From the Principal – Denise Lockrey

Wonderful Happenings at Wenty!

Wenty’s Got Talent 2016

I had the pleasure last week of being an audience member with many families for the 2016 Wenty’s Got Talent. It was fantastic to see so many students participate in the creative arts and provide engaging performances and develop their creative skills.

These days do not just happen. They occur because of dedicated teachers who give up numerous hours rehearsing and supporting student performances.

Thank you to all the teachers involved in making Wenty’s Got Talent happen in 2016! A special thanks to Miss Chamoun, Mrs Moorhouse and Mrs Lawrence who have given up so much of their time for this whole school event. Thank you colleagues. 😊
Community involvement from the students at Wentworthville PS

Being a part of a community and contributing to society is a value and life skill we take great efforts to foster and develop at school for all our students in a variety of ways.

Last week our Choir and Bell Ringers group had the opportunity to positively contribute to our community.

Our wonderful choir, supervised by Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Hall attended the local Senior Citizens “Happy Club” event and sang a number of songs which brought many a smile to faces in the audience. A great opportunity indeed for our students.

I also had the pleasure of seeing our wonderful bell ringer group perform on stage at Parramatta Mall for the Christmas launch.

They played so well and it was terrific to see a number of our families in the audience support the students. It was very pleasing to hear the cheer from the crowd when our school was introduced on stage!

Well done students and again a big thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Hall who gave up their time to make this opportunity possible for our students. Thanks teachers.

Staffing 2017

I have been working with a group of dedicated people in forming interview panels for staff recruitment this term. This will be an ongoing feature as we continue to grow as a school.

It is my pleasure to introduce the following people who will be joining Wentworthville Public School in 2017 and were successful through the Merit Selection Process. I am sure you will welcome our new colleagues next year.

Class Teacher: Mr Mitchell Gilson
Class Teacher: Mr Michael Wong-See
Assistant Principal: Mrs Clare Rafidi (Mrs Rafidi is already a valued teacher in our school and has received her promotion to Assistant Principal! 😊)
Assistant Principal: Mr Gareth Warren

Congratulations!
**Uniform Shop Openings**

Our wonderful uniform shop volunteers who help our families organise children into uniforms will be open the follow days and times in the **first three weeks of school in 2017** to support families with school uniforms:

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**New Finance Option for parents—Parent Online Payments (POP)**

With the new finance system in place, parents have an added feature of being able to pay for excursions and school payments online via a button on the school website—

www.wentwthvil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

We know that many families are already benefiting from this option. Please see this link for the POP note, or you can view and download the note from the WPS website in the ‘Whole School’ notes tab.

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Denise Lockrey—Principal
**Transition Story!**

On Wednesday 23 October eight delightful pre-school children and their educators from Goodstart Early Learning Centre at Wentworthville came to visit our school.

The children had a tour of WPS and then spent some time in KV. They really enjoyed playing some counting games using the dice and Mrs Rafidi was very impressed with their skills!

**Royal Life Saving NSW visit to WPS**

On Friday 2 December, Kindergarten students participated in The Water Smart Kindy Kids presentation from Royal Life Saving NSW.

The program was funded by Wenty Leagues and Club Merrylands Bowling.

The students developed an understanding that environments in and around water can be dangerous.

They also learnt how to recognise safe and unsafe behaviours around water and what to do in an emergency.

