



Term 4 - Week 10

Wednesday 16th December

WESTY WHISPER

2020 Principal's Annual Report

As 2020 draws to a close I couldn't be more proud of our wonderful school. We've taken on every challenge this year has thrown our way in the most difficult year we have ever known.

Teaching and learning continued through dual platforms both face to face and remote learning. I would like to thank our school community and parents/ carers who embraced and supported the learning through these difficult times. This year we employed extra staff to ensure everyone was well supported with their learning. We will continue this support next year with more staff to provide an individualised approach to learning to give our students the best possible chance for the future. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jaime Holloway, who will be taking a break from teaching while she pursues another career, for the outstanding job over many years at our school and welcome a new teacher Ms Bateman, who will be joining us in 2021.

Mrs Harvey has decided to hang up her chalk or should I say her whiteboard marker for the last time. We will miss her being part of West Wallsend PS and thank her for making a difference in the lives of so many students over the years.

The school funded SISA (sport in schools program) this year and will continue for 2021 so that all students can attend. Next year the school will also provide all text and materials to help ease the financial burden on families as the economy recovers.

A big thank you to our P&C who turned the way they functioned overnight to online canteen and pie fundraiser so that our students didn't miss out. They kindly joined with year 6 to provide a joint gift to the school this year and have donated a 3D printer to the library.

I would like to acknowledge the staff both teaching and non-teaching who had the added challenge of being on the front line of supporting students through the difficult times COVID presented and continued to ensure the teaching and learning didn't stop.

Our school leaders who embraced the virtual assembly world and continued to be outstanding school leaders and parliamentary ministers who continued to fulfil their roles supporting the running of the school. As year 6 leave primary school I hope they reflect back on all their years here with us and not just this year but I am sure in years to come they will never forget 2020 as the year not only of COVID but the year they graduated to high school with fond memories.

The executive and I have enjoyed the morning meet and greet on the gates and getting to know students and families. These check-ins have built relationships that otherwise may not have happened so there have been positives out of COVID. COVID has highlighted the critical importance of helping young people build the mindset and skillset to successfully navigate an uncertain and fast changing future. This year has forced all of us to adapt quickly and be resilient in the face of relentless challenges.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish families a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year and look forward to an even better 2021.

Mrs Wasson

Principal

What's on at Westy

Week 10

Wednesday 16th December

***Students last day of Term 4**

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th December

***Staff Development Day (pupil free)**

2021 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th January 2021

***Staff Development Days (pupil free)**

Friday 29th January 2021

***First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6**

Monday 1st February 2021

***First day of Term 1 for Kindergarten**

***On-line lunch orders from today**

Monday 8th February 2021

***Swimming Carnival**

Merry

Christmas



OFFICE NEWS

PRESENTATION DAY

Congratulations to all recipients of awards, medals and books at last Fridays Presentation Day ceremonies. This year the special assemblies were split in to three separate ceremonies to keep in line with the current guidelines.

A big thank you and congratulations to our 2020 school leaders who leave us today and prepare themselves for secondary school. Well done to all our of Year 6 students on an outstanding year of achievements and reaching goals. We wish you well for the next stage in your schooling.

Our 2021 school leaders were announced at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony which was the last assembly of the day. Our leaders for next year are:

School Captain: Bella McDonald

Vice Captain: Chelsea-Lee Moore

Prefects: Myles Jenkins, Georgia Marriott, Kingston Keysell & Mikaela Hill

Congratulations!

Massive thank you goes to our IT extraordinaire Mr Carroll who once again did an incredible job with the planning and co-ordination of all three events

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER

We are so fortunate that restrictions eased and we were able to attend a farewell dinner for our students headed to high school next year. Last night students enjoyed each others company, a lovely meal and a boogie on the dance floor. They then watched a DVD displaying photos of the students through the years, starting with their baby pics.

Thank you again to Mr Carroll for the hours of work required to compile the DVDs and for being DJ on the night. Thank you also to Miss Robertson who made the photo albums for the students to take home as a keepsake.

WETLANDS EXCURIONS

Students enjoyed a wonderful and educational day out in Week 8. Lots of photos taken across the three days can be found by heading to our Facebook page.

P & C NEWS

CANTEEN

On-line ordering of lunches will resume in 2021 with the first day of operation Monday 1st February. The Canteen will not be open on the first day - Friday 29th January.

ANAPHYLAXIS and ALLERGIES – Thank you for your support in helping our students with allergies. Due to the life threatening Anaphylactic allergic reaction to nut and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. They include peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut and chocolate bars.

PRESENTATION DAY

K-2



All photos taken on the day can be found on our Facebook page


3-6



Year 6 - The Class of 2020



COMMUNITY NEWS



Susan Shiner Dance Academy

ENROL NOW FOR 2021

Tuition in RAD Classical Ballet, Character, Pointe, PDA UT Tap, Jazz, Modern, Contemporary, Cheerleading, Crump, Adult Classes and Boys Only Classes

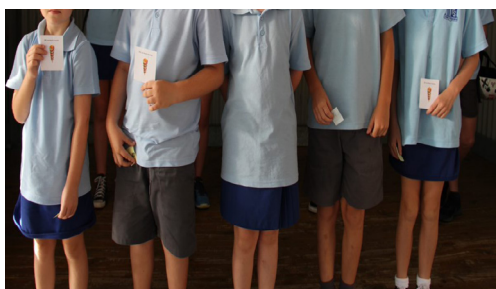
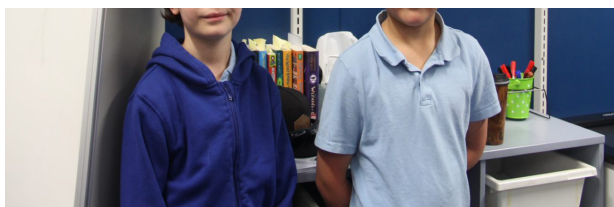
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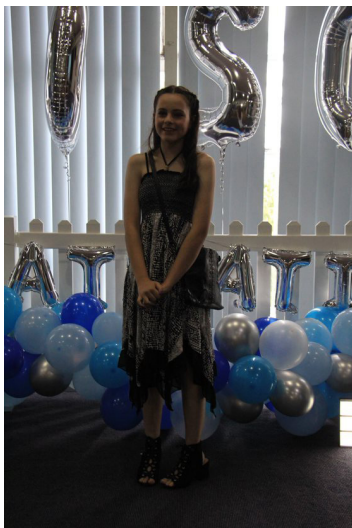
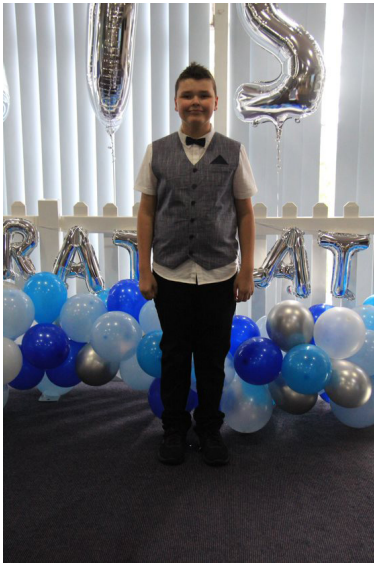
If updating uniforms over the holidays, we have added photos of the recommended uniform.



YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER

Here are some photos taken at the Year 6 Farewell Dinner last night.





Keep an eye out on the school's Facebook page to view all photos taken on the night.

