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Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter for 2020. It certainly has been a very challenging year. The year for WPS community commenced with a cyclone and this was quickly followed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, have not had the same impact on Australian communities as it has had upon many international communities.

The recent low-pressure system that necessitated a rescheduling of the School Concert seemed to reflect and 'bookend' the challenging context of the 2020 school year.

Deputy Principal 2021.

On behalf of the WPS Board and staff, I am very excited to welcome Martine Damon to WPS. Martine comes to the role of Deputy Principal at WPS school with significant experience in regional and metropolitan schools. Currently, Martine is working at Rosalie Primary School in Shenton Park. I spoke with Martine over the weekend and she is very excited to be joining the WPS community. Martine has had previous Associate / Deputy Principal experience as well as school leadership roles at Rosalie PS. I am confident that Martine's experience and enthusiasm will have a terrific influence across the school.

Encouragingly, the selection process for this vacancy was very competitive.

Class Allocations 2021

The class and teacher allocations for 2021 are as noted on the following page

It is worth noting that this could change due to circumstances that are outside the control of the school. However, this is our present intent.

Class lists are being finalised and these will be available on the day prior to school commencing in 2021. Please see the attached classroom placement policy (also available on the Wickham Primary School website) that will provide some insight into how the class lists are compiled. This policy has been approved by the WPS Board.

16th December - Christmas Concert 'The Merriment of Musicals!'

16th Dec - Reports emailed home

17th Dec - Last day of Term 4

17th Dec - Booklist online orders due

1st Feb - First day Term 1 2021



From the Principal cont.

Kindilink	Jane Oliver
Kindy Blue (Mon + Tues)	Sonya Kemp
Kindy Yellow (Thurs + Fri)	Sonya Kemp
Kindy Green (Thurs + Fri)	Gemma Kay
Pre-Primary	Nicole McKiernan
Pre-Primary	Cara Halliley
Year 1	Ashleigh Walton
Year 1	Katrina Murray & Joanne Hewson
Year 2	Tracey Evans
Year 2	Lauren Bacci & Bea Sammut
Year 2/3	Ami Russ and Jessica Burn
Year 3	Catherine Jorgensen
Year 3	Courtney Butler and Alycia Groth
Year 4	Aroha Cross
Year 4/5	Andrew Thompson
Year 5/6	Candice Sexton
Year 5/6	Brett Marshall
Physical Ed	Amber Jaffray
Science	Jessica Burn
LOTE	Erin Szczecinski
Music	TBA – the school is conducting a recruitment process to find a suitably qualified music teacher.

Staff Leaving

December in many schools is a time when we wish departing staff the very best for the next chapter in their personal and professional lives. The following staff will not be at WPS for the 2021 school year.

- Alex Marshall (leave)
- Bronwyn Bruyns (returning to Tambrey PS)
- Jenna Renton (relocating to Perth)
- Jodi Humphries (leave)
- Katherine McCarthy (relocating to Perth)
- Nicole Drew (relocating to Perth)
- Eden Stafford (leaving)

We will welcome all of our new staff in 2021.

Thank You

Lastly, I would like to sincerely thank all of the WPS community for the very friendly welcome that has been provided to me since commencing at the school.

It is a challenge for any school to have a new principal arrive in week three of term four. However, the last few weeks have provided me with the opportunity to understand the context of the school and reflect on ways we can continue to build upon the positive work that has been undertaken by many staff over the last few years.

I have also had the opportunity to commence getting to know the students. All of the students have been very welcoming and friendly, and this has reinforced the decision I made to again work in a regional school community.

From the Principal cont.

in a regional school community.

And thank you to my administrative colleagues and all of the staff who have all provided invaluable insights and assistance into WPS. Their support has enabled me to experience a smooth transition into Wickham Primary School.

