



*For your diary*

**Week 3**

**Friday 7 May**  
Mother's Day Stall  
**Saturday 8 May**  
Wellington Show  
**Sunday 9 May**  
Mother's Day

**Week 4**

**Tuesday –Thursday 11-13 May**  
Year 3, 5-NAPLAN  
**Friday 14 May**  
Pirate Day

**Week 5**

**Wednesday 19 May**  
National Simultaneous  
Storytime 11am  
**Friday 21 May**  
Parent Assembly, 9am

**Week 6**

**Friday 28 May**  
3-6 State Cross Country, Sydney

**Week 7**

**Friday 4 June**  
3-6 Athletics Carnival, Dubbo  
Minute to Win it Games, 5pm

**Week 8**

**Tuesday 8 June**  
HOH Red Threadz Fundraiser

**Week 9**

**Monday 14 June**  
Queen's Birthday Long Weekend  
**Friday 18 June**  
Parent Assembly, 9am

**Week 10**

**Friday 25 June**  
NAIDOC Day  
Last Day of Term 2

*Principal's Perspective*

Term 2 has begun with a flourish! The gorgeous colours of Autumn are decorating the playground and creating piles of colourful confetti to play in. The sunshine is still warm and inviting and we are happy to be together! Our God has blessed us with a beautiful season this year and in many other ways too. Our school has been selected to be the recipient of a number of grants over the last few months that are all directed at helping our students focus on learning after a long period of struggle.

The long drought, the bushfires, the pandemic and a number of heartbreaking local tragedies have all had an impact on the childhood of this generation of children. There hasn't been a time since the Second World War where children have been so seriously impacted by national and global crises. So, it is wonderful to live in a country where our State and Federal Governments are looking closely, talking to people, and listening to the issues impacting our kids.

Our school has been well provided for, as have others in our region, so that we can do more to focus on the areas where they need the most support. Here are just some of the highlights:

**The Waratah Project** has provided us with opportunities to invest in **upgrading our Library**, which had not seen many new books for more than ten years! As a result, Mrs Root has seen borrowings increase at an incredible rate as students are falling in love with reading the many exciting new books we have purchased. This has a huge impact on student learning! Come and check them out if you have the chance.

All classes are now learning **Wiradjuri language** with Miss Sloane. She is able to study Wiradjuri online thanks to the Waratah Project and is simultaneously creating lessons each week for our students! Did you know that learning another language actually helps students to learn English? Understanding language features in Wiradjuri helps to fire up the part of the brain where students are learning English and their understanding of grammar and even mathematics concepts has increased. Not to mention how proud we all are to learn the language of the country we live on!

K-2 have now begun the **InitialLit**, whole class program for English. This is very exciting for our school as we have wanted to purchase it and undergo the teacher training for around seven years. InitialLit is a highly regarded method for teaching early Literacy that has been proven to reduce the need for further interventions in reading and writing. It is designed to explicitly teach every skill for Literacy so that all students can flourish in a fun and very well-structured way.

**The COVID Intensive Learning Support Program** has provided funds for us to be able to employ two of our existing teachers for 3 extra mornings per week to work closely with students who need help to catch up after the interruption to learning last year. All students have been assessed in Stage 2 and Stage 3 and they will be receiving targeted Literacy and Numeracy support from Mrs Janetzki and Mrs Smith for the rest of the year. What an amazing blessing!

In addition to these two projects our school has also received extra funding to enhance our **Chaplaincy program** with Mr Parris and to provide the support of a **School Psychologist** one day a fortnight to address the learning, social and emotional needs of our students. This has been an incredible answer to prayer because we know how important it is that each child is able to receive the support they need to grow and thrive.



Our God is a good Father who provides for us so well. We are grateful for the incredible blessings he gives us.

Blessings!

Jo Blatch, Principal.

**Community Notices**

**Wellington Church Services**

**Anglican Church**, Crn Warne & Percy Streets, Phone: 6845 3410

Sunday 9am Traditional Service

Sunday 5pm Contemporary Service—The Gathering (Parish Hall)

Friendship Dinner held 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 6pm, no cost all welcome.

