 2021 - Sundays 9am to 11am

DATES Proficiency Date - Sunday 17 January 2021
Start Date - Sunday 31 January 2021

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COVID Intensive Learning Support Program

Dear parents and carers

As we all know, 2020 has been a tough year.

This is particularly so for our students and teachers who have risen to the challenges in a disrupted year that included seven weeks of remote learning due to COVID-19, and in some areas, that came on top of bushfires and floods.

For our students, this has been an unsettling time.

The government and department have recognised this with the announcement of a \$337 million program aimed at ensuring that schools can identify students who would benefit the most from intensive support. This will be tailored to their requirements to ensure that students' educational outcomes continue to improve in 2021.

The COVID intensive learning support program will provide small group tuition for students who need it most across NSW primary, secondary and specialist schools.

All public schools across the state will benefit with an allocation to employ additional teachers and educators to support student learning.

Very shortly we will start planning for the implementation of small group tuition program in our school. The groups might be conducted during schools hours, after school or remotely and, maybe, a combination of all three. Although we will be focusing on literacy and numeracy, we are considering a number of subject areas.

We will keep you updated. In the meantime the [department's website](#) has more information on this program.

Best wishes

Kirrilee Post

Principal

Tarcutta Public School

Tarcutta Public School P&C Presidents Report 2020

I would like to begin by giving a huge thank you to our current executive committee

Vice President Melissa Myers

Secretary Sue Hardwick

Treasurer Sue Belling

I would also like to mention and thank those who regularly supported our meetings and gave their ideas and opinions to the committee, the P&C meetings are a great way of keeping informed of what is happening within the school.

This year has been like no other, COVID19 has certainly thrown 2020 into the history books and here's hoping we will not see another year like it anytime soon. The P&C was unable to participate in many fundraising and community activities during lockdown and in the months that have followed that we would usually be involved in.

This year the P&C were barely able to run a meeting so we decided that it was our turn to give back to the families and school community that have given us so much help and so many opportunities over the years. We ran both a Mothers and Father's day stall, running lunch order days for the students in terms 2 3 and 4, we were still able to donate toward new library books every term, we have run a number club that will be drawn before the end of term, we have been able to subsidise the cost of swimming lessons to help take the pressure off families, and to provide for the end of year pool party. We have also put together a Christmas hamper to give away at presentation and have provided the books for the students for presentation morning.

We have also raised money through Farmhouse Industries again this year through the sale of cookbooks, centenary books and chocolates, a warm thank you to Fay Belling for allowing the P & C to sell these items at Farmhouse

Thank you to Farmhouse industries for the donation of the Craft awards, the Wagga RSL Sub branch for the citizenship awards and the Tarcutta Valley Landcare Group for the Landcare Awards.

I would like to say a special thank you to all, the teaching staff – Kerrilee, Peta and April and Jesse, our learning support worker Sue Hardwick, and of course Sue Belling for her tireless work. Thanks must also go Steve Hardwick and Von Hamilton for the hard work they do on the presentation of our school. Our scripture teacher,

Robyn Weston for giving your time to spend with our children. To our bus drivers, Ian Kennedy and Steve Hardwick for getting our children to school safely. Also, a thank you to Peter McCallum for being our dedicated auditor.

On behalf of the P&C we would like to farewell our group of year 6 students Aiden, Bonnie, Tara and Beau who are off to High school next year. Thank you to all their families for all of the help, time and effort, you have put into the P&C. We wish you luck and hope that you will have great memories of your time here at Tarcutta Public.

The families of the 2020 year 6 students have donated a garden bench seat to the school and have had a commemorative plaque honouring the students added also, we hope this bench is well used and serves as a reminder of all the great things to come for future students.

I would personally like to say thank you for having me as P&C President for the however many years it has been, I have learnt so much- who knew how many slices in a loaf of bread! I have met and worked with some wonderful people, I have seen the students grow up and move toward their futures. It has been a great privilege to be a part of the school community for the last 7 years, thanks so much.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2021.

Jenny Wolter

President 2020