

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

7th November 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

ROAD SAFETY

Last week, I reminded the children about being sun-safe. This week, our focus has been on road safety. Children need to cross the road in front of school at the marked crossings. They still need to stop and ensure that any vehicles have seen them and stopped before stepping onto the road. Young children do not have the same view of traffic as adults and care needs to be taken to ensure they cross the road safely. Please ensure that your child has a sound understanding of road safety rules. This also applies to children riding bikes and scooters. We have several children who do not ride safely, do not wear helmets and seem to have no awareness of the danger they are putting themselves in. I have asked the local police to do some patrols in front of the school to remind all of the seriousness of this matter.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Next week, we will be hosting two fourth year education students from Newcastle University. Miss Jackie Tseng will be assisting Mr Gray in 1/2G and Miss Treesa Heath will be assisting in Year 6. We look forward to their contributions to our school while they are here for four weeks.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				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 ASSC	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 Year 5 Leaders Speeches	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
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		

YEAR 6

Miss Marziano has had to take some time off for family reasons over the next few weeks. Fortunately, Mrs Rees has been able to step in and assist the school by taking the class. We are very proud of our Year 6 students and the way they have been conducting themselves all year and I know that their excellent manners will continue while Miss Marzie is away.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Just a reminder that the times for this program are 3:45pm - 4:45pm. Please ensure that you are on time to collect your children, or send written permission for them to walk home.

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. School years that will be affected by composite grades are Years 3 and 4, as we will most likely have Y2/3, Y3/4 and Y4/5. All other students will be remaining with their cohort at this stage.

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!

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Our school swimming scheme is looking more hopeful, with indications from Belgravia Leisure that they may be able to assist with some instructors. I would still like to hear from others though, to ensure we are fully covered. The program will begin on Friday, 8th February and continue for 9 school days, with our school carnival scheduled for the evening of Thursday, 21st February.

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, particularly if you are in need of assistance.

PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

I will be away for the remainder of the week at the Broken Hill principal's meeting in Menindee. Mrs Hopcroft will be acting principal during my absence.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

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

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.

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.

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

MISSION AUSTRALIA—BRIGHTER FUTURES PROGRAM

The Brighter Futures (Early Intervention Program) is a voluntary targeted program designed for families encountering problems that impact on their ability to care for this children. The program provides families with the necessary support and services to help prevent an escalation of the problems they are facing.

Target Groups

The Brighter Futures Program is for families who are expecting a child or have children up to and including 8 years of age (at least one child must be 8 years or younger or the family will not be eligible). Priority of access will be given to families with children less than 3 years of age. To be eligible for the program the families must present with at least one vulnerability that, if not addressed, is likely to escalate and impact adversely on the capacity to parent adequately and/or on the well being of the child/ren.

Vulnerabilities include:

- Low level domestic violence
- Parental drug and alcohol misuse
- Parental mental health issues
- A lack of extended family or social supports
- Parents with significant learning difficulties and/or intellectual disability and
- Child behaviour management problem (conflict or school problems)
- Lack of parenting skills/inadequate supervision

Key Components

The key service components funded in the program include:

- Key coordination/service integration functions

- Case management of families
- Home visiting
- Offering quality children's services
- Parenting programs

The Brighter Futures Program aims to achieve 3 outcomes:

- To promote healthy development in children
- To promote strong, functional and well supported families
- To reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect in participating families

Contact Information:

Brighter Futures—16 Neilpo Street, Dareton,

Phone: 03 50274002

Fax: 0350274008

www.missionaustralia.com.au

MALLEE FAMILY CARE—COMMUNITY BBQ

We are in—come and visit us in the new building.

Thursday 8th November 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Location: The Dareton Park (opposite the Caltex Petrol Station)

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.

9 th November 2012	Mandy Bone	Kaye Hyde
16 th November 2012	Sharon Hopfner	Donna Moylan
23 rd November 2012	Kellie Ricardi	Amanda Trewin
30 th November 2012	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
7 th December 2012	Donna Moylan	Sheryl Brown
14 th 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 or next 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

This week we were fortunate to have Stacey Cullinan come and help us while Judy was on the infant excursion. Thanks Stacey, we hope you can come and help us again soon! Our mini beast this week was the lovely ladybird. We enjoyed reading the 'Bad Tempered Ladybird' and then making our very own ladybird headbands. It was also great fun to make ladybirds out of a strawberry, blueberry and some choc bits. I wonder what mini beast we will enjoy this week. I hope it will beeeeeee friendly. The homework task last week involved finding things that were a certain colour. Make sure you bring your hat, drink bottle and a small snack.

