



## Principals Message

### External Validation

I am very proud of the team of teachers who compiled our evidence of practice against the School Excellence Framework. The Panel convened today and fully validated our self-assessment, praising the team for the deep reflection and analysis undertaken. This will now lead us into our in-depth situational analysis of the school's strengths and areas for development, which will inform the new school strategic improvement plan.

The Review to Inform a Better and Fairer Education System will make recommendations for Education Ministers to inform the next agreement to improve education outcomes in Australia and meet the current and future needs of students. I encourage families to participate in the survey to have your say about your children's educational needs.

<https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/consultations/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation>

### Reconciliation Week

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is 'Be a Voice for Generations'. It aims to encourage all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

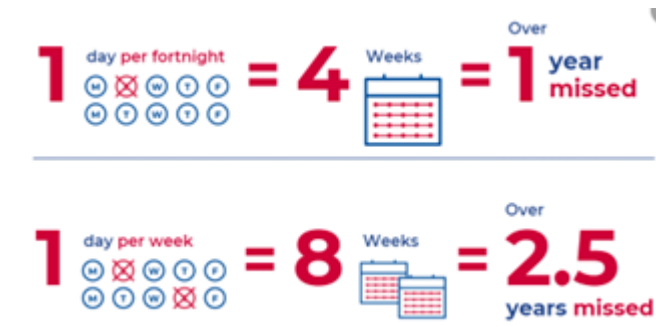
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### Reflection Room

We have begun sending Sentral notifications to parents when a child attends the Reflection Room at school. Reflection Room focuses on teaching specific behavioural expectations to individual students who are having difficulty meeting the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) expectations. Some children and families think of this as detention, but the purpose is not punitive, and we aim for this to be a positive experience for children focused on learning. If you get a notification, this is an opportunity for you to talk to your child about what they are going to do differently and the strategies they will employ. If you have additional information for us, do not hesitate to contact us.

## Every day matters, school attendance campaign

The Department of Education has launched an attendance campaign aimed at reducing the number of unjustified school absences. Regular school attendance helps students develop important social connections and maximise their learning opportunities. The key messages include notifying the school of the reason for absence within 7 days, staying home when sick (this is a justified absence), not making appointments or booking holidays during school terms (unless unavoidable).



## School News

A number of students were successful at competing in the Zone Cross Country event last week at Miranda.

We have 2 students who have made it through to the Regional event. Congratulations to Zulieka and Lachlan. We wish them well at the next stage of the competition.

Thank you to Ms Kerr and Mr Kinslor for attending the Zone event and supporting the students throughout the day.

Below is an extract from a year 3 student and a few photos from the day.

### My first Zone for cross country event

I had my first zone on Wednesday. I was super excited. I got in for cross country and I came fourth.

On the way to zone, I talked to my best friend Alessia and a couple other people. When we got there we prepared our stuff and got ready.

We had to wear singlets with WPS on them. After that we got stickers with our name, age and school on them.

My race (which was the eight and nine year olds) was first and it was super nerve racking and exciting. We were racing 19 other schools. As we got into place they blew the whistle and everybody started running. I ran and ran as soon as I knew it everybody was cheering. I started to feel tired and I felt my heart beating but before I knew it I finished 52 out of 130 girls. My family and I were so happy.

I looked around for my friends and one of my friends made it to regionals because she came 6th.

Afterwards, we took a break and rested. We cheered on the other races and had a few snacks.



I helped Mr Kinslor with the flags and we got on the bus. On the way back I sat next to my friend Alessia again. When we got back it was 2:30, so we had to go back to class for the last 30 minutes but it was still fun. So, that was my first zone carnival!

By Eleni in 3B







CONSIDERATION CARE COURAGE

# Welcome to Wilkins Public School

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



**The gateway to learning, starts with the first steps in Kindergarten.**

**Wilkins provides an atmosphere that allows students to reach their full academic potential in an encouraging and safe environment.**



Wilkins Public School is a large primary school of 520 pupils located in Marrickville. The grounds are large and leafy with a well-established community garden where lessons on bush care and gardening are undertaken. Wilkins shares deep connections with the local community, in particular parent and carer involvement and encourages connections between our families and the school.

## OFFERING

- High-quality, individualised teaching as the keystone to student learning.
- We are a PBL school (Positive Behaviour for Learning).
- We have a vibrant music program including classroom music and extra curricular ensembles including choirs, junior strings, senior string ensemble, recorder group, rock bands and beginner and concert band.
- Extensive grounds and natural play areas.
- Before and after school and vacation care.
- Sport in Schools specialist program.



