



**CALLAGHAN
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**WALLSEND
CAMPUS NEWS**
Term 2, 2023



Star Struck 2023

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Principal's Welcome

Mr Paul Taylor, Principal

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional efforts and positive behaviour displayed by our students during Term 2. It is a true privilege to work with educators, students, and a supportive parent and caregiver community that highly values education. We greatly appreciate the respectful and productive relationship we share with our school community, which has contributed to our school's strong reputation across the Hunter region.

I am excited to share that we are nearing the construction phase of our new Support Unit, which will feature seven modern classrooms and covered outdoor learning spaces. We will be receiving two new multi-sport courts near our back ovals and are actively renovating classrooms, upgrading our advanced technology, and improving facilities to foster activity, creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. These enhancements will elevate the educational experiences of our students, by providing them with a stimulating and contemporary learning environment.

During the winter months, it is important to note that there have been cases of COVID-19 in our area. While testing and isolation are no longer mandatory for school settings, NSW Health has provided testing guidelines to consider if your child or family is exposed to COVID-19. Please ensure that students do not attend school if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses. These symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain, or conjunctivitis (eye infection). If you require additional rapid antigen tests (RATs), please contact the school, and we will provide them.



To meet the state government's new mobile phone policy requirements, our school has implemented a mobile phone-free policy. We have adopted the Yondr Program, which employs lockable pouches to store students' mobile phones. The implementation of Yondr pouches aims to eliminate distractions, promoting students' social and academic development. However, we understand that some students may require adjustments or exemptions. In such cases, please reach out to the Deputy Principal of their year group to request an exemption. Exemptions may be granted for medical reasons or as part of an individual education plan, subject to evaluation on a case-by-case basis.

I would like to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance for our students to reach their full potential. Our school, in partnership with parents, prioritises attendance as a key factor in academic success, peer relationships, and future opportunities. We hold special assemblies to promote attendance, with prizes for students who consistently attend.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students for their continuous commitment and involvement. Together, we can create a nurturing and engaging learning environment for all.

Paul Taylor, Principal

STAR STRUCK 2023: IGNITE

Congratulations to all students who participated in Star Struck Dance, Choir, and the crowd favourite, our famous Puppet Group. (The puppets are made here at school by the students in the Puppet Group along with Mr Brain)



School Bytes Parent Portal



School Bytes

Almost 50% of our families have joined the
School Bytes Parent Portal - follow the link on our website to join

We surveyed some parents who have already joined and their response was overwhelmingly positive. They all gave us the same feedback:

- "I can see all information regarding events, whether I have given permission or paid for all three of my children all in one place, even though they go to three different schools"
- "I can check to see if my fees have been paid, what is still outstanding and my payment history"
- "Information and Consent forms for everything is there for me to check, and it is live - so I know the information is up to date all the time, its easy to keep track of everything"

OUR ONLINE SYSTEMS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS



Canvas Parents
Assessments & marks



Sentral Portal
Timetables, attendance & reports



School Bytes
Online payments and consent/forms



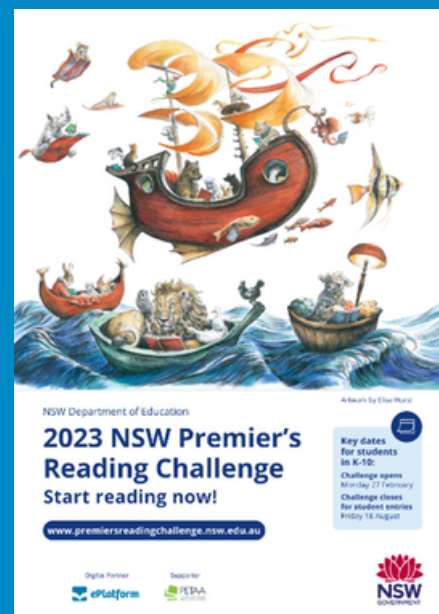
Mark Hughes Foundation, Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser

In Term 2 we were honoured to host Mark Hughes, former Newcastle Knight and founder of the Mark Hughes Foundation: Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser. Our staff and students dug deep and we ended up being able to donate over \$1200 to this worthy cause.

NEWS @ OUR LIBRARY

The National Stolen Generations Alliance selected the Native Hibiscus as the symbol to commemorate National Sorry Day and represents all Indigenous Australians who have been impacted by the Stolen Generations. It was selected as it is a survivor in the Australian climate, is found throughout Australia and is resilient, much like members of the Stolen Generation. Its colour represents compassion and healing.

