

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

31st October 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

THE WEATHER IS HOTTING UP!

It looks like we are in for some warm weather in the next few weeks. It is great to see all students bringing their hats and wearing them! We have some sunscreen for the students to re-apply at school, but make sure they put some on each morning! It is also important to remember to be sun-safe at home, at the pool and down the river!

SCHOOL SWIMMING

In order to run our school swimming scheme properly next year, we will need to engage 4 qualified instructors. This year, we could not get any extra assistance. If you know of anyone with the appropriate Austswim qualification, who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible for details! The program will hopefully run from Monday, 11th February, for 10 days.

As an advanced warning, due to pool hire costs and ensuring we have trained staff, the scheme will cost each student \$30, regardless of whether a season's ticket is held. Discounts will be available for families with more than two children attending. Please make an appointment with me to discuss this.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				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 AASC	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
2/12	3/12 Kids Club	4/12 AASC	5/12	6/12 AASC	7/12 ELG	8/12
9/12	10/12	11/12	12/12	13/12 Presentation Evening— Wentworth Club 6:45pm	14/12	15/12

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM 2013

As you know all students from Year 3-6 participate in this program each week. From next year, we will have to begin to place a small fee on the program to assist in covering costs. We will be asking students to contribute \$15 for each term, so they can continue making (and eating) such delicious meals each week! This program is an integral and important part of our curriculum and we really want to see it continue at its present level.

Also, don't forget if you have a spare hour or so on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday each week, please come along and help out in the kitchen. It is great fun and the children love having visitors!

CLASSES FOR 2013

There has been some discussion as to how classes will be formed next year. Obviously, the final decisions will depend on student numbers. At this stage, we have some plans in place and I will be discussing some individual placements with the families involved in the coming weeks.

STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are currently working on student reports and they will be going home later in the term.

"LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS"

All students will be involved in an art project as a part of this special community celebration at the waterfront on December 1st. More details later!

ACCEPTANCE WEEK

This week is "Acceptance Week". This is an initiative of the Western Region Student's Association. It has five main focus areas; sports, the arts, different cultures, anti-bullying and acceptance in general.

While the school has no special activities planned, it is important to acknowledge that Wentworth has a proud history of working with and including all members of the community. Our special programs, including our kitchen garden program are wonderful examples of this!

PARENT TIPS!

Private tutoring

Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child's education? This article explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

Rainforest heroes app

Is your child researching the rainforest ecosystem? This new, free iPad app helps students capture their discoveries—at the zoo or from home—and save them as a report.

Go to: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>

Primary

Quenching your child's thirst

In the coming summer months what are the best drinks to prevent dehydration? And do you know the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age?

Find out the facts: <http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/stats-and-facts-teens/teens-nutrition/drinks-for-hydration.aspx>

Asthma action plan

If your child has asthma you want to feel as confident as possible about leaving them in child care. Here's a checklist on what you need to do, and what you can expect of others. Go to: http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/Childcare_info_for_parents.aspx



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

EARLY LEARNING GROUP

It was another great week of Early Learning Group this week. The Year 5 Buddies gave some information about the school value of Respect Everyone and Everything. We read the story The Very Busy Spider and made our own spider webs. The homework was completed by all students and it provided a great talking and listening activity. This week the students have been given numbers and need to find that number of items.

Just a reminder that enrolment forms are due back as soon as possible. Please hand in to the front office. If you already filled in an enrolment for Early Learning Group then you don't have to complete another one.

Students need to bring a small snack and drink bottle each week.

Natalie Hopcroft

2013 Kindergarten Teacher.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2014 (GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS).

Application information booklets are available from the school office.



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



Office of
Communities
Sport & Recreation

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.

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.

2nd November 2012	Larni Baird	Fiona Cullinan
9th November 2012	Sharon Hopfner	Kaye Hyde
16th November 2012	Mandy Bone	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.

COOMEALLA WENTWORTH CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR TRAINING
UNDER 10, UNDER 12 and UNDER 14

Training has commenced and will continue each Thursday from 4:30pm at George Gordon Oval, Dareton. All players will be made most welcome.

More players for the Under 10 division are needed in particular.

For further information phone Jeremy Giddings on 50248202 (ah)

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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

KINDER L NEWS

The class has been enjoying choosing the student of the week, and the achievement awards. This week, Jaita was chosen as Student of the week, and Kurt, Charli, Ryan, Saxon and Immanuel received achievement awards. Congratulations to all these students.

A reminder that our Kinder excursion will be on Friday. Everyone is excited and looking forward to going on the bus to "Woodsies' and the Park for Play.

It is great to see more reading happening at home, and that as a result the children are showing more confidence when reading and enjoying being able to read. Keep up the good work!

We have been writing about a range of topics, and are now including some descriptive words, as well as remembering to leave spaces and end with a full stop. It is also pleasing to see many of the children reading and writing more words each week. Ask them about the words they can write and encourage them to write at any opportunity.

Have a great week,

Regards, Chris Larwood.

YEAR 1/2G NEWS

Congratulations to Thomas Bottrell for being chosen as our Student of the Week this week. Tom has shown lots of respect to everyone both in the classroom and the playground. Good work to Olivia, Amelia and Jane for receiving achievement awards this week.

This week we will continue looking at mass and weights in maths sessions, and our literacy unit will focus around safety at home. We have also started a pen pal program with a Year 1/2 class at Trinity Lutheran School in Mildura. This will lead in to a visit from the class and a tour around Wentworth. The kids are all really excited about this and it should be a lot of fun.

If you have any spare fruit around the house can you please send it in. We have not had any fruit for fruit break this week and we all miss our morning recharge.

Cheers

Brian

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Welcome to week 4. Congratulations to our star student Laura Hancock for great reading and always doing her best work. This week Jack, Drew, Laura and Jamowen received awards for moving up with reading.

The dance around the world performance was very enjoyable last week and we enjoyed finding out more about the countries they visited and the music and culture they saw.

Our work focuses on farm safety 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 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. In visual arts we are looking at the technique of collage. We have started 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.

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 6M NEWS

What fantastic sessions the students are still presenting as teachers. Last week we had a mixture of visual art, science, craft and cooking and that was just in one lessons. This week we have been enjoying PD. Health with a first aid session, with sport and art/science to continue tomorrow. Other teachers who have been able to drop by during the lessons are amazed at how well the students are organised. One student stated after their lesson, "I love using my voice."

If your child still hasn't returned their Coomealla High School in 2013 Orientation note, please do so by this Friday.

Some quick reminders if you haven't written them on your calendar yet:

7th November - Half Day Orientation at Coomealla High.

7th November - Parent Information Evening @ Coomealla High School @ 6:30pm.

22nd November - Full Day Orientation at Coomealla High.

Have a safe and healthy week,

Sandra Marziano

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.

FOR SALE—MOTORBIKE

Zac Hyde has a CRF Honda motorbike.
Like new condition, he has got too big for it.
\$1400

Achievement Certificates

Kinder L: Saxon Wellard, Kurt Trewin, Ryan Norris, Immanuel

Rodgers & Charli McCabe

1/2G: Olivia Baird, Jane Cullinan & Amelia Paech

1/2S: Drew Thompson, Jack Andrews, Jamowen Kennedy &

Laura Hancock

3/4S: Jackson McDermott & Bronte Rix

4/5H: Christina Edwards & Olivia Daymond

6M: Mia Curtis, Abby Taylor, Sean McKinnon,

Rachael Hanneman & Ricki Martin

Principal's Awards

Chris Gold, Jardan Kennedy, Brodie Miller & Ashley Farnsworth

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Student of the Week

