

WALBUNDRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Making A Splash

Well done to all our students who competed at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on February 8 at Walla. We were lucky and the stormy weather held off long enough for the day to take place. A special congratulations to Hannah who was named 11 Years Girls Champion at the carnival! Congratulations to Lilly, Hannah, Ernie and Oscar C who were all successfully selected for the SRPSSA Carnival that took place today. Good luck!

Far Out! - Treasures to the Bush - State Library Visit

On Monday 4 March, all students will be going to Burrumbuttock Public School to participate in the Far Out! Treasures to the Bush Program. It is a program run by the NSW State Library that shares iconic original materials from the Library's vast collections in an interactive workshop engaging students in the story of Indigenous heritage and British colonisation – a core area of study for every Australian student. The items are not replicas, not photocopies or facsimiles but the 'real' thing presented as part of an interactive workshop designed to bring history to life for students and their teachers. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to experience Australian history in a hands on way.

On the Track

Our Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held at Alexandra Park on Monday 18 March. Unfortunately this was the only time available at Alexandra Park before the Southern Riverina Athletics Carnival, even though it will not be held until June. We understand that it is short notice to families. As part of our weekly sports program, we will start to focus skill development. Permission notes with further information will come out next week

P&C Meeting and AGM

Our second P&C Meeting for 2019 will be held Tuesday 12 March at 3:15pm. This meeting is also our P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM). I encourage all of our parents to come along and be a part of our P&C.

Get Creative - Creative Kids Vouchers

Creative Kids is a program to help NSW families meet the cost of getting their kids into creative and cultural activities. Just like the Active Kids Vouchers, the NSW Government is providing a voucher of up to \$100 for parents/guardians/carers to use towards the payment of lesson and activity costs with an approved provider registered with the Creative Kids program. You can apply for a voucher by following this link:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Supervising Students

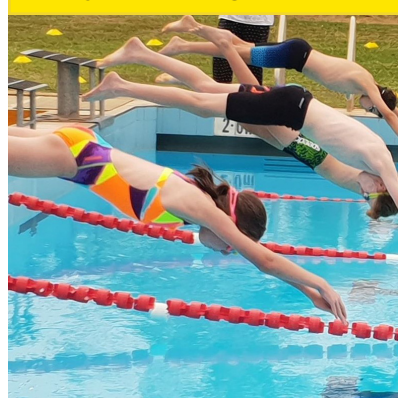
A reminder to all our families that supervision of students is not provided until 8:45am each morning at which time a teacher is rostered for playground duty. Due to safety issues students are not encouraged to arrive prior to 8:45am.

Yours in Education

Kirrilee Twyford

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Take your marks, get set ... GO!



Upcoming Events

Friday 22 February

SRPSSA Swimming Carnival @ Lavington

Monday 4 March

Far Out! Treasures to the Bush Visit 12:00pm - 1:30pm @ Burrumbuttock PS

Friday 8 March

Lawn Bowls Session 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Tuesday 12 March

P&C Meeting and AGM - 3:15pm

Friday 15 March

Lawn Bowls Session 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Monday 18 March

Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ Alexandra Park

Our Program & Resource Fee is now due. Cost per child is \$40.00.

Reminders

Winter Uniform Order Forms due - ASAP

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Sports News

School Sport

Due to the short notice for our Small Schools Athletics Carnival, we will be focusing on skill development across all ages and all field events during sport sessions for the next few weeks.

Sporting Schools - Lawn Bowls

This term, as part of our Sporting Schools Grant, we will be participating in four one hour sessions of Lawn Bowls. This will be running at the school on the following dates:

Friday 8 March
Friday 15 March
Friday 22 March
Friday 29 March

Small Schools Swimming Carnival



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Active Kids Vouchers

From 1 January 2019 parents across NSW can claim and redeem their next \$100 Active Kids voucher. The program runs until 2021. That means, each year, parents can access \$100 per school-enrolled child to cover registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

With over 9,500 approved Active Kids providers, kids can swim, twirl, jump, kick and hurdle their way into loads of sport and active recreation activities.

This year's voucher is valid until 31 December 2019, so kids can get active all year-round.

Please go to <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids> for more information or to apply for a voucher.



Creative Kids Vouchers



Why are creative activities important for my child?

Children have unlimited creative potential. They are curious, playful, imaginative, and open to new experiences. Creativity is not a fixed quantity, but a renewable skill and a way of thinking that can be improved and nurtured by allowing a child's potential to develop.

Research has shown that children's engagement with creative activities has positive effects on their interpersonal, intellectual, social and emotional development.

- They engage with their imagination and originality as they imagine and explore original ideas.
- Children who use fantasy and imagination are better able to engage in divergent thinking, and to generate ideas.
- They stretch their flexibility, maintaining openness to unique and novel experiences.
- They practise decision making, the ability to make thoughtful choices that support creative efforts.
- They hone their communication and self-expression skills, learning to communicate ideas and their authentic selves with confidence.
- They find internal motivation in striving to achieve a meaningful goal.
- They experience the benefits of collaboration as they develop social skills that foster creative teamwork.
- By using action and movement, they boost their creative potential through physical activity.

How do I apply for a voucher?

You can apply for a Creative Kids voucher through your MyServiceNSW Account. To do this, you'll need to log into or create an account and select the Creative Kids' icon under Services.

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

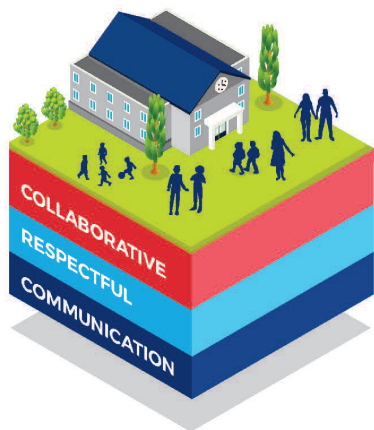
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

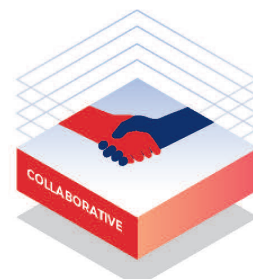
Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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Communication.

School Community Charter

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Walbundrie Whereabouts



	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1	1	28/1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	29/1 SDD	30/1 First Day of Term1 for Years 1-6	31/1 First Day of Term1 for Kindergarten	1/2
	2	4/2 Mobile Library	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2 Small Schools Swimming Carnival @ Walla
	3	11/2 School Library	12/2 P&C Meeting - 3:15pm	13/2	14/2	15/2
	4	18/2 Mobile Library	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2 SRPSSA Swimming Carnival @ Lavington
	5	25/2 School Library	26/2	27/2	28/2	1/3
	6	4/3 Mobile Library Far Out - Treasures to the Bush State Library @ Burrumbuttock PS	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3 Lawn Bowls 12:00pm-1:00pm
	7	11/3 School Library	12/3 P&C Meeting - AGM 3:15pm	13/2	14/3	15/3 Lawn Bowls 12:00pm-1:00pm
	8	18/3 Mobile Library Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ Alexandra Park	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3 Lawn Bowls 12:00pm-1:00pm
	9	25/3 School Library	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3 Lawn Bowls 12:00pm-1:00pm
	10	1/4 Mobile Library	2/4	3/4 Small Schools Cross Country Carnival @ Bowna Waters Reserve	4/4	5/4
	11	8/4 School Library	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Last Day of Term 1

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