We were very lucky to also receive some fantastic resources for our school and the children.
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In the line by Five to Nine

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize for being in the line by 5 to 9

**Week 7 Term 4**
- **Kindergarten**: David Hudson KD
- **Year 1**: Selena Raza 1Z
- **Year 2**: Isabella Robinson 1/2R
- **Year 3**: Hari Ramsundar 3/4D
- **Year 4**: Aiden Johnpillai 4J
- **Year 5**: Venya Reddy Praveen 5/6B
- **Year 6**: Hussain Behsoodi 5/6B

**Week 8 Term 4**
- **Kindergarten**: Sophia Tumaalii KR
- **Year 1**: Udit Gurram 1/2N
- **Year 2**: Anuruddh Yadav 1/2N
- **Year 3**: Crystal Furner 3M
- **Year 4**: Shaima Raufdeen 4J
- **Year 5**: Pushti Patel 5/6B
- **Year 6**: Peter Qian 3-6T

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All students - Class parties note for Thursday December 15
Thank you to all the students who participated in Wenty’s Got Talent. Congratulations to all the participants. It was a fantastic show and a wonderful display of talent. This year we had three categories: Dance, Singing and Music. Congratulations to all the winners. A job well done!

The winners of the dance section were;
2nd place - Saraarji 2 - Ashwin J 3M

The winners of the singing section were;
1st place - Royals - Punya S 5/6B
2nd place - Radioactive - Jallen A 5-6B

The winners of the Music section were;
1st place—Piano pieces - Isabel R 5/6B -
2nd place - Piano pieces - Sai Keshav N 5/6B

Mrs Moorhouse and Miss Chamoun
New Anti-Racism Contact Officers (ARCOs) at Wentworthville Public School

The NSW Department of Education and Communities rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination.

Every school is required to nominate a member of the teaching staff to be the school’s Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO).

At Wentworthville Public School, we have three teachers trained as ARCOs – Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Matheson and Mrs. Gill.

The role of the ARCO is to assist any member of the school community who wishes to bring a complaint of racism. The ARCO may assist in putting the complaint into writing and explaining to the complainant their rights and responsibilities in relation to the procedures contained in the Responding to Suggestions, Complaints and Allegations policy.

The key role is to respond professionally as a mediator to any suggestions or complaints regarding racism at school and to contribute together with other members of the staff to promote anti-racism education.

The following websites provide useful information in relation to anti-racism strategies:

www.racismnoway.com.au
www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au
www.harmony.gov.au
www.myplace.edu.au

Please contact the ARCOs for any issues regarding discrimination at Wentworthville Public School.
Goodbye primary school, hello secondary

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children’s lives. They’ve spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they’ve come a long way from those silly little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent’s or carer’s hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they’ll hold hands with are ‘special friends’, but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surroundings behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

**LOOKING BACK**

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they’ve formed. Here are three ideas:

1. **Let’s celebrate**
   Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn’t become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. Keep them simple and keep them close to the school’s values.

2. **Show gratitude**
   As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you letter can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out and thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.

3. **Enjoy friendships**
   Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early matures stick together and ostracise certain classmates. This is the time for friendly behaviour and in 대해서.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it’s time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in stride, but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school’s culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

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Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
... Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school...

1. **Promote friendships**
   The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they’ll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive.

2. **Be ready to listen**
   Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it’s normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. **Keep your attitude positive**
   Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a Year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

Michael Grose
# Karabi School Holiday Program

**January 2017**

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**IMPORTANT:** Your registration will not be processed if the registration form is incomplete.

Please reserve your spot by handling the permission note & non-refundable booking fee. Registrations are not accepted online, over the phone or through a friend/relative. THANK YOU

**Please note:**
- If you have booked your children to attend any activity but need to cancel, please contact the Centre as soon as possible so we can give their places to other children. Booking fees are non-refundable.
- Karabi reserves the right to change or cancel any of the programs or limit the number of participants due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather, sickness or lack of supervising staff/volunteers). Thank you

**Permission Note**

Your child must be between 5 - 12 years old to join the program. I, the parent/legal guardian of the child/ren named below, give my permission for my child to participate in Karabi Community and Development Services’ School Holiday Program. I understand that while the workers are present to provide care and supervision to ensure the safety of the children attending, Karabi Community & Development Services Inc does not accept responsibility for any incidents that may occur that were unforeseen by any of the supervising workers.

In case of emergency, I authorise Karabi Community and Development Services workers/volunteers to obtain emergency medical care for my child, including ambulance or sending my child to an available hospital or doctor.