Students and teachers enjoyed experimenting with water colours and reflecting on symbolism and representation.

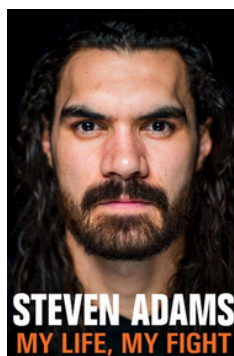


PRC – Have you been reading and forgotten to log your PRC books online? Start Now...It's not too late! Don't know how... see Mrs Howard in the library in breaks.

New eBooks

Borrow an eBook holidays!

Browse to Oliver and click on the ePlatform. Reading has never been so EASY!



Chess Club has been a hit. We are so lucky to have a wonderful helping hand this year by one of our parents, and an ex student, Mr Rah. Mr Rah has been working with the club on strategies each Thursday, followed by a casual knock-out comp during breaks. The winner of the knock-out competition for Term 2 is Imani R.

Thank you to each student who consistently turns up to Chess Club. These efforts have resulted in the forming of an extremely talented group who have been developing logical

thinking, abstract reasoning, and spacial intelligence.

Chess Club



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	That equals...	Which is...	And therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a whole year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...
 School starts at 8.55am at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus
DON'T BE LATE!



HIGH EXPECTATIONS = ATTENDANCE 90% AND ABOVE

In 2023, there will be a continued school focus on improving attendance across the school. Research shows that attendance plays a major role in students' engagement and success with learning.

Students whose attendance is greater than 90% each term will go into the draw to win big prizes, plus at the end of the year, all students whose attendance is over 90% for the whole year will go into the draw to win a major prize.

Furthermore, we are seeking parents support in ensuring students are arriving at school, in uniform and fully equipped for their learning by 8.55am. We appreciate your support in these matters. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns.



YONDR POUCH SYSTEM

DON'T FORGET YOUR POUCH!



POUCH

Students will unlock their personally allocated pouch at the contact stations located at the entrance areas of the school.



SECURE

Place mobile phone in pouch and close. Mobile phone will remain locked in pouch and in the student's possession for the day.



EXIT

Students tap contact station as they exit the school to unlock and access mobile phone.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

If you need to contact your child throughout the school day please contact the Administration Office and we will either relay a message, or if necessary, we will call them to the office to talk with you.

What if there is an emergency?

In case of an emergency, we direct our students to safety first. School staff will be able to unlock a Yondr pouch in a matter of seconds for students once they are in a safe and secure location.

Will my child's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their bags where it is completely safe.

What if the pouch gets damaged?

All students will be given a Yondr pouch free of charge. The pouch belongs to Callaghan College Wallsend Campus just like any other school supply. If a student intentionally damages a Yondr pouch, he/she will be responsible for its replacement. The student's phone may be confiscated, and a parent contacted to come to the school to retrieve it.

What if my child requires their phone for medical reasons?

The Callaghan College Wallsend Campus Policy would allow for an exemption for those students that require the use of phones for medical purposes e.g. students with Type 1 Diabetes measuring blood sugar levels and this will be decided by the Principal on a case by case basis.

What if classroom teachers want to complete research tasks using phones as a tool?

Mobile phones are not required at school and students have access to more suitable technology such as laptop banks and computer rooms for most tasks. Callaghan College Wallsend Campus is also a BYOD school, so students can utilise their BYOD device for research. However, if deemed suitable, portable unlocking stations can be utilised in the classroom to allow for the use of phones for educational purposes. The phones will then be locked back into the pouch.

Want to get active?

Competitive and social sports are a big part of Wallsend Campus. Listen out for announcements at the weekly assembly from our Sports Coordinator, Mr Starrett, and check out updates in the daily Student Notices.

There is also an opportunity to play in our College teams, that compete regionally, and at state. Or pick up a ball and have a game in the playground during breaks. Whatever your level of sport or fitness, we have you covered.

JULY 2023

17	Staff return: Staff Development Day.
18	All students return for Term 3, Years 7 to 10
25	Celebration of Learning Award Ceremonies: Period 2 - Year 7 Period 3 - Year 8 Period 4 - Year 9 Period 5 - Year 10
26	Regional Athletics Carnival

AUGUST 2023

2 - 4	Year 8 Camp
6 - 10	Year 10 Ski Trip
21 - 23	Year 10 MyHSC@CC Course Interviews at Jesmond Senior Campus
23	Year 10 BStreet Smart Excursion

SEPTEMBER 2023

22	Final day of Term 3
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Follow us on social media to keep up with our news and events, plus find out when important emails have been sent.