See you Friday,

Natalie Hopcroft, Kindergarten Teacher 2013.

KINDER L NEWS

What a great excursion for the Kinder class last week, they have been talking about it and writing recounts of the activities they participated. I think the maze and the cave with a "purple diamond" was a great hit, and the food!

We are working on subtraction in maths, and focussing on reading for meaning. It is most important that the children understand what they are reading and can talk about it.

A reminder as the weather is getting warmer to ensure that you send a water bottle each day, and a hat or the rule of "No hat, no play" will be enforced.

In our celebrations unit, this week we are celebrating Judy's special birthday, so a huge Happy Birthday Judy.

Kind Regards,

Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2G NEWS

It's only five weeks to go and the kids are going strong! Most students are really focused and are accomplishing some great learning right now. Let's keep it up!

Starting next week, our class will be having practicum teacher from the University of Newcastle . Ms Tseng is joining us for a month and it should be a wonderful opportunity for some different learning environments to takes place.

Congratulations to Callan McInnes for being chosen as our student of the week. Callan is always being friendly to all and has been a great for kids who need some peer help. James and Kaleb were chosen to receive our achievement awards this week for their positive contributions in both the playground and the classroom.

Our literacy focus for the next couple of weeks will be on safety around the home as well as the process of getting food from the farm to the plate. In maths we will be focusing on 3D shapes for the next fortnight.

As the weather is starting to heat up, I would love to see more kids bringing water bottles to school. Hydration is a really important facet of being able to engage in lessons and I am more than happy to allow kids to have water bottles at their desks during learning time.

Also, a reminder that our Library day is on a Monday this term.

Slip, Slop, Slap,
Brian

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Welcome to week 5. Congratulations to our star student Jack Andrews for a huge improvement in the classroom. This week Jack, Drew, Hannah, Annie- Rae and Jayden received awards for moving up with reading, spelling or maths.

This week our work focuses on farm and personal safety and exposition texts. Position, Information and communication, where the products we use come from and collage are other areas of learning. We are ready to send 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 3/4S NEWS

In our 'Celebration' unit all the students have researched and designed a PowerPoint to present to the class about a selected celebration. This week the children have started presenting their wonderful work. This week we have explored the celebration Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night and the Melbourne Cup.

Just a reminder that as the weather is warming up, please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school and a hat. Water bottles can be kept in the classroom which allows for less disruption during lessons.

Thank you to the families who have been kindly donating fruit this year but unfortunately 3/4S has been going through a shortage the last week. We do appreciate any contributions of fruit or vegetables.

We are returning to our cooking and gardening sessions this week. Any volunteers are welcome to come and help (cooking 12pm-1.30pm). The Stephanie Alexander program would not exist if we didn't have our wonderful volunteers! Thank you to Cheryl Rix who come and assisted during our last session.

Hope you have an amazing week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 6M NEWS

For the next three weeks I will be taking Year 6. This week is a very busy week for Year 6; today they had their first orientation to the high school, which I'm sure they all thoroughly enjoyed even though there were a few nerves. There is also a **Parent Information Night**, tonight @ 6.30pm at **Coomealla High School**. The whole day orientation to the high school will be on the **22nd November**.

Tomorrow, some of the class will be attending the T20 cricket challenge. Good luck to everyone attending. We have Sara and Raymond teaching their Science lessons on Thursday and on Friday we have Trinity and Imogen teaching their Magic lesson as well as Ky and Sami teaching their Art lesson. A very busy week all round.

Next week we have a 4th Year Practicum Teacher starting. Miss Treesa Heath is from the University of New Castle and will be here for the next 4 weeks.

Have a fabulous week,

Natalie Rees

Achievement Certificates

Kinder L: Kayden Robinson, Jarrah Thorne, Summer Lever,
Jamaya Kennedy.

1/2G: Kaleb Bride, James Vine.

1/2S: Dylan Bagnall, Jayden Miller, Hannah Fordham,
Annie-Rae Plummer, Drew Thompson.

3/4S: Terique Rose, Salote Tukutau, Summer Halls.

4/5H: Jet Rodgers, Aden Taylor Tate, Dexta Watson-Kiely.

6M: Nick Stanborough, Brodie Miller, Bradley Edwards, Jarden
Kennedy.

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