Colleagues have contacted me since I arrived at WPS and asked, "... *how's it going?*"

My reply? "*It's brilliant, friendly kids, friendly parents and friendly staff!*"

Thanks
Lincoln Day
Principal

Student and Parental Updates

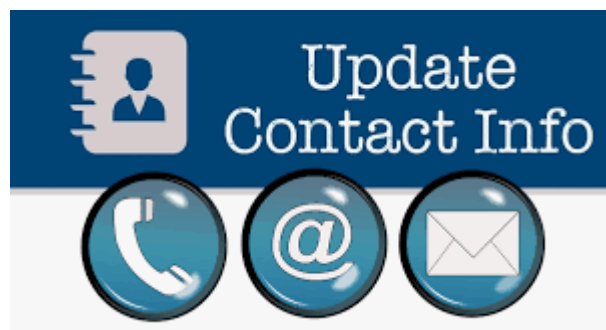
It is vitally important that we always have the most up to date medical and contact information at the school for your child.

If at **any time** the health needs of your child change please notify the administration staff either via email, phone or in person. This can include any changes to medication, allergies, diagnoses or other relevant medical issues. At the start of the school year we will be asking all parents to again make sure that we have the most updated medical information about your child on file.

Parents : Do you have a new email address? A new phone number? Have you moved house?

These details all need to be updated here in the office if they have changed from the time your child was enrolled. In the unlikely event of an emergency or illness we need to be able to contact parents immediately.

Important information, including end of semester reports, are posted or emailed to addresses held on file, obviously keeping those addresses updated means that no important information is missed.



Oval Permission

As many of our parents and caregivers are probably aware here at Wickham Primary school students are able to utilize parts of the Wickham town oval at recess and lunch and during some Physical Education lessons. If any parent does not consent to their child using the oval for the above mentioned activities please contact the school office on 9185 8500.



On the 10th of November, selected students from years five and six travelled over to the Leisureplex in Karratha to take part in the annual Basketball Cup. Our WPS students had been training hard before school to hone their skills and made us all proud with their grit and determination.

After a great day with some tough games the girls team came away with a 3rdrd overall and the boys were fantastic with 5th. The students were also able to meet four Olympians on the day which was a huge added bonus. Miss Jaffray reported that once again our students displayed brilliant sportsmanship throughout the day and was proud of the effort and skills displayed by all students! Well done to all involved.





There were lots of smiles at the two kindergarten transition days held recently for our new 2021 Kindy students and parents. The start of school is a very exciting time for families and we are definitely looking forward to getting to know all these new little humans.

Welcome to the Wickham Primary School family!



Remembrance Day has been observed since the end of the First World War to remember armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.



Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.



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Robocup 2020

We went to Perth on Thursday the 12th of November 2020, for state Robocup. The flight was bumpy and had turbulence, which made Bella scream. Once we landed we had to number off, then we got our luggage and, went to get the 2 vans. On the way to the accommodation Miss Candice took the wrong turn, so Mr. Marshall was waiting a long time for us. After we got to the accommodation we sorted our rooms and sorted our robots for the comp the next day. Then we went to the shops and Miss Candice played music in the girls car. When we got to the shops we all got split up into groups. Temperance was in a group with JJ and Levi, JJ lost his wallet at a lolly shop. The next day was comp day so we had to get up early to get ready and have breakfast. After we finished at the comp we decided on what pizza we wanted for dinner. The girls went to pick up the pizzas and the boys went to Kings Park. Meanwhile in the car Miss Candice, Harmony and Bella went to get the pizzas from the shop. Once we got to Kings Park Mr. was feeding the magpies. After we had dinner we were running down the hill and rolling. Then we went for a walk and went back to the accommodation.— SOPHIE LYALL



State Robo-cup Rescue 2020 Competition

Friday the 13th of November was the first day of competition we signed in and Zech, Henry, Levi, Jackson and I made our way to our tables. The first track was relatively easy my team Zenith passed the first track but Levi and Jackson tried the hardest but couldn't pass it. The second course had the first detect green which was the thing we struggled with we passed it but I don't know if Levi and JJ passed but we did which was a relief. The third and fourth course had more detect which was pretty hard and we didn't finish any of those course which was a bummer. The last set of the day the robot stopped doing the detect green so we only completed one course but not every tile Levi and JJ completed a few tiles but not enough points to make finals. We ended up with around 350 points for the first day and we were so grateful that we made it to the finals. - TOBY NUNN

