

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

28th November 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

CHANGES

Last week, regional principals were presented with some information regarding the future set up of the NSW Department of Education and Communities and how this will look in the new regional model. There are quite a few changes that will affect the way that our teachers access support for professional learning and how we will assist our students with higher support needs.

Despite this, I feel confident that Wentworth has some excellent structures already in place to continue to provide support for the needs of all students and staff. With plans well under way, we can look forward to an exciting 2013!

MUSIC CONCERTS

It was exciting to listen to Murphy, Christina, Chloe and Travis perform at assembly on Monday. This is the first of three concerts, with our other keyboard students and the Year 6 recorder group playing in the coming weeks.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

COOMEALLA HIGH PERFORMANCE

Our Year 4/5/6 students are attending a presentation of the Coomealla High School production this Friday. We thank Coomealla for their invitation!

3/4 SLEEPOVER

Year 3/4 will be enjoying a sleepover next Thursday evening as an end of year reward. I know they will appreciate Miss Shield's efforts in organizing this.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wed | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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| | | | | 29/11 AASC | 30/11 Donut Day ELG 9-12 Coomealla HS Performance | 1/12 |
| 2/12 | 3/12 Kids Club | 4/12 AASC | 5/12 | 6/12 Year 5 Leaders Speeches 9.30am AASC Year 3/4S Sleepover | 7/12 ELG 9-12 | 8/12 |
| 9/12 | 10/12 Last Day for 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 Fun Day | 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 | | |

YEAR 1/2 ACTIVITIES

Year 1/2 will be visited by students from Trinity Lutheran School next Tuesday. They have been sending letters to each other and will meet for some special activities and a shared lunch (courtesy of 4/5!). They will also be participating in an excursion to a farm, the bakery and supermarket as a part of their studies in the coming weeks. Mr Gray and Mrs Slade have been very busy organizing these activities for their students.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Year 4/5 have been busy planning the Year 6 Farewell and I know that all of the students in these classes appreciate the work that Mrs Halls has put into the organization of this wonderful Wentworth tradition.

FUN DAY

Miss Shields and Mr Gray have also volunteered to ensure our "Fun Day" on Tuesday 18th December is a success. More details about this later!

TALENT QUEST

Some Year 4/5 students have also been organizing a Talent Quest for our second last week of term. I know many of the children have been busy practicing items to perform. These sessions will take place at lunch times.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our presentation evening is on Thursday, 13th December. It will be held at the Wentworth Services Club, commencing at 6.45pm.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Reports are in the final stages of completion and will be ready for distribution in the last week of term.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The magazine is nearing completion and will be printed to fill orders only. Please ensure you have placed your order in plenty of time! Final printing will be on Friday, 14th December.

Points to ponder!

When your teen's new best friend is a bad influence

Best friends are a key part of adolescents' lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child's best buddy is a bad influence?

Experts discuss different approaches.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

Copying and plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites.

Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

Help your kids enjoy reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet.

Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>



Grow Wentworth is conducting an event call "Light Up Christmas" which is to be held on Saturday 1st of December 2012 at the Wentworth Wharf Lawns.

"Light up Christmas" is an opportunity for our town to come together, celebrate and welcome in the festive season.

This is a FREE event for all to attend. We would love see you and your family and your friends there.

Bring your chairs or your picnic rug and enjoy the water front, food and entertainment.

The local school children will be decorating floating lanterns at their schools which will then be set sail on the Darling River on the Saturday evening. This will be a spectacular sight.

Santa will make an appearance on the local fire truck and will be giving out lollies to the families.

BBQ and drinks can be purchased at the event.

We will have music and entertainment for the children and families.

This is an alcohol free event.



CANTEEN NEWS

Last Donut Day for the year is this Friday 30th November.

With only 3 more canteen days left for this term we are cutting back on stock ordering for the canteen. This means we may run out of some varieties of drinks & ice creams. We apologise for any inconveniences.

Curlwaa Fresh orange juice is no longer available - we have sold out.

Canteen Helpers for 2013

If are interested in helping in the School Canteen in 2013 and would like more information contact Kellie Ricardi on kelliericardi@bigpond.com or 50278131

Canteen Roster

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.

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| 30th November 2012 | Becky Bysouth | Bonnie Thompson |
| 7th December 2012 | Donna Moylan | Sheryl Brown |
| 14th December 2012 | Kathryn Baird | Nelin Spary |

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.

KIDS CLUB

Please note the last day for Kids Club is Monday the 10th December 2012.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Uniform orders that have been paid for are ready to be picked up from the front office.

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Absence Note

Student Name: _____

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

Reason –Sick ☐ Family ☐ Appointment ☐ Other ☐

Details _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES—STORIES, GAMES AND CRAFT

Make your own Christmas Decorations at Wentworth Shire

Libraries

Monday 10th December 4pm to 5pm

Bookings essential—Please ring:

Buronga Library—phone: 50233078

Dareton Library—Phone 50275258

Wentworth Library—Phone: 50275060

MIDWAY DANCE CONCERT 2012

Children of all ages performing dances in the styles of tap jazz/funk and hip hop.

Saturday 1st December— Matinee and Evening Performances

St Joseph's College Mercy Theatre

(Entry via 11th Street and Rivaside Avenue—Mildura)

Ticket at the Visitors Information Centre, 180/190 Deakin Avenue, Mildura.

Www.milduraartscentre.com.au

Phone: 0350188330

Concert features children of all ages performing dances in the styles of tap jazz/funk and hip hop.

