

Dear Parents and Carers,

**School Holiday: Autumn break begins on Friday 2 April 2021. Students return to school on Tuesday 20 April 2021.**



### **Covid-19 Update**

As you would be aware, restrictions have been eased in NSW effective Monday 29 March. The Department of Education are working with NSW Health to finalise changes that will come into effect in NSW public schools from the commencement of Term 2. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

### **K-2 Easter Hat Parade**



Thursday 1 April 2021, 11:30pm. Our school will acknowledge Easter with our annual K-2 Easter hat parade. This year, our Easter activities will include a Hat Parade for K-2 and performances from Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2. Please

note Covid safe procedures previously communicated for this event; only randomly selected parents may attend.

### **Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2022**

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement for entry in 2022 is about to begin. Opportunity classes cater for high performance and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students. A reminder that an Information Webinar is being held by Mrs Brito on Wednesday 31 March to provide further information about Opportunity Classes and the application process. Please see separate notes for more information about accessing the webinar.

Please note important dates below regarding the application process.

**Tuesday 20 April 2021:** Online applications open

**Friday 7 May 2021:** Online applications close (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

**Wednesday 21 July 2021:** Opportunity Class Placement Test

### **K-6 Cross Country Carnival**

Our annual Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 22 April 2021. Cross country means that students run over uneven terrain, up and down hills, through grass, twigs, dirt and mud. Some of our younger children may have limited experience with walking on this type of surface, much less running. It may be useful for parents to allow children an opportunity to practise this skill during the break, to reinforce the skills their teachers have been giving them in their PE lessons. Please refer to the permission notes sent home with more information.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Term 1

#### Week 10

#### **Tuesday 30 March**

**(30/3/21 to 1/4/21)**

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  
Year 3 Naplan Practice

#### **Wednesday 31 March**

State Swimming  
OC Information Webinar

#### **Thursday 1 April**

Stage 3 return from Canberra  
**Last Day of Term 1**  
**Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 20 April**

**LAST DAY OF  
TERM 1!**

### NAPLAN 2021

This is a national assessment across all schools including independent and Catholic schools. Our students participated in the NAPLAN practice test this week to test the technology. In 2021, the test will be administered over a two-week period, beginning Tuesday 11 May. During class time, students have been learning the skills required in taking tests like NAPLAN, such as question reading, checking all answers in multiple choice questions and time management. This guidance will assist them to demonstrate their knowledge and understandings more successfully under test conditions.

### Stage 3 Camp

Over two hundred Year 5 and Year 6 students departed for Canberra this morning. Our students have been learning about democracy and will take the opportunity to visit our Nation's Capital to see firsthand where and how decisions that affect our country are made. In addition to consolidating learning that is occurring in class, these overnight excursions provide students with the opportunity to grow their independence and manage their emotions. I thank all their teachers and Executive staff who will also accompany our students and also to all the families of these teachers.



### Winter Uniform

As we head into the school holidays and begin to prepare for the winter months ahead, I wish to take this opportunity to remind parents about our school uniform.

Benefits of School Uniform:

- Defining an identity for the school within its community
- Developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- Providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- Enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- Promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- Reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- Increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- Promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- Making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

As required by the Fair Discipline Code, a public meeting voted that this school adopt a policy which requires students to wear the appropriate school uniform at all times. Summer uniform in Terms 1 and 4 and Winter uniform during Terms 2 and 3. This schedule can vary depending on unseasonal weather at the time. The school will advise parents through the Skoolbag app, newsletter and electronic sign if this is the case. At this point in time, we anticipate student will wear their winter uniform from the start of Term 2.

Below is our winter uniform.

#### **Boys' Winter Uniform**

Shirt - Sky blue long sleeve  
Trousers - Navy blue long leg, elastic waist  
Socks - Navy blue ankle  
Shoes - Black leather  
Hat - as for Summer Uniform

#### **Girls' Winter Uniform**

Tunic/slacks - school check  
Blouse - Sky blue long sleeve, Peter Pan collar  
Socks/Stockings - Navy blue  
Shoes - Black leather  
Hat - as for Summer Uniform



Ties are to be worn by girls and boys with winter uniform. V-neck jumpers and bomber jackets in navy blue can be worn with the uniform when necessary. Parents are responsible for adjusting ties with the elastic collar to ensure they sit in the appropriate place around the neck.