RoboCup—Outside Stuff

We went down to Perth on the 12.11.20. We didn't have to always do robots. We also went to Kings Park and ate some pizza, Mr Marshall also fed pizza to a magpie. After the very boring flight we went to Carousel where we did some shopping and while shopping JJ lost his wallet. On the day of the competition I felt scared and a bit nervous. Our team was Temperance, Isabelle, Zavian and me, we performed to Unpoco Loco. I ended up feeling annoyed because my robot broke but we did make it to the finals the next day which was exciting. At the accommodation at night we always stayed up late. While at the airport we got snacks for the flight and while we were waiting Harmony fell asleep and Levi was being weird. On the plane there was turbulence which was scary. When we landed I was happy to be home, Miss Candice also bought an amazing dress. - TESSA GROTH



Perth Rescue Robocup Competition

At the competition in Perth, Zenith (Toby, Zech & Henrys group) made friends with another group (can't remember name) they helped them stay together and focused. Zenith made it to the finals but unfortunately the eyebrows (Levi and Jacksons group) didn't make it. The two groups gave it there all, but now that the year fives have some experience they can succeed in 2021 & after the first day everyone was starting to feel more confident in themselves - ZECH WARTH

Robocup 2020





Christmas time is an exciting time in the classroom for learning!

Mathematics is made all the more fun in Room 8 when activities can include Santa, reindeers and Xmas trees!

By using simple physical objects that students can visualise, touch and move to express their thinking is an interesting yet effective classroom resource to explore mathematical concepts and encourage learning.

The photos show several different manipulatives being utilized and enjoyed in Room 8.





A huge thank you to the Act -Belong-Commit team for your support of Wickham Primary School over the last five years.

We are very grateful to receive this trophy in recognition of Wickham Primary School's participation in such a worthwhile program.



From the Act-Belong- Commit website :

The Mentally Healthy Schools Program provides a framework to embed Act-Belong-Commit within the classroom, school environment and whole school community to boost the mental health and wellbeing of students and staff and prevent the onset of mental health problems.

The program aims to:

- Encourage young Western Australians to adopt mentally healthy behaviours early in life
- Build resiliency so they can cope better with problems and stress
- Reduce stigma around mental illness and increase openness about discussing mental health
- Build the capacity of school staff to create mentally healthy school environments
- Foster partnerships between schools and their communities.

A recent evaluation of the Mentally Healthy Schools Program shows it is making an impact in changing the way students and staff think – and talk - about mental health.

The Mentally Healthy Schools Program has made significant progress in encouraging young people to talk about mental health, in reducing stigma around mental illness, and in increasing staff and student participation in mentally healthy activities.



Students were proud to receive a prize from Read-a-thon as a thank you for taking part and organizing sponsorship for their reading efforts. While our students love reading for the pure enjoyment sometimes a little prize as a thank you also goes a long way - look at these smiles!



On the 4th of December parents and staff celebrated the conclusion of our year six students last days of primary schooling. Some of these students have attended WPS for all of their primary years, some of them for only a small amount of time but each student was, and always will be, counted as an integral part of the Wickham Primary School family. Among the smiles and laughs a few tears were shed as these mature, engaging and friendly students were celebrated and acknowledged for their persistence, willingness and ingenuity throughout their primary school years.

We wish nothing but every success for all of our year sixes as they enter the next stage of their schooling careers. Our wish is for them to remain true to themselves and to continue to make us proud of the young adults they are becoming.



We wish to thank all our parent volunteers who helped out on the big day . The amazing photos were taken by the very talented Kate Marinko—I think you will all agree that she has captured the moment perfectly with truly beautiful shots.

Special thanks to WPS staff who went above and beyond to not only create a wonderful morning for our students but also complete the clean up after the event : Thank you Mrs Schut, Mrs Howard and Mrs Groth.

On the following page you will also note the award winners and our generous sponsors.



