



## Wickham Primary School Newsletter

Week 4 Term 4 2020



**UNIFORM SHOP  
OPENING TIMES**  
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All Parents,

### Welcome

After nearly two weeks in the school – it does feel good to be back. The warm welcome from all sections of the community has been greatly appreciated.

The students have been very friendly and their respectful greetings in the morning and throughout the day has made each day a positive experience. Likewise, the staff have also been very welcoming and supportive – given that this is a very busy time of year for all their efforts to be inclusive have been encouraging.

I also want to thank the School Board members and the P&C President and Vice President for the way that they have welcomed me into the school.

It has been a very busy first two weeks for me. Earlier this week I had a chance to meet all other Principals from Karratha schools and also to attend the Kindilink Conference which highlighted the importance of that early intervention program.

### Brief Introduction

As a brief introduction to the WPS community – I have been a principal for approximately 23 years. I have been very fortunate to lead and contribute to the following school communities;

- Oombulgurri Remote Community School
- Augusta Primary School
- Wickham PS
- Roebourne DHS
- Australind PS
- Cable Beach Primary School
- Swanbourne Primary School
- Wembley Downs Primary School

And now Wickham Primary School!

### Looking Ahead

It has been my experience that successful schools are built on a number of key elements. One of the most important of those, I think, is the setting of and consistent application of high standards and high expectations in everything that we do. It is very encouraging that many areas of the school already reflect high standards and expectations. I am very much looking forward to working with the school community to building a pathway of continual growth and improvement.

We are currently working through our planning for 2021. Planning for the coming year is always an exciting task as we look to what opportunities we can create for the students. It is also a busy time as there may be changes in the staff profile and student numbers. We will do our best to advise families of the class structure prior to the end of the year.

If you see me around, please say hello and introduce yourself. I haven't seen too many parents on the school grounds before or after school yet. Covid restrictions are still in place in regards to parents not being allowed inside our classrooms but please remember parents are welcome on school grounds before and after school.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe weekend.

Lincoln Day  
Principal

10th November—Basketball Cup

11th November—Le Tour de Wickham (Route B)

13th November—NAIDOC Day celebrations

4th December—Yr 6 Graduation

10th December—Christmas Concert

Save the  
DATE





### THERE'S MORE TO SAY AFTER R U OK? - A CONVERSATION CAN CHANGE A LIFE

R U OK? inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with anyone who may be struggling with life. It was great to see so many students donning their yellow apparel in support of such an important message.

You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

Use these four steps and have a conversation that could change a life:

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in





CRAZY     DAY



## DON'T THESE HAIRSTYLES LOOK AMAZING?

*Thanks to everyone who took part in Crazy Hair Day . All funds raised went directly to the P&C which in turn funds many important projects and resource provision around the school.*







Our class has recently been exploring PHOTOSYNTHESIS. This is how plants 'eat' their food.

We discovered that plants 'ate' Carbon Dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) and water and changed it into oxygen and glucose. Using lollies and toothpicks, the class created our own 'structures' for before and after PHOTOSYNTHESIS pretending the red lollies were  $\text{O}_2$  (oxygen), the white were hydrogen and black, Carbon. We also discussed how to reduce our Carbon Footprint. (How much  $\text{CO}_2$  you produced).

Our task now is to build a house that can reduce our Carbon Footprint in Minecraft Education.

#### Room 3, Year 4

The pictures below are the result of PHOTOSYNTHESIS before and after the plants ate (left=before, right=after).





In term 3 the students from room 4 learnt about different forces in their science lessons. We looked at how forces can affect an object's shape and how it moves through air and water. We investigated how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children used push and pull forces when they would play with their own hand-made toys. We looked at the shapes of boats and rafts these children used to play with.

The class visited the online Australian Museum to inspire them when they used forces to change the shape of plasticine to make their own rafts. The students observed how paper falls through the air and how some types of balls can float to inspire their flat bottom and curved edge designed plasticine rafts. After they discovered how to make their plasticine raft float, the students experimented with various natural resources they could find to see what else would float in water.

Room 4 students then designed and made rafts using things like wood, sticks, flowers, pinecones and seed pods to see which group of students could make a raft to carry the most weight!







# P & C NEWS

OCTOBER 2020

## READ-A-THON 2020

This year the P&C once again supported WPS Read-a-thon, launching on October 12.