## ORIENTATION DATES:

19th June 5:30 - Kindy Information Session to be held in the school library

1st August 8:00 - School tour

15th, 22nd, 29th November 9:15- 10:45 Starting School Sessions for children and parents



**Grow at Wilkins**

Enrol now for Kindergarten

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES

31 Park Rd Marrickville NSW 2204

Ph: 02 9560 3309

E: [wilkins-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wilkins-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Wanga, Kameygal and Bediagal Lands

# Library News

## National Simultaneous Storytime

A great time was had by all, listening to "The Speedy Sloth" written by Rebecca Young and illustrator by Heath McKenzie. We had many versions read to us from teachers, older students, a live reading by the author and illustrator of the book - Rebecca Young, and Heath McKenzie, TV presenter - Grant Denyer, Gabrielle Wang Australian Children's Laureate, Zookeeper from Singapore Zoo with a sloth, and some when watched and listened to an Auslan reading of the book in their classroom. We were 1 of over 20000 locations and over 2.1 million people participating in this year event. Thank you to all helped and supported on the day. The children also enjoyed finding "The Speedy Sloth" daily hiding in the library, making masks, watching a live clip of sloths at a recuse ranch and other fun classroom activities.



Finding A Sloth



Watching a live sloth



Reading "A Speedy Sloth"



Kindy Children with the book



Talking about the book



Yr 5 Storytellers





# Wilkins Green Friday Afternoon Social



Come join us after school on the first Friday of each month for a Wilkins Green Social get together of snacks and chats while our kids play in our unique urban forest oasis!

**Bring a snack to share  
All welcome!**

**Friday 2nd June  
3pm - 5pm**



@our\_wilkins\_green



wilkinsgreenmarrickville@gmail.com

*Either walk through the school or enter via gates on Sydenham road*

## Upcoming Dates

- 2nd June - Friday Afternoon after school gathering - Wilkins Green
- 10th June - Bushcare Group - Wilkins Green
- 24th June - Bushcare Group - Wilkins Green
- 8th July - Bushcare Group - Wilkins Green
- 22nd July - Bushcare Group - Wilkins Green

## P&C News

### Wilkins Family Movie Night

Tickets are now on sale for the Wilkins Family Movie Night! Join us on **Sunday 18th June** for a fun time celebrating all the wonderful families of our community.



**WILKINS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**MOVIE 3PM:**  
3PM - 5PM  
SING 2  
ARRIVE 2.45PM

**MOVIE 5PM:**  
5.15PM - 7PM  
THE WAR WITH GRANDPA  
ARRIVE 5PM

**Sunday 18 June 2023**

**TICKETS PRICES PER MOVIE**  
FAMILIES 2-3 MEMBERS \$10  
FAMILIES 4+ MEMBERS \$15

**Venue: Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL**  
20-26 Canterbury Rd, Hurlstone Park

Buy Tickets:  
[www.wilkins-uniform-shop.myshopify.com](http://www.wilkins-uniform-shop.myshopify.com)

We will be screening Sing 2 for infants kids from 3-5pm, and War with Grandpa for the older kids from 5-7pm.

There will be some snacks available on the day, and plenty of outlets at Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club to have a meal at.

Buy your tickets today: <https://wilkins-uniform-shop.myshopify.com/collections/family-movie-night>

We will also need an extra hand on the day - drop us a line at [wilkinspnc.events@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinspnc.events@gmail.com) if you can assist.

### Annual Walkathon

The Annual Walkathon Fundraiser is coming up on **Thursday June 22nd**. The online fundraiser will be launched shortly, but you can sign up today to lend a hand.

This year we are raising money to build a shelter and learning space in the Wilkins Green to further improve our outdoor education programs.

We have volunteer shifts from 7am until 1.30pm. Most slots are for 2 hours or so, and it's a great day having fun with the kids.

Many hands make light work so sign up today with a friend: <https://signup.com/go/NHcBmYL>

### Trivia Night

Trivia Night is coming up in September. Do you have a passion for the quiz? We need a couple more people to assist with organising - you might be the key to creating a magical evening, so please email [wilkinspnc.events@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinspnc.events@gmail.com) to join in the planning.

# Uniform Shop

**Hoodies and Jackets** are on the delivery truck and will be restocked this week!

We have 130 hoodies coming in - enough for everyone.

I will send a message out on Sentral parent portal when they officially arrive. Outstanding orders will be filled first.

Pre orders for hoodies can be placed online now.

## Order Collection

- If you have placed an order over the last week or so, please come to the office to collect it.
- I have been informed that the shopify site isn't confirming all fulfilled orders. Please remember that we don't deliver to any home addresses or classrooms. You can organise for your child to collect the order from the school office.

