

## SCHOOL TALK

14 May 2021 Term 2 Week 4

### For your diary

#### Week 5

##### **Wednesday 19 May**

National Simultaneous Story time,  
11am

##### **Friday 21 May**

Parent Assembly, 9am

#### Week 6

##### **Friday 28 May**

3-6 State Cross Country, Sydney

#### Week 7

##### **Tuesday 1 June**

DCS Open Day

##### **Friday 4 June**

3-6 Athletics Carnival, Dubbo  
WCS Family -Minute to Win it Games, 5pm, WCS grounds.

#### 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

What a heritage we have at Wellington Christian School! This week I have been digging around in the archives looking for photos to post on our school Facebook Group page in preparation for our 40th Anniversary celebrations next year. It has been a joy to reconnect with past students and staff from all the way back to 1982, when it all began.

As I often do, I have been reflecting on what God has done for the community of Wellington through his school. We are all part of a much bigger story in history and it's always really important to look back and see what God has brought us through and where he is leading us in the future.

The majority of the comments on the photographs have been very similar. So many of the hundreds of students who have been part of our school have felt that their times at WCS were the best years of their lives. The friendships made, the connections with teachers and that indescribable sense of something special you feel when you walk through the gate into the grounds all tell the story of God's blessing.

The pioneering families, back in 1981 when the first meetings were held to discuss the possibility of starting a different kind of school in Wellington, all had the same purpose. They wanted the choice to be able to educate their children in a school that upheld the values and beliefs they had built their lives upon. God has given the responsibility of raising children to families. It's so important that we don't take for granted the freedom we have in Australia to choose the way our children are taught about the world.

As our Board, Berakah Christian Education, make strategic plans for the continuation of Christian Schooling in Wellington and Dubbo they are determined to honour the families who entrust their children to our schools. They work tirelessly to ensure that our schools continue to be a beacon of light and love, hope and joy for children as they navigate the challenges of growing up in an increasingly challenging world. The truths that are deeply embedded in the Bible about God's good plan for each person will guide the way we do the business of teaching and learning and growing together.

Next year, when we celebrate our 40th Anniversary, I hope that we will also commit ourselves to holding tight to the uniqueness of Wellington Christian School. A place where every child can belong. Where they are seen and heard, known and supported to learn and grow in all aspects of their being. A place where families can entrust their precious ones to each day, knowing that the values and truths that we learn from living a life the way Jesus has shown us will influence everything we do and say.



Blessings!

Jo Blatch, Principal.



We hope you all had a happy Mother's Day last Sunday! Thank you to Young Life, Dubbo & Mrs MacCallum from Wellington Christian Bookshop for bringing gifts for our children to purchase to celebrate their Mothers/Carers & Grandmothers.

Right: Our glorious Autumn leaves.



## Community Notices



**DUBBO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
LEARNING IN TRUTH

**K-12 OPEN DAY**

1 June 2021 | 9am - 12pm

No RSVP necessary  
Check in on the day

141 Sheraton Road | (02) 6882 0044  
dubbocs.edu.au | enrolments@dubbocs.edu.au



### The Cartoon Camps have come back to Western NSW

Dubbo 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May / Orange 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June / Bathurst 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Saturday: 10am - 2pm / 2pm - 6pm / 6pm - 9pm Sunday: 10am - 2pm**  
**\$40 per class**  
[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)  
**EARLY BIRD**

Book before 5pm Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 for the Early Bird Special.

Book all 4 classes (1, 2, 3, 4) & we will give your child a set of 4 Cartooning Books valued at \$40.

No phone booking enquiries only: 9am - 5pm (EST)  
Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day

**Enquiries: (02) 9343 0833**  
[bookings@cartoongkingdom.com.au](mailto:bookings@cartoongkingdom.com.au)  
[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

Mails Suite 2, 29 Newland Street, Bondi Junction 2022

**Dubbo** Sat 29<sup>th</sup> - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Lindesay School 15  
5 Welchman Street,  
Dubbo

**Orange** Sat 12<sup>th</sup> - Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Bleddington Public School  
139 Matthews Avenue,  
Orange

**Bathurst** Sat 19<sup>th</sup> - Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Bathurst Girl Guides Hall  
Corner Charlotte &  
William Streets,  
Bathurst

- Covid-Safe
- Working with Children Checks
- A professional cartoonist will be running the program
- All art materials included
- We accept Creative Kids vouchers valued at \$100. If the children wish to come for the full weekend, the cost will only be \$60 per child

If using the \$100 Creative Kids Voucher

1. First contact service NSW. Each child aged 4 - 17 is allowed \$100 per year to attend our programs.

2. Once you have the Vouchers please call our office: 02 9943 0633 (8.30am - 4.30pm Mon - Fri)

The voucher starts with 9999...

We need the child's name & their date of birth.

If they were born in 2004 or earlier, you only need to pay \$60 per child difference.

