



NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3, WEEK 8

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PBL FOCUS THIS WEEK: Learning From Home

COMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>More Info</u>
POSTPONED 1-September	PARENT SESSION— Sounds Write Reading	Parents and Carers	Learn all about the program we are using in K-2 whole class learning and Year 3-6 intervention
POSTPONED 3-September	Education Week Assembly	All Students	Band and Choir performing.
6 September	Maggie Dent Webinar - 'practical parenting during the pandemic'	Parents and Carers	4:00-5:15 via Zoom. More info to come. All welcome
POSTPONED 10-September	Crazy Hair Day	All students	More details to come
17 September	Last Day of Term 3	All students	
4 October	Public Holiday	All students	No school this day
5 October	First Day of Term 4	All Students	Fingers crossed
POSTPONED 15-17 November	Lake Cullulleraine Camp	Year 4/5	At this stage still going ahead. More info will be released soon.

Learning@Home Website

Everything you need to know about how Learning From Home is happening at Wentworth Public School can be found at our Learning@Home website - <https://tinyurl.com/wr38nu8>

Hard copy work packs can also be picked up from the front office.

Students can call their teacher at any time in the school day via the 'teacher hotline' phones (numbers are on the Learning@Home website and at the school office) and check in on their daily Zoom sessions.

Principal's Message

Please see below the rough transcript of the video posted to the school Facebook and Seesaw pages on Sunday evening.

Hi everyone,

Just checking in after our first two weeks of Learning From Home. With the NSW State Government announcing the state-wide lockdown to be extended until the 10th of September, we will be Learning From Home until then. So that means we have at least two more weeks of Learning From Home. Once our part of NSW is released from the stay at home orders we will be back at school. This means that we may be back at school for Week 10 of this term, or more likely at the start of Term 4 after the school holiday period.

Thank you to everyone who has been getting involved and helping their students complete work – it is no easy task and I know some days might be harder than others. Please know that the school is here to help and we know everyone is trying really hard. Don't worry if you need a day off school work whilst learning from home to keep the house sane and the relationship with your students positive.

Thank you to the 25 families who completed our week 2 survey – a few things to note from the survey

- 2 thirds of our families are using a mix of hard copy packs and the Learning@Home website
- 80% of our families are completing Tier 1 activities
- 46% of our families are completing either the online or offline Tier 2 NSW DoE Guided learning packages
- 10% of families completed some of the Tier 3 show booklet last week
- About 50% of families are spending between 3 and 4 hours completing work each day, with the other 50% spending 3 or less hours each day completing Learning From Home tasks
- 40% of families may be feeling a bit overwhelmed by Learning From Home. Thank you for your honesty in this and the school will make sure we make contact with you to see how we can help.
- Our families are loving the daily Zoom sessions which I know the teachers are as well and these will continue

A few things to note this week.

- There is a new 'Tier 3' unit of work called 'The Zoo', you may recognise it from last year – the activities are still just as good and relevant for those families looking for some extra work in addition to our Tier 1 classroom teacher-led activities.
- New post box at school to drop off hard copy work for those families who are having trouble with Seesaw or internet access. The teachers will then upload it to seesaw for you.
- Each day each class has a 'star activity' this week. Every time a student completes the task and puts it in the new post box or posts it to their teacher on seesaw they will get one ticket into our end of week raffle. There will be lots of prizes and these tasks will be able to be done by all of our students – so make sure you collect your work pack to access the star activities. Prizes this week will include a drone, Lego and colouring packs. Every star activity completed will also get a PBL ticket into our end of Term PBL raffle for being persistent by striving to do your best and having a go again and again.
- The school will be providing our families to a link on Seesaw for a Zoom webinar with Maggie Dent about Practical Parenting in the Pandemic on Wednesday afternoon. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOW NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON - more info to come**
- We will have Fun Friday again this week, with all classes also having a Wellbeing Wednesday activity

Our goal as a school this week is to have all of our families complete some tasks this week.

The teachers have loved receiving your calls on their teacher hotline phones the last couple of weeks, so keep ringing them between 9:30 and 3:30 if your children need help, just have a question or just need a chat, we are here to help.

As always – please let me know if I can help in any way or can help you with anything.

Mr Hodgetts

Principal

Learning From Home - Positives and Pics

Loving Zoom and the themes that the teachers set, gives them excitement for the day!

Maths and reading.

The Zoom lessons.

Teachers are doing a fabulous job!

Sounds (phonics) and reading going wonderful.

Zoom meetings are brilliant!

Getting better as time goes on.

What have you enjoyed?

Been going well.

Receiving regular feedback on completed work.

Zoom catch ups with their teachers, other students and friends.

Mr Gray is absolutely awesome!

Getting the tasks done in the morning.

Having the work in advance.

It's good having a hard copy of maths sheets to upload to seesaw.

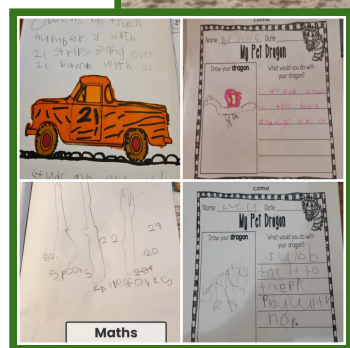
Love being to sit down and work things out with my student.