**Baptist Church**, 77 Swift St, Phone: 6845 3779

Sunday Service 9.30am

**Catholic Church**, 58 Warne Street, Phone: 6845 2061

Saturday Mass Times: 5pm

Sunday Mass Times: 10am, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

8am, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**Riverside Church**, 170 Thornton Street Wellington, Phone: 0422 324 712

Sunday Service 10am

**Uniting Church**, Crn Arthur and Maxwell Streets, Phone 6845 1853

Sunday Service 9am

**House of Prayer**, 2 Lee Street

1st Wednesday of the month, 10am –12noon, Devonshire Tea for Ladies.

**From the Board**

The Board is responsible to oversee our schools. Part of this involves us regularly reviewing how well our senior staff are performing. This year we engaged an external consultant, CEN and it was Mrs Blatch's turn. The review involved all staff, as well as the Board, providing confidential input. The review has just been completed and the Board has received the results.

We want the WCS community to know that the results for Mrs Blatch were outstanding across all the areas reviewed. The reviewer, who has seen many such reviews, indicated that she had seen none better. I think we all knew Mrs Blatch is doing an excellent job and this independent report confirms it. Well done to Mrs Blatch and

thank you for the great work you are doing at Wellington.



**Andrew Boog**  
Board Chair

**Parents as Teachers**

**Term Two 2021**

-DATES-	-TIME-
<b>Thursday</b>	10:45am to 12:00pm
	-PLACE-
6 <sup>th</sup> May	2 Naniima Crescent, Wellington 2820
13 <sup>th</sup> May	
20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>For more information contact:</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Paris @ Mission Australia 6884 8526
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Or Maree @ Communities for Children 6840 1734

Parents as teachers is a play based parenting program, where we encourage positive interactions with our children in a safe and secure environment, whilst providing you guys with a bit of information on our children's social, emotional and physical development.

**MISSION AUSTRALIA** together we stand

**CREATIVE COMMUNITY CONCEPTS**  
CONNECTING & EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

**\* DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS \*  
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE**

123 Parenting Through Sport

**Come and join in with our 3 week Footy For Fun program which includes:**

- Teaching basic skills of Rugby League
- Preparing children for primary school with fun literacy and numeracy games through physical activity
- Resources provided to parents to further develop gross motor skills for their children at home
- Connecting parents to local service providers

**WELLINGTON—Cameron Park—Library and**  
10.30 am  
20/04/2021—04/05/2021—18/05/2021

PROUD COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**WELLINGTON OWBOYS J.R.L.F.C.**

**IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN PLAYING JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE?  
REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2021 SEASON ARE NOW OPEN!**

Register online at [mysideline.com.au](https://mysideline.com.au) today!

Registration fee is \$140 (NSW active kids voucher for \$100 is available)

Age groups: Tackle- 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15/16  
League Tag- 9, 11, 15, 17

Training: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm to 5/5:30pm (bring water, protective gear & boots)

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to ensure our kids have a fantastic season this year, no experience required. Mums, dads, aunts, uncles and all community members are encouraged to show support and assist our committee in every aspect. Help setting up on game days, working the canteen, supervision at training and much more.

Season kicks off on the 1st May!

Lets have some fun!

Any queries contact email:  
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committee members directly:  
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**Seasons for Growth (Dubbo)**

When: This is an 8 week program and participants are sorted into Levels based on age.

- Level 1 commences 4pm 27 April 2021
- Level 2 commences 4pm 28 April 2021
- Level 3 commences 4pm 29 April 2021

Where: NALAG Dubbo Branch (7 Welchman Street, Dubbo)

Cost: FREE

Group sessions to support children and young people (6-13yrs) experiencing loss. Seasons for Growth, developed by Good Grief, incorporates a wide range of age-appropriate activities involving drawing, role-play, stories, discussion, playdough, music and journal activities.