The sport uniform is worn on specified days **only**. This may vary from term to term depending on the timetable.

**Boys' Sports Uniform**

Shirt - Sky blue polo  
Shorts - Navy blue  
Socks - White ankle sports  
Shoes - White joggers  
Tracksuit

**Girls' Sports Uniform**

Shirt - Sky blue polo  
Skirt - Navy blue netball  
Shorts - Navy blue  
Socks - White ankle sports  
Shoes - White joggers  
Tracksuit

Families who require assistance to purchase the uniform should contact the school through Mrs Maddalena at our office on 9634 1033.

Any questions regarding the uniforms should be sent to [odpsuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:odpsuniforms@gmail.com)

I wish all families a very Happy Easter and a relaxing holiday break together.

Helen Paris  
Deputy Principal

**Easter Hat Parade - Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2**

Easter is just around the corner and that means it is time to start preparing for our annual Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 1 April. This year, our Easter activities will include a Hat Parade for K-2 and performances from Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2.



The parade will be held from 11:30am on **Thursday 1 April, 2021** where randomly selected parents only are invited to attend.

Students should wear their normal school uniform on parade day.

Kindergarten Teachers

**Class Volunteer Helpers**

Last week around 30 parents attended a workshop to gain skills to support children to learn to read. This presentation will be converted to an online presentation so that all families can access this information. This information will be shared via skoolbag. The school expect that parents/carers attend the workshop, or view it online prior to helping in classrooms.

Julie Torney  
Deputy Principal

## Community News

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**REDBACKS FC****2021 Registrations Still Open!**

It's not too late to register for the 2021 season.



Redbacks FC is a family oriented club based at George Thornton Reserve, West Pennant Hills and catering to players throughout the Hills District. Focussed on grassroots player development, Redbacks FC has teams and competitions for players of all levels and ages from U6s to Over 45s!

Did you know U6s can register **FREE** using your Active Kids Voucher!

**Attention all Girls & Women**

Join our women's and girls only teams, playing in the Sunday competition. Spaces available for individual players or complete teams. Play with your friends!

**Fees reduced to \$150 for Girls and Women**

**For Club and Registration details:**

W: [www.redbacksfc.com](http://www.redbacksfc.com)

F: <https://www.facebook.com/redbacksfootballclub/>

E: [playfootball@redbacksfc.com.au](mailto:playfootball@redbacksfc.com.au)

**West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Football Club**

"The Lions"

Looking for Girls to play in our Under 7 and Under 11 all girls teams who play on Sunday's.

Have fun, play football with us & bring a friend!

**Please call Connie on 0427560497 or email Denise [vp.minis@wphcfc.com.au](mailto:vp.minis@wphcfc.com.au)**

FOR MORE INFO GO TO :

**[wphcfc.com.au](http://wphcfc.com.au)**



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NEW YOUTH WEEK

# SKATE WORKSHOP

LEARN TO SKATE  
CLASSES AND  
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SKATE SESSION

**SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021**  
**11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
BALCOMBE HEIGHTS SKATEPARK 94 Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

 **FREE EVENT FOR AGES 6 YRS AND UP.**  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
REGISTER OR VISIT [TOTEMSKATEBOARDING.COM](https://totemskateboarding.com)

**TOTEM** 

### Supervision of Students

Our teachers supervise children at the following times in the playground:

8:30am-9:00am - Before school

10:55am-11:20am - Recess

1:10pm-2:00pm - Lunch

3:00pm-3:30pm - Bus children only

No child should be at school before 8:30am

No child should remain playing on site in the afternoon

### SCHOOL SECURITY

If you see trespassers in the school out of hours please call school security.

1300 880 021 (24 hours)



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