2020 Year 6 Graduation

AWARD	SPONSORED BY	PRESENTED TO
MATHEMATICS	WESTPAC	TOBY NUNN
ENGLISH	RIO TINTO	HARMONY BROWN
HEALTH & PHYS ED	KEVIN MICHEL MLA	GLEN CAMPBELL EMILY ALBERD
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES	CITY OF KARRATHA	BROCK TAPPENDEN
ENDEAVOUR	WOODSIDE	ABBIE WILKES
SCIENCE	SCITECH	TEMPERANCE MIDDLETON
STEM	RIO TINTO	SOPHIE LYALL
LEADERSHIP	RIO TINTO	HARMONY BROWN
ASPIRATIONAL ATSI LEADERSHIP	KEVIN MICHEL MLA	MONIQUE HOWARD HENRY GAIDAN
ARTS	WPS P&C	GLEN CAMPBELL
JOY OF ACHIEVEMENT	SOROPTOMIST INTERNATIONAL	JASMINE LEWIS
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD	WPS P&C	JASMINE LEWIS
CITIZENSHIP	CITY OF KARRATHA	KRYSTAL LAUREN
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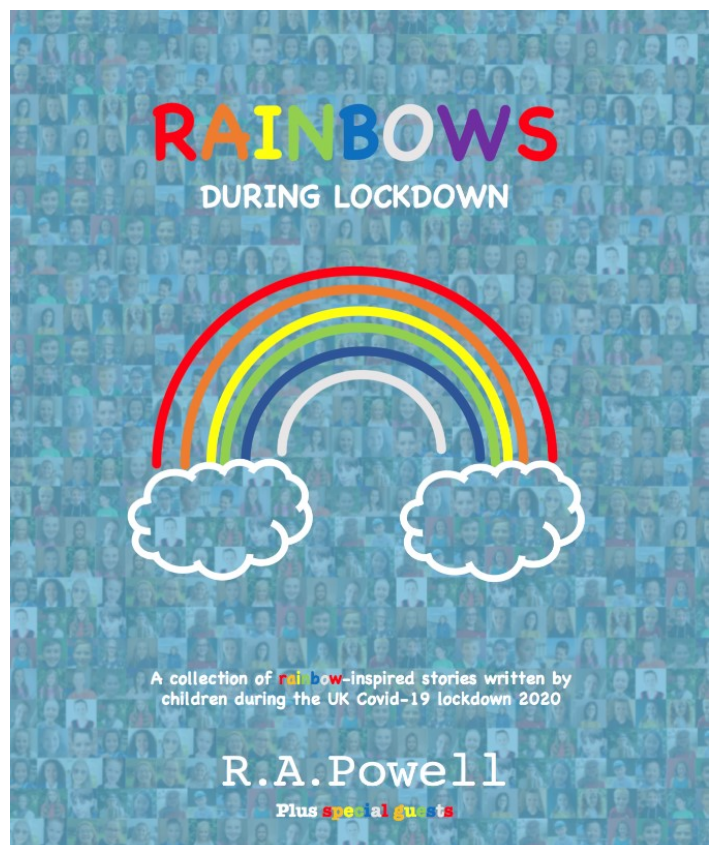


During lockdown in March, Tahlia Nunn completed a six week creative writing course hosted by R.A. Powell, a children's author, which was streamed live on Facebook.

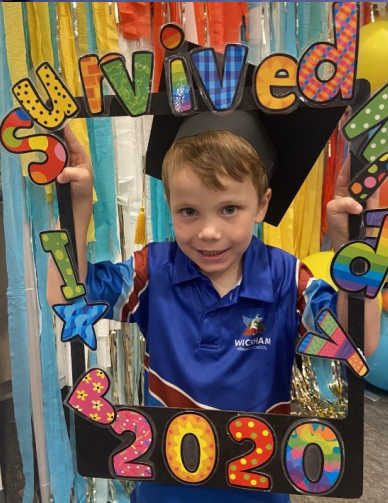
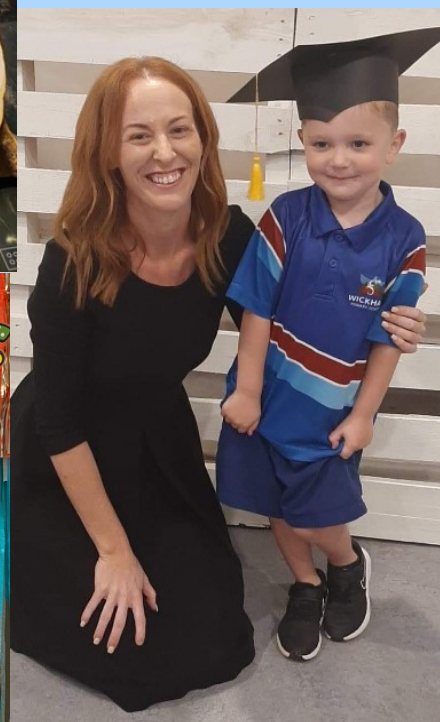
As part of the course, she also wrote a story entitled 'The Secret Tree House Visit That Changed My Life Forever!' to enter the [Rainbow Writing Competition](#) which the author ran following the course.

