

# Wentworth Public School Newsletter

24th October 2012



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### STUDENT TEACHERS

It has been a pleasure to have Mr Jack Mclean and Miss Melanie Gunn from La Trobe University with us over the past few weeks. I hope they have gained much from their professional experience here at Wentworth. We wish them all the best for their future careers.

We will also be hosting 2 student teachers from Newcastle later in the term. The school and the students have much to gain from these visits and we appreciate the chance to be hosts to these aspiring teachers.

### SCHOOL SPORTS

Our students are involved in many sporting activities in the coming weeks. Year 3/4 students are off to Buronga on Friday for a skills day and Year 5/6 students are participating in a cricket competition shortly. It has been great to see the students taking initiative and organising lunch time practice!

### END OF YEAR FUN DAY

We will be having an end of year fun activity day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will be in place of the pool party. We will be organising a variety of activities for the students.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the school is having difficulty in acquiring the services of Austswim trained instructors to assist with the program. Combined with the costs of hiring the pool, we are unsure as to how extensive the program will be next year. We are currently investigating all options and working out a realistic cost. The program being run during the holidays would be an excellent and economic alternative to ensure that your child has the skills needed to "Swim and Survive".

# OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
21/10	22/10 Kids Club	23/10 AASC	24/10 Dance Around the World in Eighty Days  10am -\$5 per child.  <i>Book Club orders and Money due back</i>	25/10 AASC	26/10 <i>Bandana Day</i>  ELG 9-11am  <i>Year 3&amp;4 Ball Day at Buronga Public School  10am-2pm \$3 for Bus</i>	27/10
28/10	29/10 Kids Club	30/10 AASC	31/10	1/11 AASC	2/11 ELG 9-11am	3/11
4/11	5/11 Kids Club	6/11 AASC	7/11 Coomealla High School  Year 6  Orientation half day	8/11 T20 Cricket AASC	9/11 ELG 9-11am	10/11
11/11	12/11 Kids Club	13/11 AASC	14/11 P&C Meeting 7pm	15/11 AASC	16/11 ELG 9-11am	17/11
18/11	19/11 Kids Club	20/11 AASC	21/11	22/11 Coomealla HS Full day  Orientation Day for Year 6	23/11 ELG	24/11
25/11	26/11 Kids Club	27/11 AASC	28/11	29/11 AASC	30/11 Donut Day ELG	1/12

### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

There have not been many students enrol for the program this term and we would hate to see it disappear! If you would like your child to participate on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, please enrol them at the school office.

Cathy Eddie , Principal

### **EARLY LEARNING GROUP NEWS**

The 2013 Kindergarten students got off to a flying start last week with their first big school session. They will continue to come every Friday for two hours, from 9am to 11am for the next few weeks and then the sessions will change to end at 12pm. The students enjoyed reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and making a caterpillar that went into a and came out a butterfly. They also toured some parts of the school and learnt all about what the High 5 instruction means at Wentworth School. They even got a small homework activity.

Natalie Hopcroft

2013 Kindergarten Teacher

### **ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING**

There will be a meeting held on Tuesday 30th October, 1pm at the Crown. Lunch provided.

### **LAKE MUNGO CD—THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 12-1:30PM**

Our school has invited Jacquie Taylor and Jenny Bowler, who have worked at Mungo, to come in and introduce the CD to our 4-5H class.

The CD explores

- evidence of Ancient occupation

- Ice Age Australia and climatic changes

- Legacy of the First Australians

- The excitement of the discoveries

Tensions between Science and Indigenous perspectives

The CD supports the new history curriculum.

**Parents/ community are welcome to come along to help and support any school event, please contact me at the school if you would like to join in.**

## **NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY—FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER**

Friday is National Bandanna—don't forget to wear your bandanna to School. There are still a few for sale if you missed out.



All members of the public are welcome to join the Murray Darling Amateur Swimming Club. Swimmers should be able to at least swim one full lap. The Club welcomes new members and encourages fitness, fun and achieving personal bests.

Training Season Starts Last Week in October.

Registration and come and try days - Dareton Monday 29 October,  
Wentworth Tuesday 30 October 5.15 pm at the Wentworth Shire Pools

2012/13 Registration fees for the club are:

\$150 competitive swimmer    \$100 non-competitor

Each junior swimmer must have an adult registered (non-swimmer \$25).

Fees do not include Season Tickets at the Wentworth Shire Pools.

Fees entitle the member to Coaching up to 3 nights a week at Shire Pools, Swimming Victoria Insurance, Sunraysia Swimming Fees and entry to some Competitions.

Training times are

**Dareton Public Pool:**      Monday 5.15pm - 7pm    Thursday 5.15pm - 7pm

**Wentworth Public Pool:**    Tuesday - 5.15pm - 7.00pm

**For more information contact:**

**Dareton:**      Teresa Crisp      ph: 50274 701

**Wentworth:** Cheryl Rix      ph: 50273 059



## Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

**Prices for nine lessons are \$63 for school-aged children and \$46 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).**



For more information or to make a booking, phone 13 13 02 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)



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**The school strongly encourages families to make the most of this offer as the school's intensive swimming program may undergo some changes in 2013, due to a lack of qualified staff.**

### **FOR SALE—MOTORBIKE**

Zac Hyde has a CRF Honda motorbike. Like new condition, he has got too big for it.