Being able to do work when we can.

Kids are loving it.

Many options provided by the school.

Enjoying the one on one time.



Maths


Parent and Carer Pandemic Survival packs





The school and Sarah our Chaplain have put together some parent/carer pandemic survival kits - one per family. Make sure you grab one next time you are up at school.


Mr Hodgetts would like to apologise to any families that he has forgotten to give one to so far this week, please grab one next time you are at school :)





 Bandaid - because feelings sometimes get hurt and we can always say sorry


 Rubber band - so you can be flexible when things might not go to plan


 Paper clip - so you can hold it all together


 Feather - to lighten your heavy load


 Candle - to remind you there's a light at the end of the tunnel


 Stickers - to remind you that you can stick with us in this

 KitKat - please remember, take a break when you need to

 Seeds - to remind you that you're growing through this hard time

 Tea bag - take a few minutes to yourself and relax

 Mints because you're worth a mint to those around you

 Crayon - to make your day bright and colourful

Star Activity Raffle

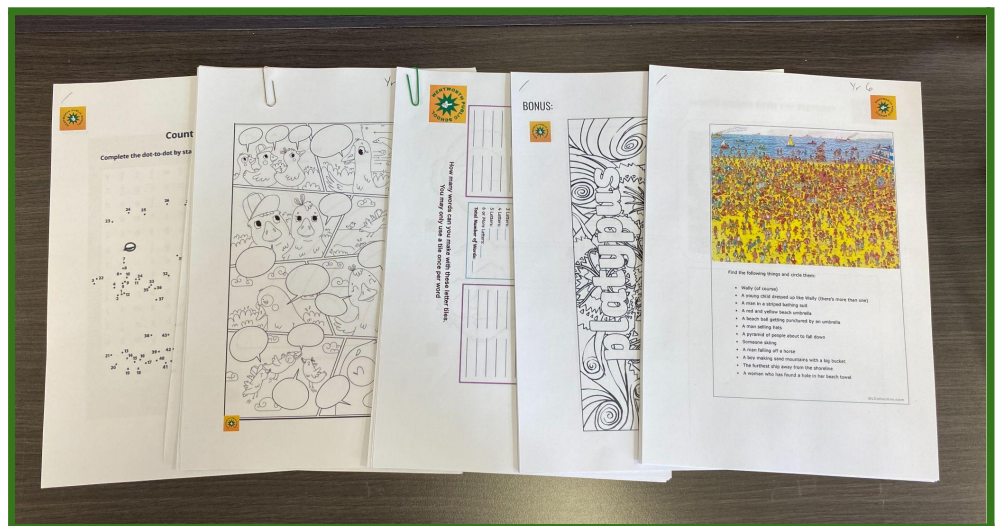


The poster features a green background with yellow and white confetti. At the top center is the Wentworth Public School logo, a green star with a hand pointing up, surrounded by the text 'WENTWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL'. Two large yellow laughing face emojis are positioned on either side of the logo. Below the logo, the text 'WENTWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in white. The main title 'STAR ACTIVITY RAFFLE' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, a paragraph of text explains the raffle rules. Surrounding the text are images of prizes: a box of Crayola Animal Friends Colored Pencils, a box of Crayola Colored Pencils, a box of Jumbling Tower, a box of Pop-N-Hop, a container of Borealis Menthol Gum, a white drone, a LEGO Technic set, and a LEGO City set.

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STAR ACTIVITY RAFFLE

Each day this week there is an activity in the workpack that has the 'star sticker' at the top of this poster. Post these activities to Seesaw or return them to the **ORANGE POSTBOX** at school for your chance to win one of 20 prizes each week.



NSW Primary Principals' Association presents
**Practical Parenting in a
Pandemic**



Monday 6th September

4.00-5.15pm

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69212945735?pwd=WWVKYjRubDFGdW10TFpEUW5XVEVpQT09>

Passcode: parent

*“Regardless of how long it will take, this pandemic will end. Everyone is being impacted, inconvenienced, challenged, has lost something of value and had their lives shaken to the core.”
(Maggie Dent)*

Content

In this webinar Maggie explores the layers of stress, anxiety and grief for families that have been created by the pandemic. She then dives into the issue of students learning from home. Maggie will explore the reality of parents working from home with kids or teens underfoot, with some doing digital learning while in social isolation.

Resources

This webinar includes free resources, a comprehensive handout and will be available as a recording for a month after the event for schools to access.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

LEARNING FROM HOME, WEEK 2



Kinder - Jack Snow -
For going above and beyond during home learning.



Year 1/2 - Beau Blore -
For showing persistence in his learning, especially his reading.



Year 2/3 - Bryce Witte -
For showing persistence in all his online learning and putting in a lot of effort in the work he presents on Seesaw.



Year 3/4 Y - Logan Witte -
For his persistence in all of his tasks and striving to improve his information report writing.



Year 3/4 G - Cody Pollard-
For commitment to submitting work.



Year 5 - Jamon Baird -
For making the choice to extend himself in maths.



Year 6 - Shantaya Burow -
For stepping up and showing leadership skills to younger students and giving 100% to all work tasks.