

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

14th November 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

WELCOME

This week, I would like to welcome Ms Treesa Heath and Ms Jackie Tsang to our school from Newcastle University. We hope they enjoy their stay and gain much from the experience.

P&C MEETING

The monthly P&C meeting is tonight at 7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

REGIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

I will be attending the final Western Region Principal's meeting in Dubbo next week. I look forward to gaining more information about the changes that are happening in education in NSW. Hopefully, they will be of great benefit to our students.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOU!

In Menindee last week, at our district principal's meeting, we took part in a seminar about the pros and cons of social media and how schools can support students and families in this rapidly growing area of technology.

The development of a school Facebook page was discussed and we were also given information about issues that arise when these applications are used.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			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 Bookclub Order & Money Due	22/11 Coomealla HS Full Day Orientation Day for Year 6 ASSC	23/11 School Magazine Order & Money due ELG 9-12	24/11
25/11	26/11 Kids Club	27/11 AASC	28/11	29/11 AASC	30/11 Donut Day ELG 9-12	1/12
2/12	3/12 Kids Club	4/12 AASC	5/12	6/12 Year 5 Leaders Speeches AASC	7/12 ELG 9-12	8/12
9/12	10/12 Kids Club	11/12	12/12	13/12 Presentation Evening— Wentworth Club 6:45pm	14/12	15/12
16/12	17/12 Year 6 Farewell Dinner 5:45pm	18/12	19/12 Last Day of School Year	<u>MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.</u> Year 1-6 return on Wednesday 6th February Kinder commence on Monday 11th February		

Many of our children can be easily affected by access to social media and it is vital that parents monitor its use.

I was also pleased to have a great discussion with Year 6 about this topic after viewing "Behind the News" as well. They are keen to learn more about the responsible use of this technology. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

KEEPING SAFE AT THE POOL

With this warmer weather, the local pool is a great place to be. However, we have had a number of students arriving at school after the weekend, suffering from sunburn. Not only are they in pain, but they are also coming to school tired and unable to concentrate as well as they should. Please encourage your children to reapply sunscreen regularly during their time in the sun and to wear protective rash vests. Let's enjoy this great outdoor activity safely!

GO FOR FUN

I have included a flyer with the newsletter about a great program being run by Greater Western Area Health Service. I have more information for those who are interested in this free program.

APP of the WEEK

"Timestable lite" is a great app to practise number facts and can be downloaded from the iTunes Apps store!

Cathy Eddie

Principal

UNIFORM ORDERS

To help us with uniform supplies—if you are wanting new uniforms for 2013 - please return the attached uniform order form.

These will be available to pick up at the end of this term. Payment is required when you pick up your uniforms.

SHREDDED PAPER

We have bags of shredded paper to give away—inquire at the school office.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDERS

Orders for the School Magazine will close on Friday November 23rd. The cost will be \$10. We only print the number of orders received. Copies of last year's magazine are available for viewing in the school office.

Please return the attached slip and money to the office by **Friday 23rd November**

School Magazine Order

Students Name: _____

Number required: _____

Money enclosed: \$ _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Working with teachers:

- to assist Aboriginal students in all school activities including excursions
 - to discuss with Aboriginal parents the educational progress of their children
 - to identify and develop resources to support the learning outcomes of Aboriginal students
 - to assist in the development and implementation of personalised learning plans for Aboriginal students
 - to support Aboriginal cultural awareness for all students with particular reference to Aboriginal students
- to help maintain effective relationships between Aboriginal parents, the Aboriginal community and school staff.

Working as part of a school team to support students:

- in relation to their school participation and programs
- in relation to their attendance and retention.

Liaising with the Principal and staff:

on protocols for interacting with the Aboriginal community in relation to staff and Aboriginal students in the school and Aboriginal education activities.

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

The last day for Bookclub orders and money is **Wednesday 21st November**.

FREE SWIM AND SURVIVE LESSONS

Sport and Recreation are offering a limited number of places in their *Swim and Survive* learn to swim program for Indigenous children.

Enrolment form included in Newsletter.

Completed forms need to be handed into the Mallee Family Care office in Wentworth or Dareton, before 30th November, 2012.

MALLEE FAMILY CARE—YOUTH DISCO

Ages 10 to 17 years ONLY. \$5 Admission Fee. No Pass Outs.

Date: Friday 16th November 2012

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: Coomealla Memorial Club Auditorium.

To register to attend the Disco or further information, please call Mallee Family Care on 50277600. Transport will be available from Buronga and Wentworth local post offices at 5:30pm.

Please not this a drug and alcohol free event.

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, 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.

16th November 2012	Sharon Hopfner	Donna Moylan
23rd November 2012	Kellie Ricardi	Amanda Trewin
30th November 2012	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
7th December 2012	Donna Moylan	Sheryl Brown
14th December 2012	Kathryn Baird	Nelin Spary

Donut Day will be 30th November.

MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

If you order an ice-cream with your lunch order, you must keep your lunch bag to collect your ice-cream.

If you throw your lunch bag out you will not get your ice-cream.

The canteen also has **Curlwaa fresh orange juice** (500ml bottles) for sale this term. As we have quite a few that need to be sold by the end of the term they will be priced at **\$1.00** for the remainder of Term 4 - or until sold out.

DENTAL VAN NEWS

Dental Staff will not be at the Dental Van this week due to clinical duties at Balranald. You will still be able to reach the Dental Staff on 0419990264 if you wish to make an appointment or have any enquiries.

