

Wednesday 28th July	Students return to school from remote learning—Please check for updates on Skoolbag and Facebook
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JULY	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL FROM THE WALLARANO SCHOOL COMMUNITY
22nd	Aayush Grover 2/02
23rd	Carson Nguyen 1/25, Jessica Sinon 4/12, Jordana Melara 6/23
24th	Emily Ngov 1/27, Jessica Pov 4/09, Lilliana Ma’u-Elliott 5/18
25th	Sonia Say 4/12
27th	Lani Touch 0/34
28th	Henry Nguyen 0/08

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A big congratulations to all the Wallarano students for embracing the latest week of online learning with confidence, determination and persistence. The attendance level of students has been outstanding!

Thank you to all Wallarano families for the support and encouragement they have provided for their children. We know it is not easy and appreciate the effort to keep high quality learning happening. We are very much trying to provide the same learning for students online as they would be participating in if at school. What we teach onsite- we must find a way to teach it online!

Helping your children learn

Although the times we are in are stressful, there may be a silver lining when you get an opportunity to spend quality one on one time with your child. The idea is not to ‘do the work’ but rather it is to help the learning, to enable the learner to ‘get there’ – essentially on their own.

When you work one-on-one you are able to identify what your child can do without any assistance, and what can be achieved with guidance and encouragement.

Realise that you are not replacing school. You are your child’s parent, not their teacher. They are very different relationships. You can be flexible but firm. By establishing some rules and routines, you are reframing what can be achieved together at home when you set parameters and explain very clearly how things are going to play out.

One of the best things you can do as a parent is to provide a ‘specific learning space’, that is, a calm environment that sets up a mindset for your child that this is where they will be doing some structured learning. By doing this, you are ‘clearing the space’ for learning.

Routines and preparedness are very important as reassurance for your child.

There are things you can do to make learning at home more productive and enjoyable for both you and your child, such as:

- ◆ Create a chart with a timetable and goals for the week
- ◆ Display a clock to keep track of how long different tasks will take
- ◆ Ensure there are set break times
- ◆ Make sure there is a variety of tasks – mix up those requiring intense concentration, with some that are open-ended and allow for creativity
- ◆ Provide healthy snacks and water.

It's a good idea to interrupt academic learning with some physical activity – this can be something aerobic or it could be something like a nature walk to investigate your local area.

Mix up the types of lessons that your child is doing and don't expect that they will concentrate for hours on end. Below is a chart that explains children's attention spans. Childhood development experts generally say that a reasonable attention span to expect of a child is two to three minutes per year of their age. That's the period of time for which a typical child can maintain focus on a given task. Average attention spans work out like this:

Age	Attention Span
2 years old	four to six minutes
4 years old	eight to 12 minutes
6 years old	12 to 18 minutes
8 years old	16 to 24 minutes
10 years old	20 to 30 minutes
12 years old	24 to 36 minutes
14 years old	28 to 42 minutes
16 years old	32 to 48 minutes

Other factors affecting attention span:

how many distractions are nearby?

how hungry or tired the child is

how interested they are in the activity

Read, Read, Read: you can't do too much of this!

Facebook and SkoolBag

School Communication is most important throughout these difficult times. All notifications and newsletters will be placed on Facebook and Skoolbag. Please feel free to contact the school at any time if you need assistance with anything.

The following are the daily minimum guidelines schools are expected to meet:

- For students in **Prep to Grade 2**, schools will provide learning programs that include the following as a minimum:
 - * literacy activities that take a total of about 45-60 minutes
 - * numeracy activities of about 30-45 minutes
 - * additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about 30-45 minutes.

- For students in **Grades 3 to 6 and Years 7 to 10**, schools will provide learning programs that include the following, as a minimum:
 - * Literacy: 45-60 minutes
 - * Numeracy: 30-45 minutes
 - * Physical activities: 30 minutes
 - * Additional curriculum areas: 90 minutes.

Tutor Learning Initiative

Schools must continue to deliver the **Tutor Learning Initiative** using remote learning and should provide further extension learning activities as appropriate for individual students. Teachers are working very hard to do this and we ask that parents ensure their child is available for the times allocated to them for small group work.

IT Support for the Community

Every student has taken home a Wallarano provisioned iPad for the purpose of Learning-From-Home.

Parents/Guardians can email ictsupport@wallarano-ps.vic.edu.au for technical assistance.

We will only be providing support for:

- Wallarano iPad device problems
- Login issues with Wallarano Online Learning apps
 - Google Classroom / Google Meet
 - Seesaw
 - Other apps on the Wallarano Launch Page

We are unfortunately unable to provide support for connecting to home internet or problems with personal devices.

Wallarano Launch Website

The Wallarano Launch website is a landing page for both Staff and Students that assists in anytime, anywhere & any device learning.

<http://launch.wallarano-ps.vic.edu.au>

It features links to frequently used web applications like Seesaw, Sora, Epic, Sunshine Online and PM e-Collections as well as the full Google Suite of apps. The apps have been categorised with what credentials are needed to login and make the logging in process as easy as possible.

Directing students to the Launch page ensures they have a similar experience to what they would get at school from any device.

Quote: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." -
Henry Ford

Let's keep working together for our children!

Stay safe!

Gail Doney

Newsletter



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

School Holiday Fun

A fantastic school holiday program was enjoyed by all who attended. The children participated in various excursions that were on offer. They went to mini golf & cheeky monkey clip and climb. The children enhanced their gross motor skills as well as their fine motor co-ordination skills. They climb various walls some made it to the top. Whilst others only went part the way on the climbing walls where they felt comfortable. Mini golf was also a hit with the children managing to get the ball in the nine-hole golf course.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!
 A warm welcome to back to term 3



WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!
 A warm welcome to Hannah Steel



WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!
 Happy birthday to our children in the month of July



WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!
 Let's continue to be Covid safe and stay strong.



Newsletter



COMING UP

23
July

National Pyjama day

26
July

Crazy Hair Day

30
July

International Day of Friendship



RECIPE

Something to Make Fruit Kebabs

Ingredients

- 1 watermelon
- 1 orange
- 1 banana
- A bag of grapes
- 1 pineapple
- 1 bag of bamboo sticks

Cut your pieces of fruit into small portions.

Place cut pieces of fruit on the bamboo sticks until the sticks are completely full of fruit.

Once you have done this your fruit kebab is ready to eat Yum Yum!



PHOTO GALLERY



POLICY CORNER

Medication - plans

Hi Parents,

Please ensure that you have provided the service with a up to date action plan. These include but not limited to Asthma , Anaphylaxis, Allergies plans & Epilepsy plans. These are part of our regulations and requirements under the children services law & act. You will also need to ensure that you have up to date medication at the service if you are unsure, please check with program educators. These plans along with our risk communication plans must be done every 12 months. We will send reminders Via your parent I portal please check it.



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