

Wilsons Creek Public School

Beacon of the Valley

Term 3

Tuesday 18h September

Week 9

Week 9	Friday 21st September	End of Term Assembly. 11am start. Morning tea available. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of food to share. All welcome!	NOTES DUE: Invoices Year 5/6 Sydney excursion
Week 10	Friday 28th September	Canteen - Efrat is making a delicious lunch. Are you able to help? Last day of Term 3. Happy and safe Holidays!	
TERM 4 Week 1	Monday 15th October	Students return to school for Term 4.	
	Friday 19th October	Canteen. Volunteers need please!	



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Dear Families and Members of our Community,

What a term this has been! An amazing range of learning achievements, in and out of school as well as meeting our new teacher who will be joining us in 2019. Many of our students, staff and community are getting over the horrible bug that has been floating around. It is with sadness and best wishes as we prepare to farewell Sparkling Cindy. I cannot speak highly enough of Cindy. Our school and community will miss the smiling face of our school. As a colleague, I will miss Cindy. As a dear friend, I will miss her even more. Alas, there is always change in the wind. Good luck to our wonderful Sparkling Cindy!

Homework and Home Readers

Homework is not an optional choice. There are clear Departmental guidelines in regard to homework. This is your chance to be involved in helping your child consolidate and reinforce their learning.

Have you looked at the Fair Funding Now website? www.fairfundingnow.org.au

Public Education should be funded fairly. If you support this, add your name to the site, collect some resources, maybe join in a letter box campaign.

I was fortunate enough to be at Rose Bay Secondary College on the weekend, supporting the Fair Funding Campaign. The students gave a musical performance. It was a wonderful display of a community in the city, supporting their local public school. This was highlighted by the outstanding performance of the students! It was a great example of:

- Community supporting their school.
- Public Education.
- A great example of what could be achieved with a Fair Funding model!

I implore you to register on the site. You can download resources, talk to your friends and family. Fair Funding is needed to support your children's learning and success at school.

Some notes:

The School Website Services are slowly refining a new look school website. At this time, there have been 15 outages of the new service. I am led to believe that the new platform will be ready by next Term. When the platform is stable, our school will migrate to that platform. I will keep you posted.

In Term 4, we have Stage 2 and Stage 3 Excursions. If you have not made payments or other arrangements with me, please do. Your support in making payments for these activities helps our school budget.

The Class 2 PiP Presentations will take place tomorrow. A list of student presentations will be sent home today. It would be great if you could join us. This was, for many students, their first opportunity to demonstrate an ability to work within a timeframe. Working to a deadline is an important life lesson. Some students have demonstrated this ability while others have not. Next Term, all Class 2 students will complete two Personal Interest Projects. I am hopeful that

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the lesson of working within the set timeframe will have been learnt and demonstrated.

Thank you to Fleur who has asked if we are still looking for a Treasurer for our P and C. In my opinion, Fleur would do a great job.

NAPLAN results will be sent home for students who sat this exam. I am very impressed with some of the students achievements. We use this one-off test, in-conjunction with our internal assessment to form and modify your child's Personal Learning Plan.

We will advertise some time in Week 1, Term 4, for families to join us in reviewing each student's Personal Learning Plan.

Please feel welcome to join us this Friday at 1100hr. This is our End Of Term Assembly (EOTA). There was information about this in last week's newsletter.

What favourite book character will you dress up as?

Due to many factors beyond my control, the use of the Learning Passports has been disrupted. I can assure this positive behaviour program will be restored in Term 4.

In closing,

This year has provided many challenges in managing our school. A very clear factor that heavily impacts on improving student learning is a strong and positive home-school connection.

We are halfway through the second semester and our school and community are moving forward getting on with working to make our school grow and improve the learning environment for our students. It is my hope that Term 4 sees a growth in student enrolments. Student enrolments have an impact on the level of funding our school receives and the resources attached. You can help this by being a positive and supportive member of our school community. I seek your support in being an advocate for our school.

I am so proud to be the Principal of this school. I never miss an opportunity to speak about the wonderful learning opportunities presented to students and the professionalism of our staff.

Our school will grow and develop with your positive support. Speaking positively about what you have seen in our school and correcting ill-informed negative comments made by individuals not involved in our school. The best way to be an advocate for our school, is to be involved.

Have a wonderful holiday. Take some time to rest and perhaps some time to think of positive ways you can be an advocate for our school.

Have a great week



Wil Constable
Principal

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