Since then, alongside R.A. Powell and children from across England, Wales and Scotland, we have collated the stories from the competition into a book entitled *Rainbows During Lockdown*; a collection of 58 rainbow-inspired tales written during lockdown by children as young as four, all the way up to 15 years old. Tahlia is the only author from Australia involved in this exciting project.

The book is due for release on Tuesday 15 December via Blossom Spring Publishing and will be available online at Amazon & Waterstones. 100% of the author's royalties are being donated to [ICUsteps](#) and [School-Home Support](#) and we are aiming to raise as much as we can for these two fantastic charities that have worked so hard during Covid-19 to keep vulnerable people safe.



The first year of Kindergarten can be exciting, nerve wracking, tiring but always eventful! On Wednesday a special celebration was held to acknowledge the littlest people at our school. Congratulations to all our Kindergarten students on your graduation. The day looked magical !



NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Our NAIDOC celebrations included a dance performance and lesson with the super talented Djuki Mala dancers .

Students were also able to taste different foods and appreciate traditional artworks and to even have a go at making artworks themselves.

Thank you to Deanna and Jenna Halden for sharing your artworks with us.





KindiLink

Room 3 - Andrew Storey-McDonald, Kendal Stevens

Room 5 – Leela Ducey, Samuel Darby

Room 6 – Evelyn Tollemache, Mhelbie Cortez

Room 8 - Abigail Jansen, Mikaere Diamond

Room 9 - Rubin Tann, Summer Grey

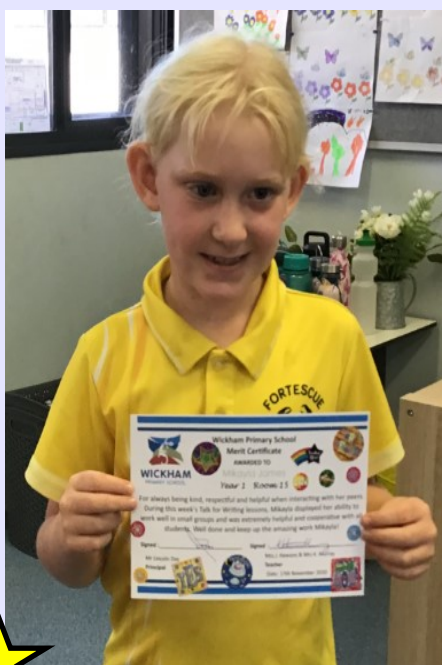
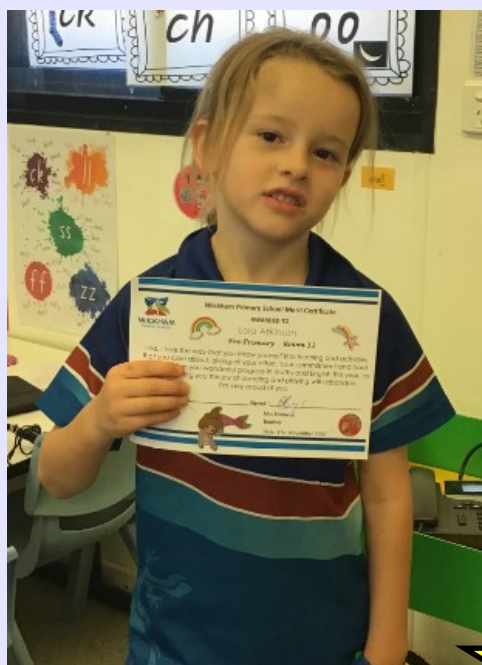
Room 10– Robert Ducey, Eva Newman

