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Thursday 16th December 2021

Friday 28th January 2022 Staff return

Tuesday 1st February 2022 Students return

Tuesday 1st February 2022 School Swimming Carnival

Friday 4th February 2022 Kindergarten Starts

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for 2021.

It has been a busy couple of weeks and end to our 2021 school year. We have enjoyed many important events and celebrated the end of the school year with some fun activities.

When reflecting on the 2021 school year it is hard not to focus on the period of learning that took place at home in term three and the beginning of term four. It was a challenging time for everyone – our students, our parents and our staff. We were forced to change the way we learnt and our teachers were forced to change the way they provided lessons for their students. Our parents were once again thrust into the role of not only being their child's parent but being their child's teacher.

To our parents I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' - for your patience, for your understanding and for your continued support. I would like to thank you all for dropping everything to take on the role of teacher and for your important contribution to the home learning of your children.

To our teachers I would like to say 'thank you' for ensuring that lessons were prepared for our students and for mastering the technology to provide weekly zoom check-ins.

To our students I say thank you for striving to achieve your personal best when completing your home learning packs. We know how hard the task of learning at home is when you are responsible for following routines and finishing your schoolwork without your teacher physically there to help you. Well done boys and girls for the resilience you showed.

Today marks not only the end of an era for our year 6 students, but it also marks the end of an era for some of our families. I would like to acknowledge Fely and Peter Banner, Gillian and John Cloke, Bonnie and Mark Robinson and Liz and Keith Templeton whose last child finishes at W.F.P.S. today. Thank you for entrusting Wisemans Ferry Public School with the education of your child or children. Thank you for your commitment and support to our school throughout the years. We wish you all the best as you embark on the journey of being a high school parent. We will miss you all but know that we will bump into around the Ferry.

One behalf of all staff I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. I am looking forward to an exciting 2022.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day was evidence that our little school is well and truly a hub of academic and sporting excellence. Working at Wisemans Ferry involves being a part of a team - my team at Wisemans Ferry are amazing. Thank you so much Fran, Karen, Louky, Jenny, Jenni-Mae, Sue and Keith for everything you do for our students and school community. Your energy and love for this school is overwhelming.

We did video Presentation Day; however, Mrs D. is having some technically difficulties downloading the video and this will be a project in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

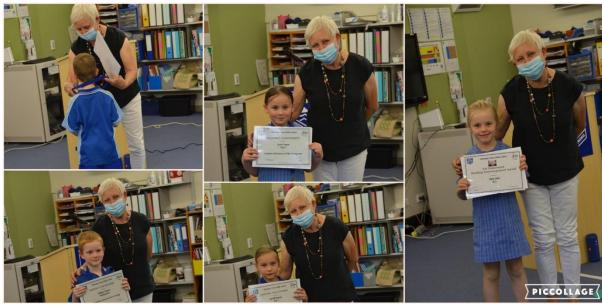
Congratulations to our 2022 leadership body:

School Captain – Amber School Captain – Kamali House Captain (Marra Marra) – Jackson House Captain (Dharug) – Tori House Captain (Wollemi) - Tyler













Year 6 Graduation

Last Monday, we celebrated the end of primary school with our year 6 students and their parents at their 'Graduation Ceremony'. We had a lovely evening. The event was hosted at the 'Heritage Café' and I would like to thank the amazing Cory and Laura for their outstanding hospitality – everything was just perfect. I'd like to thank Jodi who was our baker – she whipped up over 70 delicious cupcakes which formed our graduation cake. There was even enough to share with all students on Tuesday.

We had lots of laughs, shed some tears, listened to Mrs Dorbis ramble on, watched the year 6 video, year 6 were presented with some mementos of their time in primary school and then we played dress-ups for our photo booth.

To Christian, Shay-Leih, Kira, Hayden, Kai, Sarah and Isabella,

It's here, your big day, hip, hip, HOORAY! An amazing adventure awaits you all, one that will present great opportunities, one that will have disappointments, one that will force you to answer tough questions and one that will provide you with many rewards. As you grow through this adventure remember to surround yourself with friends and family as these people will share in your disappointments and share in your success.

Seven years ago, some of you commenced Kindergarten together at Wisemans Ferry Public School while some of you joined the journey along the way. Each one of you has helped shape the lives of the other. You have been each other's support network; you have cheered each other on and fought competitively.

As your years in primary school end take a moment to reflect on all that you have accomplished. Take a moment to thank those who have assisted you along the way and be grateful for the opportunities that you have been given.

As you commence high school take with you the knowledge that you are well equipped for whatever may come your way. Be resilient, stand strong and always be the best that you can be.



School Uniform

When students return to school in 2022, we will be wearing summer uniform. Our summer uniform is outlined below.