The program completed with a total of 9018 minutes read. Such an amazing effort with 51 participants, we raised over \$2,000.

All this while supporting our children's reading journey. Thankyou to those that took part, we look forward to 2021!



## Teacher Appreciation Day

Teacher appreciation day was **Friday 30th October** and a wonderful opportunity for us all to say thankyou to our amazing teaching and support staff.

*Thank you*

The time, effort, enthusiasm and dedication does not go un-noticed and the P&C had permission to provide baked goods to the teaching cohort to show our appreciation.

We have the most amazing staff at WPS, be sure to say thankyou when you have the opportunity.

Next P&C  
Committee Meeting

**JOIN  
US!**

**11th November @ 14:45**  
WPS Staff Room



## CANTEEN NEWS



### HALLOWEEN SPECIALS

In October our wonderful Canteen staff put together some spooky specials to celebrate Halloween.

Healthy, delicious  
and especially scary!



### Pre-paid Cards

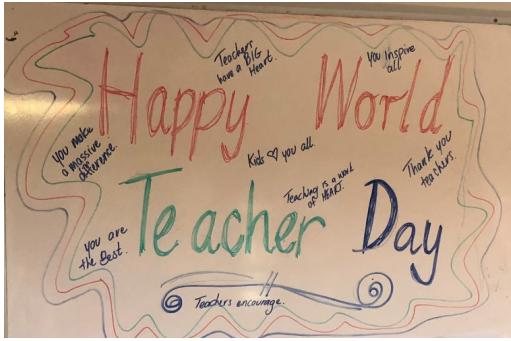
Pre-paid cards are available for years 1-6 for recess and lunch treats. They are kept in the canteen to avoid getting lost and provide a great way for kids learn how to budget. They are \$10 and can be purchased through **quickcliq** online



Wickham Primary School were very happy to host Courtney Guard and Dana Hooker from the West Coast Eagles Women's footy team. It was a great opportunity for our students to not only meet the women but also learn some new leadership skills while participating in Perth College's InsideOut program. Thank you to Perth College and Courtney and Dana.







A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C for providing such an amazing morning tea for all of our teachers. The thought and thanks were very much appreciated by all. As I'm sure most of our school community are aware our teachers do what they do because they are committed to high quality and effective education for every student here at WPS. In saying that—a yummy cake and tasty morsel goes a long way!! Thanks again to everyone involved.



Thank you Mrs Jane Oliver for all of the beautiful teacher gifts—you are a ray of sunshine at our school!





We are very lucky to get such great visitors here at WPS. Last week we had representatives from the WACA come to have a few training sessions with some of our older students.



The students learnt some new skills from the cricketers and had an awesome time playing the games. One group of girls taking the win in the bowling competition.



It was lovely to hear from the visitors that WPS were one of the most



well behaved schools that they had been to. Massive thank you to the WACA and Perth Scorchers for making it happen.





## KINDY SMILES !

Kindergarten provides experiences for children to grow and develop through play and interaction.

It also allows children to become confident learners in a safe and supported environment, providing a framework of belonging, being and becoming.





## BOOK WEEK FUN







**It is definitely not just  
the kids who love  
Book Week!**

**A few snaps of our  
staff totally rocking  
their costumes !!**





# KindiLink



There is always so much fun to be had at KindiLink as you can see from these happy faces!

KindiLink offers high quality play-and-learn sessions for children and their parent/carer .

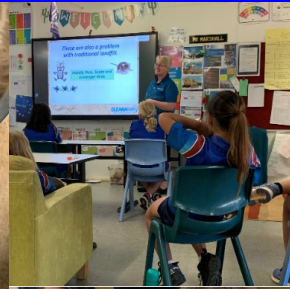
It is run by our dedicated duo of Mrs Nicole Drew and Mrs Jodi Humpries!



Running every  
Mon and Tues  
8.30 to 11.30







As a part of the sustainable school's project Cleanaway was invited in to host an incursion on behalf of the City of Karratha for the year 4, 5 and 6 students. As Wickham Primary is heading towards becoming more sustainable and waste conscious in our daily practice, we wanted to give students some first-hand information from the people who handle our waste every day. Students took part in small group activities that taught them how long it takes for certain materials to break down and decompose in landfill. They talked about what is recyclable and what should be going to general waste. Students learnt the different steps Cleanaway take to manage their landfill sites including how they establish and manage a waste facility, the ways they minimise water waste and pollution, and the important steps they take to utilise natural resources.