**ANZAC Day March:** Thank you to the students and families who represented Wellington Christian School in the ANZAC March. Our School Captains, Samara and Nash laid a wreath on our behalf. We are grateful to those who served in the Australian armed forces across history and those who are serving now and their example of service and sacrifice.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15.13



**Year 3-4 Maths Scoot** (moving around the room answering questions) practising the jump strategy for addition.



**Interest groups:** Students have enjoyed a variety of different crafts and skills on our Tuesday afternoons, which unfortunately, have come to an end. If you are going to the Wellington Show Saturday 8 May, keep an eye out for our school display and for our student entries in the children’s art, craft & baking sections!



**Year 1-2 Maths** used bags of lollies to learn division. They first counted all the lollies, then divided it by how many people in the class, and finally worked out how many to give each group so that everyone received an equal amount of lollies!



## PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

### Praise Points:

- Praise God for the holidays and bringing our students back safe and sound.
- Praise God for the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions and the privilege of welcoming back parents and the wider community back on site.

### Prayer Points:

- Pray for the DCS staff and the Vincent family as they grieve the loss of their colleague, friend and family member.
- Pray for the culture of our school, that it would be a place where everyone belongs, pray that this will be a strong foundation of who we are as we grow in number.

## FOR PARENTS

- ♦ **School Fees:** Term 2 invoices have been issued via email, they were due last Friday, 23rd April, unless otherwise arranged with school. Your prompt payment is appreciated. Any questions, please contact Mrs Bishop 6845 1999 or email fees@wellingtoncs.com.au.
  - ♦ All **notes** that are sent home are also available on OurWCS, as well as the **School Calendar**.
  - ♦ **Dress Uniform:** Monday & Tuesday  
**Sport Uniform:** Wednesday—3/4  
Thursday—K-2  
Friday—5/6
- Students can choose to wear sports uniform on another day (they can only choose Wednesday, Thursday or Friday) other than their sports day listed above.
- ♦ **Head lice:** Please be vigilant in checking your child/ren's hair regularly and retreat if needed. If you child/ren have long hair, please braid or bind it tightly.
  - ♦ Year 3 & 5 Parents were sent out a note at the beginning of term about **NAPLAN**, see ourWCS for the note <https://ourwcs.wellingtoncs.com.au/homepage/52>. There will be 4 tests from 11 —13 May. Students have been doing practise tests in class.



Young Life (and Mrs McCallum from the Christian Bookstore) are pleased to be operating a Mother's Day stall at WCS on Friday 7 May at lunchtime. There will be many gifts available to purchase, including leather goods from Saddler & Co. Prices range from \$1–\$25.

K-2 parents, please put your money in an envelope with your child's name on it and let your child know to give it to their class teacher.



**Pirate Day: Friday 14 May,** Aaaaarr you ready? Dress up like a pirate, bring in a gold coin to raise money for childhood brain cancer research.

## Revive Livingroom

**For:** Parents & carers with children not yet at school.

**When:** Each Thursday 9.15am—11.30am

**Cost:** Gold coin. Donations for Coffee.

**Where:** The Café -please sign-in with QR code & paper sign-in sheet.



## Student Corner

**Name:** Chelsea Bailey



**Age:** 8

**Year:** 4

**Favourite Movie:** Go

**Favourite game:**

Uno, scootering & iPad games.

**What do you want to do when you grow up?** I'm not sure, maybe a wife & mum

**What makes a good friend?** Helping others.

**Name:** Miyah Ney



**Age:** 10

**Year:** 5

**Favourite book:**

Narnia Series by

C.S. Lewis.

**Favourite game:** Handball.

**What do you want to do when you grow up?** Actor, lawyer, ventriloquist.

**What makes a good friend?** Being nice to others no matter what and immediately helping them if something bad happens.

## Sprouts



## YOU FIRST

### WHAT DOES O.T.H.E.R.S MEAN?

This month we are focusing on the importance of putting others before yourself. God challenges us not to be selfish and to instead think of others first, in order to bring true joy and happiness to everyone. A great tool to put this into action is the acronym **O.T.H.E.R.S**, which stands for **observe, think, honour, encourage, respect, and serve.**