Lisa Testa

Senior Dental Therapist

Wentworth Public School

Absence Note

Student Name: _____

My child was absent from school on ____/____/2012

Reason –Sick ☐ Family ☐ Appointment ☐ Other ☐

Details _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

EARLY LEARNING GROUP

Last week the children made bee snacks from prunes, pineapple and dried bananas. They also made a craft bee from egg cartons. We also sang a song about a Beehive. This week another bug will be visiting our group. This will be the last week of finishing at 11am. Starting next week (Friday 23rd November) we will run the group from 9am until 12pm. We will also be visiting the dental van during our first longer session.

Natalie Hopcroft

2013 Kindergarten Teacher

Canteen Helpers for 2013

If are interested in helping in the School Canteen in 2012 and would like more information contact Kellie Ricardi on kelliericardi@bigpond.com or 50278131

KINDER L NEWS

Congratulations to Kayden - Student of the week, and to Jamaya, Angus, Jazmayne and Caitlin for their great efforts in class and playground. It is important that all students follow the school values, as this makes the classroom a better learning environment, and does not stop themselves and others from concentrating on their activities.

We have discussed Remembrance Day this week, and acknowledged the importance of this day, and the significance of the red poppies.

Writing is a very importance skill for all people, and it is pleasing to see all students improving in this area. It would be beneficial if you could encourage your children to compose interesting sentences verbally, and then have them have a go at writing their ideas. The more practice children have, the easier it becomes, and your help would be appreciated.

Reading skills have also improved, so keep up the good work and continue to read with your children and listen to them read to you. Remember to fill in the reading logs as the children love to receive the reading awards.

Have a great week ,

Regards, Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2G NEWS

I would like to start by extending a big welcome to Ms Jackie Tsang. Ms Tsang is a practicum teacher from the University of Newcastle and she will be in our class for the next four weeks.

Well done to Steven Clark who was chosen to be our Student of the Week this week! Chloe and Tom B were nominated by the class to receive achievement awards for consistently having a go in class time. Awesome job guys!!

Our maths focus this week will continue to be on 3D shapes and the class will be having a go at making and identifying different shapes in the real world. Our literacy and HSIE focus will continue to be on safe living.

Please make sure that kids are bringing water bottles to school.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Welcome to week 6. Congratulations to our star student Jayden Miller for a huge improvement in the classroom. This week Eta received an award for being a caring class member.

This week our work continues the focus on farm and personal safety and exposition texts. Position, Information and communication, where products we use come from and collage are other areas of learning. We have sent our pen pal letters to the yr 1-2 class at the Trinity Lutheran College and they will be visiting our school early in December. Keep up the great work with home reading.

We do our best in 1-2S to keep parents informed about whom the star student will be for the following week, but occasionally this is not possible. Thank you to all those parents who have been understanding and gracious about this, we really appreciate it.

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

Have a great week,

Trish Slade

YEAR 3/4S NEWS

On Monday the children brainstormed ideas for their class reward this term and unanimously they voted for a class sleep over at school. The date has been decided: Thursday 6th December.

Further information will be coming home this Friday. The children are very excited.

We only have a couple more weeks where the students can borrow from the library. Please keep reminding your child to bring in their readers and reading log every Wednesday. We don't have long to go.

Reminder that we are cooking tomorrow from 12pm to 1.30pm.

Contact the school if you are free to come and help.

Hope you have a fabulous week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome everyone to the middle week of the term. Sorry about my absence of a newsletter item over the past two weeks. Hopefully I am back on track, remembering all I need to. In the run down to the end of the term Year 4/5H have a lot to achieve. We are organising the Year 6 dinner and the students have to prepare their leadership speeches.

An important date for everyone to remember is December 6. This is the date that the children deliver their speeches. All Year 5 students need to develop their own speech at home. I will not be giving the children time in class to write them however they are more than welcoming to run them by me or I will allow time for practice.

Preparations for the Year 6 dinner are under way. I will be calling for assistance shortly.

Have a great week

Jenny Halls.

YEAR 6M NEWS

Another week has flown by in the busy lives of Year 6. This week we welcome Miss Treesa Heath. Treesa is studying teaching at the University of Newcastle and will be with us for the next 4 weeks. We look forward to many interesting lessons from Miss Heath.

A reminder, the class has their next orientation day at Coomealla High School on Thursday, 22nd November. This will be a full day orientation and the students will be required to get to the high school and home again the same way they will next year.

On Thursday morning, a number of students from the class will be participating in a Video Conference with Mrs Nicole Fraser from Coomealla High, focusing on extension Maths.

Have a wonderful remainder of the week

Cheers

Natalie Rees

FOR SALE—MOTORBIKE

Zac Hyde has a CRF Honda motorbike.

Like new condition, he has got too big for it.

\$1400

Phone 50274024 after 5pm

Achievement Certificates

Kinder L: Angus Hopfner, Jazmayne Parke, Kurt Trewin & Jamaya Kennedy

1/2G: Chloe Nash & Tom Bottrell

1/2S: Eta Tukutau

3/4S: Judy Pengelly, Danielle Stanborough & Alannah Wellard

4/5H: Chloe Trewin, Jake Irrgang & Chloe Hyde

6M: Sara Hancock, Trinity Kervin, Ricki Martin & Abby Taylor

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.

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Student of the Week