**Participant Information:** (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Child’s Name (1): ____________________________
D.O.B. __/__/____ Boy ☐ Girl ☐
Medicare #: __________________________
Child’s Name (2): ____________________________
D.O.B. __/__/____ Boy ☐ Girl ☐
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Cultural Background: __________________________
Dietary Requirements please indicate: __________

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School Holiday Rules and Photo Consent

Please tick: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

I understand that while the workers are present to provide care and supervision to ensure the safety of the children attending, Karabi Community & Development Services Inc does not accept responsibility for any incidents that may occur that were unforeseen by any of the supervising workers.

I have read and understood the Karabi Holiday Program rules and will review them with my child/ren.

I give my consent for my child/ren in my care to be photographed for the purposes of activities she/he/they participate in at the Centre. I understand the photographs or videos will only be used strictly for the purposes of program reporting and updates and will not be individually distributed publicly.

Name of parent/guardian: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Contact #: __________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________

Date: ____________________

Child/ren’s Acknowledgement:
I/We agree to follow the Karabi Holiday Program rules and instructions as explained by my parent/s and given by the workers. I/We will treat all people attending the Karabi Holiday Program and activities with respect. (Child/ren sign this part):

Child’s name (1): __________________________

Child’s name (2): __________________________

Date: ____________________

Karabi School Holiday - Program Rules

1. I will have FUN!!!
2. I will only use NICE WORDS.
3. I will put on sunscreen before going under the sun.
4. I will drink lots of water.
5. I will RESPECT others.
6. I will always ask the adults for permission if I need to go to the toilet or somewhere apart from the group.
7. I will SHARE toys and materials with everyone.
8. I will be part of the TEAM.
9. I will always go with my group.
10. I will listen to and follow what the adult supervisors tell me.

WORKER IN-CHARGE OF PROGRAM

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Email: cdw@karabi.org.au

Seven Hills: Jaesook Ko
Phone No.: 96881084 Mobile: 0411 293 171
Email: cdwtn@karabi.org.au

Constitution Hill: Ini Asemaga
Phone No.: 96317055 Fax: 96317066

January 2017
School Holiday Program
KEEP CALM AND RELAX
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

Registrations OPEN
05th December, 2016 (9:00am)

IMPORTANT:
YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THE REGISTRATION FORM IS INCOMPLETE

Karabi Community & Development Services Inc
Cnr of Darcy Rd & Fyall Ave, Wentworthville
PO Box 181 PENDLE HILL NSW 2145
Ph: 9631 6575
Fax: 9636 5428
Website: www.karabi.org.au

Karabi Community & Development Services is a community based organisation working to support and strengthen the local community through a range of programs and services in the Wentworthville area and its surrounding suburbs.
The simplest way
...to add veg to the dinner plate.

Boost the vegetable content of the evening meal with these quick and easy additions to the dinner plate.

Serve a mixed salad with a lean meat accompaniment, going for plenty of variety in the colour of the salad ingredients.

Grate extra veg into mince-based dishes.

Add a rainbow of different coloured vegetables to a stir fry.

Serve homemade pizza, reducing the meat content and loading up the veg.

Blend veggies into sauces.

Add other root veg to mashed potato, such as pumpkin and sweet potato.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Life Life Well © School Program.
## TERM 4 PLANNER—Updated 7 December 2016

### 2017 Dates

- **Friday January 27** - Staff Development Day (No students)
- **Monday January 30** - Students Years 1-6 arrive
- **Monday January 30** - Wednesday Feb 1 - Kindergarten Best Start Interviews
- **Thursday February 2** - Kindergarten cohort start 9.15am

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- **Dec 12**
  - SDD4 School tour 10am - new enrolments for 2017

- **Dec 13**
  - Community Engagement Topic - End of year celebration
  - Newsletter
  - P&C meeting Time 9am

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