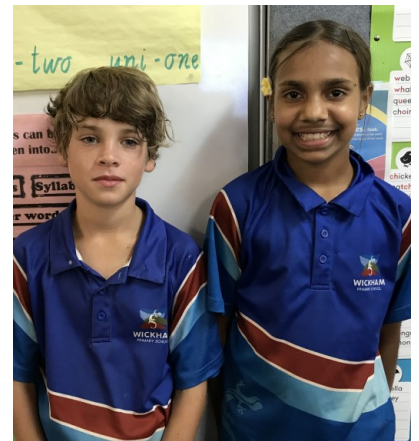
All students who attended were given a survey to take home and quiz their family on. Those who completed their survey and return it will receive a prize from Cleanaway when they return for part 2 of the recycling incursion in week 4.



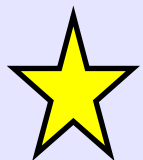




A collection of some of our hard working merit certificate winners from the end of last term. No assemblies have meant that merit winners cannot be celebrated in front of the school. Our student leaders have made it their mission to make sure every student is recognized and knows how proud we are of them for striving to do their personal best.







## Term 4 Week 2 Merit Recipient Superstars



### Week 2 Merit Recipients

**Room 1 - Luca Duffield, Jonah Rua Stevens**

**Room 2 - Jacob Smith, Toby Nunn**

**Room 5 – Kayden Ellis, Kasanita Malupo**

**Room 6 – Kavin Sathiyamurthy, Holly Kofalvi**

**Room 8 -Jaxon Mcginley, Jaxon McGarry**

**Room 9 -Kaitlyn Clamp, Zaiden Robinson**

**Room 10– Albie Cassin, Derek Humphries**

**Room 11-Timika Munda, Auggie Francis**

**Room 13-Charlie Nethercote, Flynn Birch**

**Room 14– Phoebe Yalden**

**Room 15-Jace Green, Emily Leese**

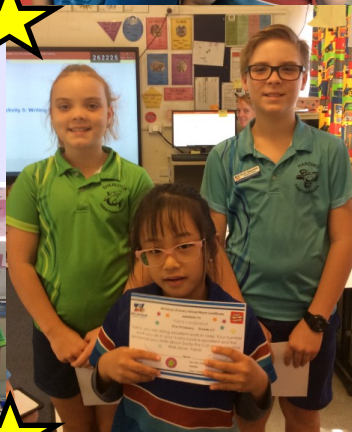
**Science—Lara Hinkley, Estella Douglas**







Term 4 Week 4  
Merit Certificate Superstars!



Week 4 Merit Recipients

Room 1 - Ava Gibson, Harmony Brown

Room 2 - Makayla McCloy, Monique Howard

Room 3 - Kailey Miller, Alexis Holberton

Room 5 - India Duffield, Emily Morley

Room 6 - Zeb Newman, Lila Cullen

Room 8 - Mia Holberton, Max Marinko

Room 10 - Rocko Felton

Room 11 - Taj Harvey, Odette Fisher

Room 13 - Tait Gooding, Yarra Lardizabel

Room 14 - William Chunnary, Sam Campbell

Room 15 - Hayden Bloxham, Paige Samson

Sport - Tait Gooding, Mia McCain, Lara Hinkley



**Wickham Primary School has registered for the Containers for Change Program!**

**If you would like your container refunds to be donated to Wickham Primary School to go towards recycling initiatives and sustainable projects around the school, please use the following code when depositing containers.**

**C10290726**

**The funds will go directly to our Wickham Primary School bank account.**

**Thank you for your support!**





## VacSwim Swimming Lessons

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

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# VACSWIM 2021

**Take the plunge!**

**Help keep your child safe in the water this summer.**

Enrol now for January holiday swimming lessons.  
Perfect for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers.

Program	Dates	Price	Enrolments close
Country Early Start	18-24 Dec 2020		1 November
January Program 1	29 Dec - 8 Jan	Child \$30* Family \$81*	8 November
January Program 2	11-22 Jan		15 November
January 5 day	4-8 Jan	Child \$16* Family \$41*	8 November

\*Concessions available. Does not include pool entry.

**Get in quick, as late enrolments can't be guaranteed.**  
Enrol at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)  
Information on the website is available in languages other than English.