\$1400

Phone 50273024 after 5pm

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Below is the roster for this term. If your name is in the roster but the date is not suitable, or you are unavailable this term, please contact Kellie Ricardi at [kelliericardi@bigpond.com](mailto:kelliericardi@bigpond.com), or on 5027 8131. If your name is not listed in the roster and you'd like to assist in the Canteen, please contact Kellie also. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2012</b>	Kellie Ricardi	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012</b>	Larni Baird	Fiona Cullinan
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	Sharon Hopfner	Kaye Hyde
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	Mandy Bone	Donna Moylan
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012</b>	Kellie Ricardi	Amanda Trewin
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>	Donna Moylan	Sheryl Brown
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>	Kathryn Baird	Nelin Spary

Donut Day will be 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**REMINDERS**

- Head Lice Checks - do them regularly
- Bendigo Bank Student Banking - Every Wednesday
- Nut Ban - No nuts or nut products to be eaten at school
- Change of student details - please make sure the school has your latest phone numbers, address and emergency contacts
- Lost property box is in the sick bay - please label everything your child brings to school

Return absence notes when your children are away from school

## **KINDER L NEWS**

What a wonderful class we have, with everyone working very hard to follow school values and showing great improvement in reading and writing.

Congratulations to our student of the week Ben, and to those who received achievement awards, Jaita, Haylee and Zac. Keep up the good work.

Notes have been sent home with information about our Kinder excursion, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The children are very excited about going, and if you have any queries, please come and have a chat. It would be appreciated if you could return the permission notes as soon as possible.

The school is also having a dance performance which will give an insight into the different dances from around the world. This will fit in very well with our celebrations unit this term.

Continue to read with your children, your efforts, combined with the class reading is showing some great improvements. Well done.

Have a great week,

Chris

## **YEAR 1/2G NEWS**

Congratulations Jasmine McDermott for being chosen as our Student of the Week! Jazzy is always demonstrating the school values and her fellow classmates really appreciate that. Well done to Heath, Dylan and Jesse also, for receiving the class achievement awards this week.

Last week we started up pen pals with a Year 1-2 class at Trinity Lutheran. This is a really exciting project that will allow the kids to learn how to write and use emails. It will culminate with a visit from the Trinity Lutheran students and a tour around Wentworth. This is a great way for the kids to demonstrate and reflect on all the learning that they have done this year and it should be a lot of fun.

Our Mathematics focus this fortnight will be on Mass and Weights and our literacy program will continue to tie in with the Safe Living we are doing this term.

If you have any extra fruit at home, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send some in. Our fruit and vegie break is a great way to keep our brains fresh and ready to learn, so any extra supplies are always welcomed!

Also, as it is getting warmer again, it would be great if the students brought water bottles to school. I am happy for them to have access to these water bottles at any time as I feel that it is really important to stay hydrated.

Cheers,

Brian



### **YEAR 1/2S NEWS**

Welcome to week 3. Congratulations to our star student Tobias Watson- Kiely for his great attitude and always following school values. This week many students received awards for active listening and reading awards were given out.

The dance around the world performance was very enjoyable today. Our work focusing on road safety has been really good and our exposition texts are coming along nicely.

Mrs Lamprell is looking at Active lifestyles in sport and PD Health. In maths we are focusing really hard on efficient counting strategies and this week we are looking at 3D shapes. In science we have started information and communication and HSIE is about where the products we use come from. Keep up the great work with home reading.

This is our Prac student Jack's last week with us and he has been an excellent addition to our classroom. He has been a great role model and his lessons have been purposeful, interesting and fun, I hope that he has enjoyed his time with us too. Thanks Jack!

Don't forget as the weather warms up all the students need to have hats at school.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade

### **YEAR 3/4S NEWS**

This Friday the year 3 and 4 students will be travelling across to Buronga for the Sports Day. The bus will be leaving school at **9.30am**. Children must be wearing school uniform and will need to bring lunch, recess and a water bottle. Hots dogs and pop tops will be on sale if your child wishes to purchase their lunch.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November Year 3/4S will not be having cooking and gardening but will return to normal schedule the following week. We are always looking for any volunteers for the kitchen (12pm-1.30pm Thursdays). Last week in the kitchen we had some extra helpers, Tracey McInnes and Grant Hancock. We would like to say a big thank you and hope you come to visit again. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October our class will be starting the Protective Behaviour program. The program will last 6 weeks and go for an hour in the mornings. Notes and information went out over a fortnight ago. A few permission notes have not been returned as yet. If your child needs a new note please contact the school.

Have a super week.

Jordana Shields



### YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome everyone to week three of term. It is great to see the weather warming up; it certainly makes you want to get outside more. Congratulations to the Year Five students who attended the Early Learning Group information night. They all did a wonderful job of running their activities and it sounds like a great night was had by all.

Our Year Five students are beginning the preparations for the Year Six Dinner and also need to begin thinking about the speeches they will deliver to the school at the end of the year as part of their leadership roles.

This week our SRC award recipients are Shyann Wellard, Jet Rodgers, Aden Taylor-Tate and Murphy Baird. Student of the Week is Dexta Watson-Kiely.

Just a quick reminder that our class are running short of volunteers for the kitchen on a Tuesday and also fruit for fruit break.

I hope the year 4 students enjoy the sports day on Friday.

Cheers Jenny

### YEAR 6M NEWS

Year 6 are coasting through another fantastic week with more student lead sessions which have been very well planned and thought through.

During this term the Year 6's attending Coomealla High School in 2013 will have a number of orientation visits. The first of these is a half day visit on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. This is followed by a whole day orientation on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. More information regarding these days can be found on the specially attached note. There is also a Parent Information Evening being held at Coomealla High School on the 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 6:30pm.

Thank you to all who have sent in some buttons for art. If anyone has more to spare please send them in.

We wish to thank Miss Melanie Gunn who has been doing her 2<sup>nd</sup> year practicum in the Year 6 room for the past three weeks and wish her all the best with her studies. The class have worked really well with Miss Gunn.

Have a productive week,

Sandra Marziano