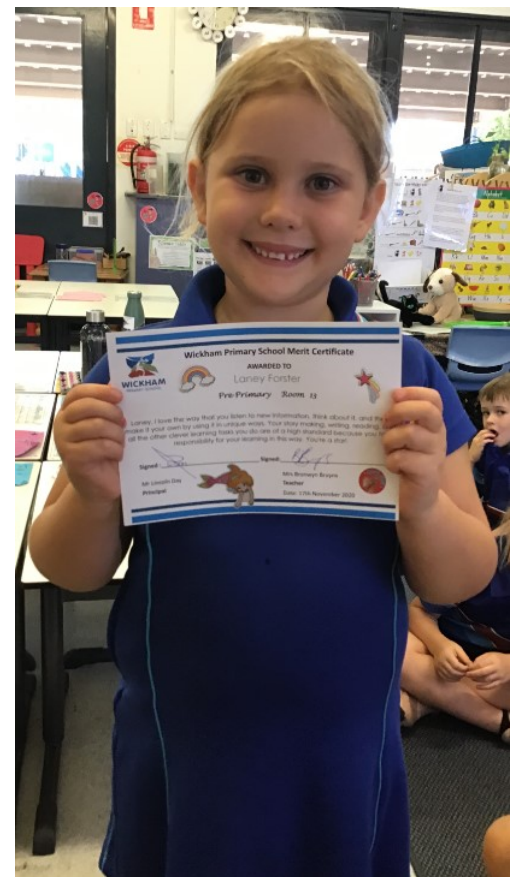
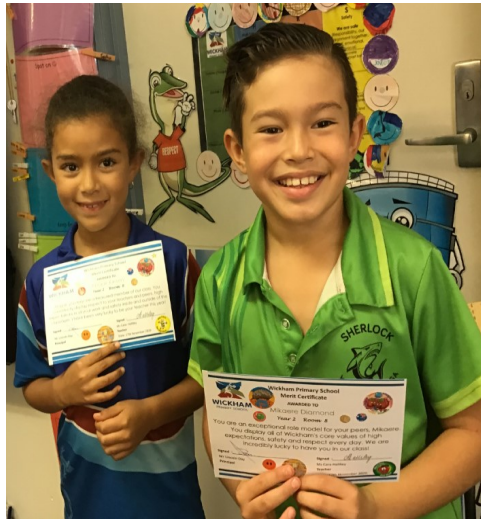
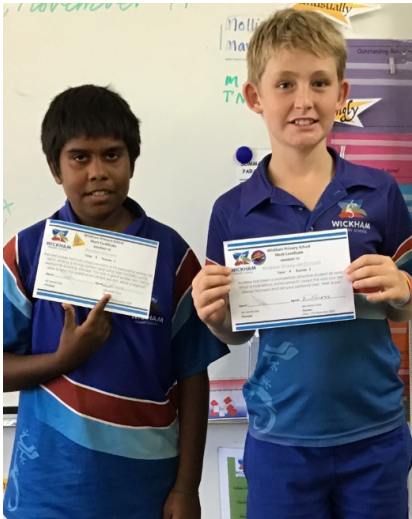
Room 11– Summer Retchford, Elyra Rosenthal