Girls Summer Uniform	Boys Summer Uniform
Blue check uniform dress or	Royal blue shorts
Royal blue culottes or Royal blue skorts	School polo shirt
School polo shirt	Black shoes and white socks
Black shoes and white socks	
Sports Uniform - Unisex	
School sport polo shirt (supplied by school)	
Royal blue shorts	
Royal blue skorts	
Sports shoes/runners (preferably black or white) and White socks	
All students are required to wear a school hat. We have a 'No Hat, No Play' policy at school.	

Please remember that when you are purchasing new shoes for school our uniform policy states that students wear black shoes with no other colours evident. Parents may like to purchase black leather sneakers that will double up as school shoes and sports shoes. Thank you for your cooperation.

What to expect in the beginning of 2022

We are all looking forward to 2022. Students in years 1 to 6 return to school on Tuesday 1st February. We have our 2022 school swimming carnival scheduled for this day.

Our new Kindergarten students will commence on Friday 4th February.

In 2022, we will be operating two classes.

- K/1/2 Miss Hawker
- 3/4/5/6 Mrs Harris

Mrs Longhurst will be taking twelve months leave in 2022 and we welcome Mis Kerryn Hawker to our wonderful school. Miss Hawker is an experienced early stage one and stage one teacher and comes to us from Willoughby Public School. She is very much looking forward to teaching at Wisemans Ferry.

During term one and two, Mrs Gibb will continue to deliver our COVID intensive learning support program and library to the students.

Mrs Longhurst

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Mrs Longhurst throughout her years at Wisemans Ferry Public School. Mrs Longhurst has nurtured, cared for and educated our students, present and past. She has taken them lovingly under her wing and tended to their every need both academically and personally and I am sure that Mrs Longhurst has tended to thousands of loose teeth during her time at Wisemans.

Mrs Longhurst has also seen her fair share of staff come and go from Wisemans Ferry Public School and this includes a few Principals. In true Mrs Longhurst fashion, she has taken new staff, including myself, under the other wing and taught them the 'Wisemans Ferry' way.

Next year, Mrs Longhurst will be taking leave and to quote her beautiful girls – Bree and Tegean, 'we hope you are looking forward to swapping the school children for the grandchildren'. Mrs Longhurst – Fran we thank you for your dedication and commitment to our school. We wish you much happiness for the year ahead and we look forward to your visits to school particularly during orange season.



2021 School Awards

CAPTAINS SHIELD

Isabella and Hayden

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD (HAWKESBURY COUNCIL)

Sarah

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD (HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL)

Isabella

P&C IMPROVEMENT AWARD

K/1 – Nate 2/3/4 – Mitchell 5/6 – Hayden

VALUES AWARD

Mitchell

JULIAN LEESER ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Kira

ROBYN PRESTON ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Kamali

VAL UNDERWOOD READING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Ruby D.

SUNSHINE CLUB CONSISTANT EFFORT AWARD

Kane

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Kiera

2021 Class Awards

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

KINDERGARTEN Patrick

YEAR 1 Grace

YEAR 2 Kendall

YEAR 3 Jackson

YEAR 4 Kiera

YEAR 5 Tyler

YEAR 6 Christian

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

KINDERGARTEN Will

YEAR 1 Kirrilli

YEAR 2 Charlotte

YEAR 3 Kane

YEAR 4 Xavier

YEAR 5 Jackson

YEAR 6 Isabella

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Kamali

SPORTS AGE CHAMPIONS

Juvenile – Charlotte and Nate Junior – Tori and Tyler Senior – Isabella and Kamali

PSC MEDAL

K/1 – Ruby D. 2/3/4 – Mitchell 5/6 - Kai

School Disco



End of Year School Party and Water Fun Day



End of Year School Party and Water Fun Day - continued





3/4/5/6 Christmas Art

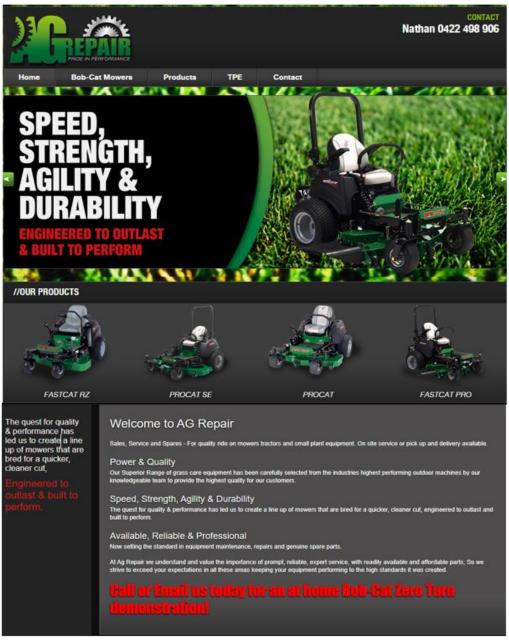


KEITH HAS A NEW TOY!!

A big thank you to Nathan and Simon at Ag Repairs & Sales Pty Ltd at Middle Dural for our new mower. We have a brand new RedMax CZT 52 Zero Turn. As you can see in the photos below Keith is very happy with the new purchase.











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