**BARNARDOS WELLINGTON**  
**Yalmambirra Learning Centre**

**Trainee Position (After School Program)**

12 Months Fixed Term Contract.  
Monday to Friday - 35 hours per week:  
10:00am to 5:30pm

Contact Mark Hoare or Kerrynne Swan  
on (02) 5824 3000 or email:  
[kswan@barnardos.org.au](mailto:kswan@barnardos.org.au) or  
[mhoare@barnardos.org.au](mailto:mhoare@barnardos.org.au)

for full Position Description and to submit EOI.

**Closing date: 5pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

Trainee is expected to undertake study via TAFE in Community Services Cert IV or similar. A Working with Children Check Clearance and National Police Check is required.

## Become a foster carer

There are more than 50,000 children in Australia who are in need of a loving home. Who need to feel connected. Who need to feel safe. Who need you.

Whether you are giving a child a long-term home, or stepping in to help in a crisis, being a foster carer is a hugely rewarding experience.

You are STRONG, you are BRAVE, you are READY!

Contact Challenge Foster Care on 1800 084 954, [fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au](mailto:fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au) or visit our website [challengecommunity.org.au](http://challengecommunity.org.au) to find out more about becoming a foster carer.

**CHALLENGE**  
Community Services

Foster Care

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**WARRANGU RIVER STORY DOBBY TOUR**  
supported by Kelsey Iris

**WED 19 MAY**  
WIRADJURU  
WELLINGTON  
WINS Community Centre  
Free youth HipHop workshop  
4pm - 8pm

**FRI 21 MAY**  
Wellington PCYC  
show - free from 8pm

**REGISTER NOW**  
[www.dobby.com.au/tour](http://www.dobby.com.au/tour)

**Rotary mherv**  
men's health education rural van

**FREE men's health checks!**

On the road now, headed our way ...

May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (Wed & Thurs)  
Wellington Library car park  
from 10am

mherv has saved hundreds of men's lives in Regional Australia... These were the blokes who could suddenly have dropped dead in the pub mherv saw it coming... they were the smart ones who saw mherv first! If you can't remember when you last had a checkup ... it's time!  
Get checked ... see mherv ... it's free!



The house and gardens at Dundullimal Homestead will be open on Saturday 15 May 2021 10am to 4pm. Bring Please register for free on our website. Visitor numbers need to be managed.

On Sunday 16 May, the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music will be performing classical music and opera in the garden from 2pm. Tickets must be purchased for the performance and are available <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/14303/opera-at-dundullimal>.

## The Wellington Show



Well done staff & students on individual writing & art prizes, our school display and our cooking interest group, who won First Prize for their biscuits, slices, marble cake & Second for their chocolate cake!



**Pirate Day:** We all had fun dressing up as pirates. We raised \$90.70 for The Kids' Cancer Project to fund childhood brain cancer research, where they are looking into better treatments and ultimately a cure.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER POINTS

### Praise Points:

- Praise God for the lovely autumn weather and beautiful autumn colours.
- Praise God for the Waratah Funding, the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program funding and funding for extra Chaplaincy & School Psychologist.

### Prayer Points:

- Pray that our students can grow and thrive with the extra support.
- 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

- ◆ All **notes** that are sent home are also available on OurWCS, as well as the **School Calendar**.
- ◆ **Head lice:** Please be vigilant in checking your child/ren's hair regularly and retreat if needed. If your child/ren have long hair, please braid or bind it tightly.
- ◆ **Parent Assembly:** next Friday 9am, WCS Hall, please sign in using the QR Code & paper sign-in sheet. All welcome to come and see what our students have been doing.



Year 5-6 Science conducted tests with soil samples to work out what soil type they were. They had to follow the flowchart to determine the soil type.

Follow the WCS journey by connecting with us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/Wellington-Christian-School-959925557540387>

## Revive Living room

**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:** Beau Edward Herring  
**Age:** 7  
**Year:** 1  
**Favourite book:** The Faraway Tree

by Enid Blyton

**Favourite game:** Avengers Game.

**What do you want to do when you grow up?** Police Officer.

**What makes a good friend?** Letting other people in front of you.



**Name:** Zeb Ferguson-Edwards  
**Age:** 8  
**Year:** 2  
**Favourite book:** Dogman by Dav Pilkey and Wings of Fire by TT Sutherland.

**Favourite game:** Pokemon Sword.

**What do you want to do when you grow up?** A mechanic.

**What makes a good friend?** Playing with and helping others.

## Sprouts

Starting Term 3 2021

School readiness program for 4-year-olds starting Kindergarten in 2022 to help children grow and flourish as they prepare for big school

Contact us to find out more

## You can make a difference

Please continue the conversation by posing this simple question at the dinner table over a meal: "What are some ways that we can practice not being selfish around the house?" What a powerful opportunity for your child to share what they are learning, put it into practice and see the positive effect it has on the atmosphere in your home. When students learn friendships they learn it for life, and this includes the friendship they share with each member of your family.