Room 13– Laney Forster, Lola Atkinson

Room 15– Thain Hassett, Mikayla James

Sport— Laken Kelly, Jasmine Lewis, Zeb Newman





Room 1 Avan Macdonald, Ava Gibson, Harmony Brown

Room 2 Will Darby, Nirvana Kempton, Glen Campbell

Room 3 Kai Page, Lara Hinkley

Room 5 Isabella Screaigh, Taye Rua

Room 6 Lilla Campbell, Rose Lewis

Room 8 Bella Burgess, Levi Brady

Room 9 Sully Sheldon, Ronald Howard

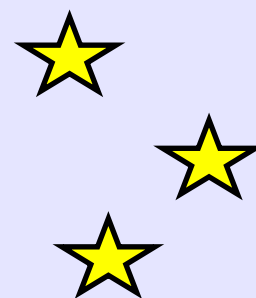
Room 10 Jack Samson, Banjo Povey

Room 11 Everley Nettlefold, Tivon Kawana-Howsan

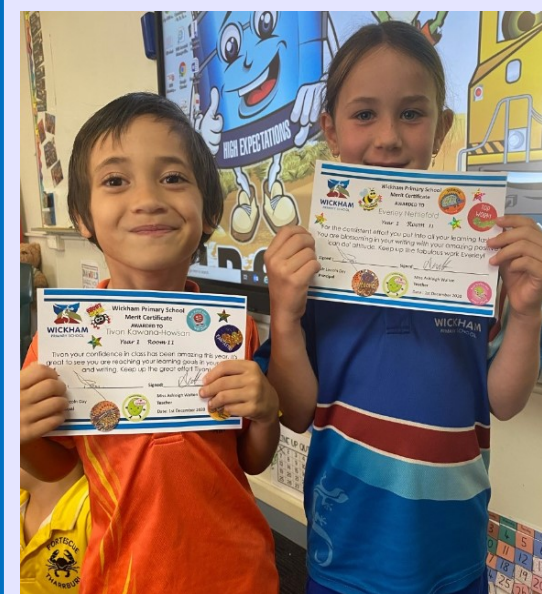
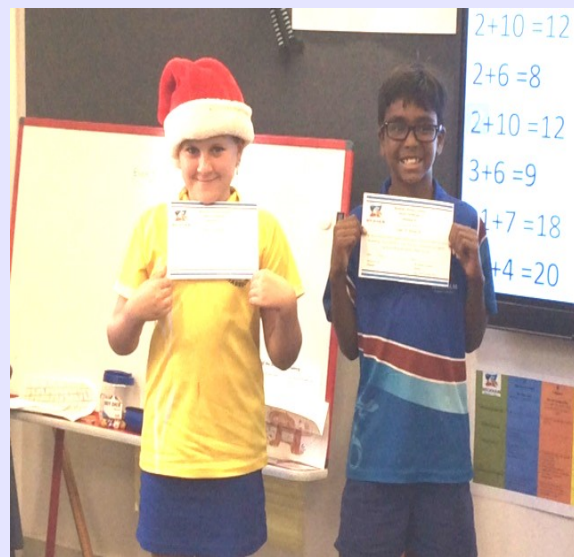
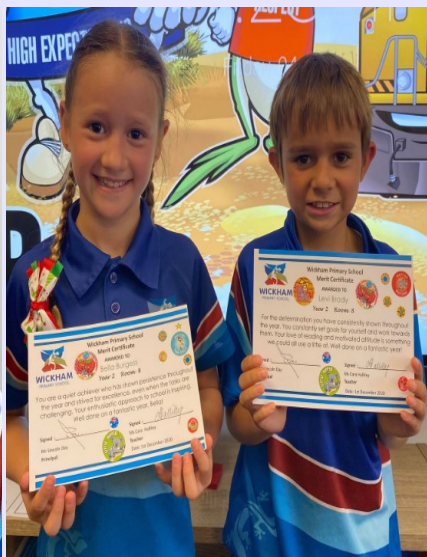
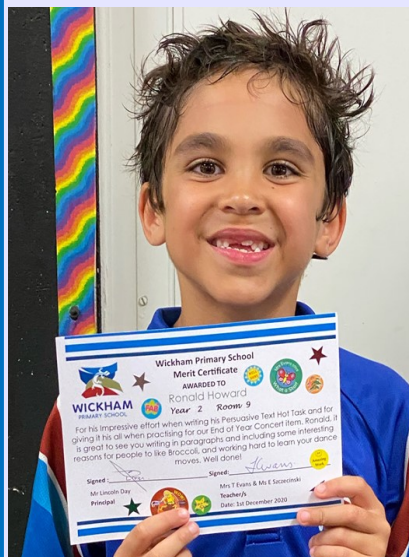
Room 14 Bodhi Smith, Piper Carter

Room 15 Hayden Nethercote, Anabelle Williams

Room 16 Kawlijah Appo, Sophie Clamp



Merit Award Recipients Week 8





Wickham Primary School Term 1 2021

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1	1st Feb First Day of Term	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
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4	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th
5	1st March Labour Day Public Holiday	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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9	29th	30th	31st	1st April	2nd GOOD FRIDAY

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2021



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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.