The opening hold of the show titled "Everyone Dance" will include a variety of pieces, that will have the audience singing and dancing along in their seats.

After interval we go under the big top" with circus themed pieces from the animals of the circus to the freakshow, clowns and much more.

Jamie-lee Hansen—Midway Dance School

KINDER L NEWS

Another week has flown by, and not long to the holidays! We have been very busy with our learning, and the children have been showing me how well they are achieving in all areas. It is been great to see the efforts they are putting into their work and the achievements they are making.

We have lots of activities coming up - on Tuesday 11th December, Kinder will be working in the kitchen garden, and following that, cooking in the kitchen with Jodie. The class will need some adult helpers, so if anyone is available for any time between 9.30 and 11.30 your help would be greatly appreciated.

The 13th December is our presentation night, and all Kinder students are expected to attend the night at the Wentworth Club. 18th December is a fun day. Some activities to look forward to.

Keep up the good work reading at home and remember to slip, slop and slap!

Have a great week.

Regards,

Chris Larwood.

YEAR 1/2G NEWS

Well it is HOT, HOT, HOT this week! We have been spending lots of time drinking water and applying sunscreen. Can everyone please bring water bottles to school during this hot period.

Congratulations to James Vine for being chosen as our student of the week and well done to Kurt, Brianna, Dylan and Liv for receiving achievement awards.

With less than a month to go, Miss Tsang and I are hoping for another fabulous week.

Cheers

Brian

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student Dylan Bagnall for having a go and trying hard in the classroom. This week Annie and Laurel received an award for respecting everyone and everything.

This week our work continues the focus on personal safety and exposition texts. Fractions, where the products we use come from and collage are other areas of learning. In technology we have been into *Study Ladder* for some time and publishing our writing. This week we have been having a go at *Storybird* which is a novel way to enthuse young writers. We have really been enjoying learning how to play the recorder. I have purchased a recorder for your child to practice at home at the minimal cost of \$2. 1-2 S children are welcome to collect one from me at school.

With great anticipation we have responded to our latest penpal letters and the Yr 1-2 class at the Trinity Lutheran College will be visiting our school next week. Mr Gray has activities planned for their visit and the children are so excited about meeting their penpal in person.

Another exciting activity planned for Year 1-2S in the last few weeks is a day excursion related to our work in HSIE about where our products come from. There will be a note going home shortly with all the details.

Keep up the great work with home reading. Many children are reaching their 200 nights reading and most children are returning their readers very regularly- well done!

Don't forget - all the students need to have hats and a water bottle at school please.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade

YEAR 3/4S NEWS

What a hot week! As it is warming up, please make sure your child has a water bottle they can bring into the classroom. We need to keep hydrated in this weather.

One more week until the sleep over! Sorry about the mistake in last week's newsletter. I was a little ahead of myself with the dates. A couple of children still have not brought their notes back, please sign and return as soon as possible.

Today was the last day for borrowing readers. The children have done a fantastic job this year with their reading. It is so important to keep reading over the holidays so they don't slip backwards and keep moving forward. All library books and readers need to be returned as soon as possible.

Tomorrow there will be no gardening due to hot weather. We will also be cooking first up in the morning (9.30am to 11.30am) as the kitchen can get quite hot and steamy.

Have a super week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

I thought this week I had better clear up a few questions regarding the year five speeches. Firstly in order to gain a leadership position the students must deliver a speech. The speech needs to be between 1 and 2 minutes long. The speech cannot make false promises such as offers of lollies. The speeches do need to be completed at home however I can give assistance should the children require it. It is my wish that all students from Year 5 will deliver a speech as part of their growth as leaders.

A reminder that Year 4/5H will be attending a performance on Friday at the Coomealla Club. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note and \$2 as early as possible. Also students ordering their lunch on that day need to remember that they will be having lunch at recess. Therefore they should not order ice creams etc.

Also the class has run out of fruit for fruit break. It would be nice to have a break each day in the lead up to the end of the year.

Congratulations to Kiara Kneebone who is our 'Student of the Week'. Also congratulations for receiving the class awards go to James for a good start to a new classroom and Amber S for always doing her best.

Please call in if you have any questions about the end of the year or the speeches.

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M

Firstly, it was terrific to hear how well the class worked in my absences. They make me proud. I wish to give a big thank you to Mrs Rees who stepped in at short notice to have the class. Also thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have been continually supportive during my time in and out of school this past term. This is a wonderful, compassionate place to teach in.

Year 6, along with the Year 4 and 5 students will be attending a performance on Friday at the Coomealla Club. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note and \$2 by tomorrow. Also students ordering their lunch on that day need to remember that they will be having lunch at recess time, therefore they should not order ice creams etc. They do not need to have a recess order.

The class are very excited about the Year 6 Farewell Dinner. It is important that they provide a written acceptance to this event.

The Year 5's along with Mrs Halls have and are still putting in a lot of time and effort to make the event one to remember - in a positive way.

Again thanks for all the support,

Sandra Marziano

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:** Kurt Trewin, Charli McCabe & Jarrah Thorne

* **1/2G:** Olivia Baird, Kurt Gooding, Dylan Wellard & Brianna Bagnall

* **1/2S:** Laurel Andrews & Annie-Rae Plummer

* **3/4S:** Bronte Rix & Jaclynn Hanneman

* **4/5H:** Amber Shaw, Mitchell Bysouth & James Krahner

* **6M:** Mia Curtis

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