## Back to School Voucher

We are still accepting back to school vouchers. You can use them in store or online. They are valid until 30 June 2023.

## Sports Tops

We have had a design put together and we are just making a few minor changes. The new sports top will be an indigenous design by an aboriginal woman running a company that employs aboriginal people.

We are so excited to show the design to everyone! Watch this space!

Approval of the new design has to go through the official process being a new item. The new tops will be in at the end of this term.

If you need any help with orders or uniforms, please get in contact.

Thanks, Kelda

[wilkinsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinsuniformshop@gmail.com)

# Community News



Are you ready?

**BASKETBALL  
COMPETITIONS**

MIX HIGH SCHOOL - MIX PRIMARY -  
GIRLS ONLY - LOCATION MARRICKVILLE

[www.littleballers.net.au](http://www.littleballers.net.au)

INNER WEST  
BALLERS

## Little Star Mandarin

WHEN: 3.10pm -- 4.10pm

WHERE: at your school

COST: \$18 / lesson (Please enrol for one Term)

Contact: Franny YANG

0426 365 003

[littlestarmandarin2017@gmail.com](mailto:littlestarmandarin2017@gmail.com)





Register here!



SCAN ME

JOIN THE FUN!



## Inner West Girls Only Program

Alan Davidson Oval, Alexandria

Every Friday starting 2nd June - 23rd June

4:30-5:30pm

Join in 4 weeks of FUN! No experience required

Ages 5 - 12



Meet Bella Smith AFLW Swans Player!

Each participant will receive their own NAB AFL Auskick pack including a football, draw string bag, fidget popper and access to FREE tickets to a Sydney Swans match all for \$50pp.

Included in this pack will also be a \$50 voucher for girls wanting sign up to club Auskick or Junior football!

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

George Steele-Park: 0402462064 or [george.steelepark@afl.com.au](mailto:george.steelepark@afl.com.au)



# Weekly after school multi-sports classes

Designed by the experts for kids!

WITH OUR SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMS, GECKOSPORTS PROVIDES A FUN AND SAFE WAY FOR KIDS TO START THEIR SPORT AND FITNESS JOURNEY.

**FREE TRIAL CLASS!**

	Day & time	Location	Cost
<b>GeckoSKILLS</b>	Multi-sports program focusing on a different sport each week to improve gross motor skills and confidence in a fun, non-competitive environment.		
<b>NEW! Wilkins Public School</b> 5-12yo	<b>Wednesdays</b> 3-4pm	<b>Marrickville</b>	<b>\$15 pw</b> *special intro price

Natascha 0400 989 229  
[natascha@geckosports.com.au](mailto:natascha@geckosports.com.au)

Active Kids Government Vouchers Accepted  
 Franchise opportunities available | 1300 432 565





# Spanish!

After-school Classes at Wilkins  
Thursdays 3pm-4pm

Only \$26  
per lesson!



10% sibling  
discount



Enrol now for Term 2 2023  
at [yospanish.com.au](http://yospanish.com.au)

# WILKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB 2023

**(STARTING MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY)**



**CONTACT:** Phone: Neil Armstrong 0413 085 925 Email: [leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com](mailto:leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com)

## TENNIS HOT SHOTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots programmes provide kids with a fun way to play tennis, using modified nets, racquets and balls. With reduced court sizes younger players have the chance to serve, rally and score from the first time they step onto a court. Kids are actively engaged having **FUN**. Kids build **SOCIAL** skills such as working co-operatively and building friendships. Kids learn to **PLAY** and develop tennis **SKILLS**.

**DATE:** TERM 2 to 4 2023 (MONDAY'S)

**TIME:** 7.40-8.20am (Years 4-6) \$189  
8.20-8.50am (years Kindy to 3) \$180

**MEETING PLACE:** School Basketball Court (Access via preschool gate off Coronation Ave)

## For your information

- These programmes are specifically aimed at boys and girls of primary school age.
- Children cannot be accepted without a completed enrolment form.
- For the most enjoyment it is preferable that each child has their own tennis racquet.
- Our coaches will turn up irrespective of the weather conditions.

**SPECIAL**

Add \$40 to buy a Junior BABOLAT tennis racquet.

Add \$15 to buy 3 starter tennis balls, great for at home.

All equipment is specially modified for children

[Online Enrolment Slip / ABN: 90792084644](https://www.classhub.com.au/provider/leichhardt-tennis/2023/2?venueId=24)

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## RE ENROLMENT

All children are automatically re-enrolled each term. If you wish for your child to take a break, please respond to re-enrolment email sent out each school holidays.



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