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

Thank you for your support!



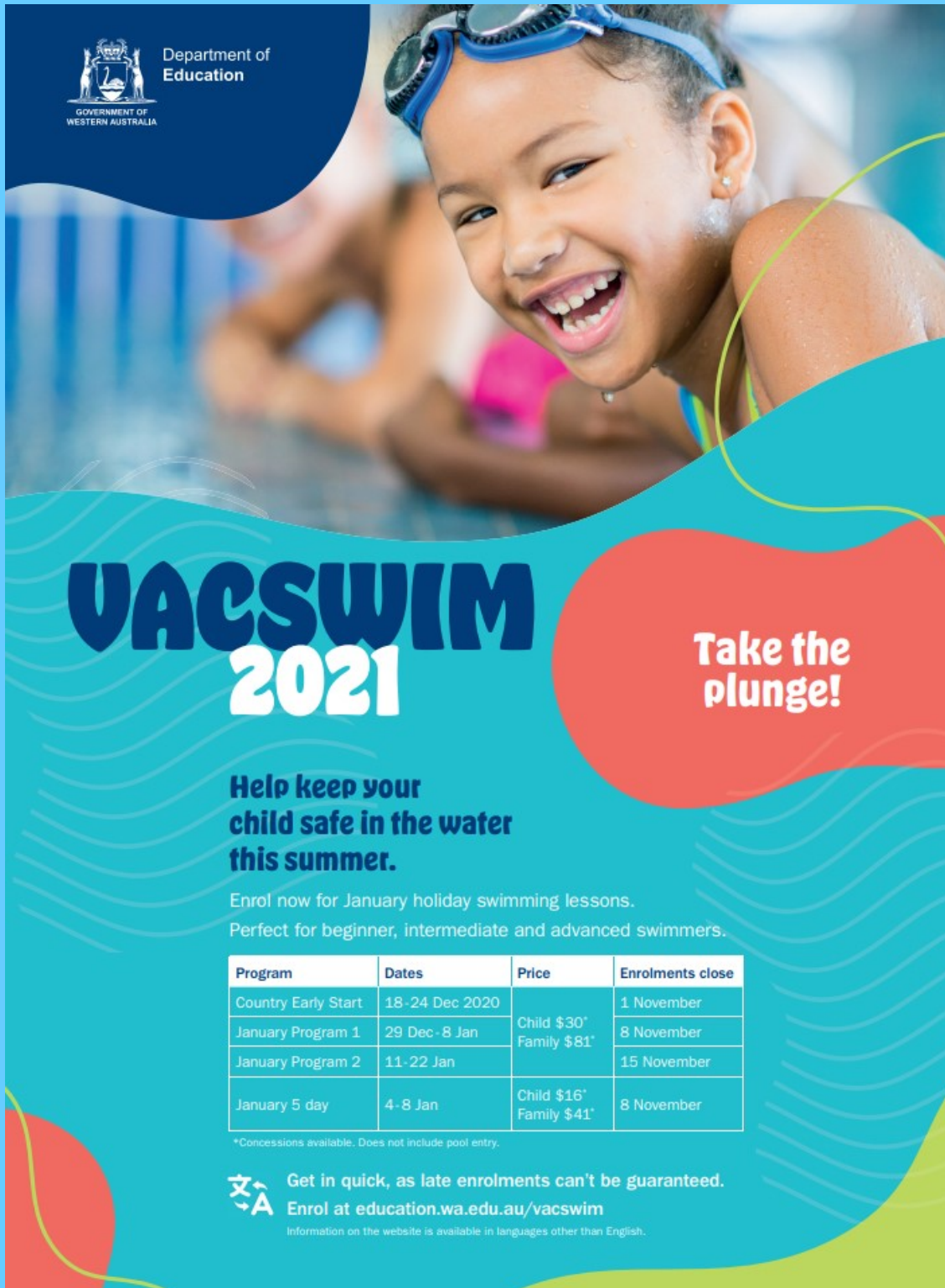
VacSwim Swimming Lessons

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



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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
Information on the website is available in languages other than English.