

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

12th December 2012



### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This will be our last newsletter for the year. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing the Year 1-6 students back at school on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Kindergarten will commence on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February.

#### PRESENTATION EVENING

Tomorrow evening is our presentation celebration at Wentworth Services Club. We would love to see all students there, as many of them will be receiving awards. We also have some other special presentations prepared for the evening. Students are asked to be seated by 6:45pm. They are expected to be in full school uniform. They may come to school in casual dress tomorrow.

#### RAFFLE

I would like to thank those families who have donated a gift for the raffle. We will have a lovely hamper ready, but it is not too late to send something in. Tickets will be on sale at the presentation evening for 50c each. Proceeds will go to next year's Year 6 Canberra excursion.

#### TALENT QUEST

Year 5 students have been organising a talent quest for their school mates. This will take place on Friday morning from 10:00am in the hall.

# DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year		

# FEBRUARY 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
3/2	4/2 Staff Development Day	5/2 Staff Development Day	6/2 Year 1-6 Return	7/2	8/2 Intensive Swimming Starts	9/2
10/2	11/2 Kinder Start	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2
17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2 Hockey Victoria Visit School Swimming	22/2	23/2

## REPORTS

Class reports have been finalised and are currently being signed. They will be sent out next Monday. If they are required earlier for any reason, please contact the school office.

## ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December is the students' last day of school. If, for any reason, your child is finishing earlier than this, please contact the school and complete an exemption or absence form.

## CLASSES FOR 2013

While we can't be 100% sure of final classes, it is anticipated that the following structure will be in place in 2013:

Kindergarten - Mrs Natalie Hopcroft

Year 1 - Mrs Trish Slade

Year 2/3 - Mr Brian Gray

Year 3/4 - Ms Bridget Milne

Year 4/5 - Mrs Jenny Halls

Year 6 - Miss Sandra Marziano

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

We will commence our school swimming scheme on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. All students from years 1-6 are involved, unless parents have specifically requested for them to be exempt. This must be in writing. Please return notes from last week as soon as possible so that we can ensure children are correctly catered for from Day 1.

## SCHOOL FEES

I have had some enquiries about proposed voluntary contributions for 2013. We are requesting \$20 per child for the year. This covers all books, pencils, art supplies and other stationery. At times, requests will be made to cover the costs of excursions and visiting performances.

We will also be requesting a nominal amount to assist with covering expenses in the kitchen garden program. This will be \$15 per term, starting from Term 2 for students from Years 3-6.

Payments can be made together at the start of the term, or we can arrange to spread the costs over a longer period of time. I am suggesting that swimming be paid at the start of term. (Remember that you only pay for the first two children in the family!) School fees will be due in Week 5 (Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March). We are asking that you pay for each child. Kitchen garden payments will be requested at the start of Term 2 and payment will be requested for each child.

Please remember that the school is happy to assist you in any way by making these payments easier. If you are experiencing difficulty, please discuss this with me.

## FAREWELLS

As many of you know, we are having some staff leaving us at the end of term. Our long term volunteer, Judy Pengelly has decided to retire and Ros Ford is also changing career paths. Blanche Niemann will be at Buronga full time next year, Tanya Lamprell will be doing some work interstate and Jayne O'Shannessy is taking some time off. Dawn King will also be taking some time off, as her position has been completed for the time being. We also thank Jenny Ryan who has been working with some of our classes and students over the

past semester and we hope to have her services, at least for some days, next year. I would like to thank all of these people for their support of our school throughout the year.

That's it for this year! Have a great holiday!

Cathy Eddie

Principal.

## **DISCO**

As part of our Year 6 Leavers Dinner celebrations on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding our traditional Disco. Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend this part of the night. The Disco is held at the Wentworth Tennis club and begins at 7.15pm and runs until 8.30pm.

## **PRIMARY STUDENTS**

On Friday the weather is expected to be quite warm, so Year 3/4/5/6 will be watching a movie in the afternoon. The students have requested a children's movie which is rated PG. If any parents have any concerns could you please contact the school so alternatives can be made.

## WENTWORTH LITTLE GECKOS PLAYGROUP

Last day for Playgroup is Wednesday 19th December 2012.

Playgroup will start again on Wednesday 6th February 2013. At Wentworth Public School.

Please note new times for next year: 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Families welcome to come along and have a yarn up! Relax and mingle with friends and family within the community.

Indoor & Outdoor Activities. Snacks and Drinks provided

Wentworth Little Geckos Playgroup wish every one a Happy Christmas and safe holidays!!

For further information please contact:

Sabana Quayle or Maralea Nua on 50274067 or 50277600

**NSW Child Dental Service  
Dareton Dental Clinic  
Mobile Child Dental Clinic  
Christmas Shut Down Period  
14th December until  
30th January 2013**

**In the event of needing urgent Dental Care for children  
during this time Parents  
should be directed to call  
Sunraysia Community Dental Clinic  
on 50 210 944**

**OR**

**They will need to attend a Private Dentist  
This information will be explained on our mobile phone  
message bank**

**0419 990 264**

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

With only 1 more canteen day 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](mailto: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](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.

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2012**      Kathryn Baird      Nelin Spary

## **UNIFORM ORDERS**

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

Parents wishing to pick up orders next year can do so from 12-3:30pm on Monday 4th February and Tuesday 5th February.



## KINDER L NEWS

Congratulations to our Student of the Week, Caitlyn Farnsworth, and to Haylee, Jamaya, Zac, Jazmayne, Jarrah and Saxon who were awarded Achievement Awards from the class.

We had a great day yesterday in the kitchen garden with Vince, planting flowers, checking out the chooks, and having a look at all the different vegetables that are growing. It was great cooking with Jodie, and we made pasta with a tomato and garlic sauce, and also ricotta and silverbeet turnovers. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped us, it was great to have you with us and we hope you enjoyed the experience as much as the children did.

A reminder that presentation is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. and it would be really good if all Kinder students attended as they are all recognised on this night.

Some Kinder children have indicated that they are entering an item in the Talent Quest to be held on Friday morning starting at 10am. Please check that your child is organised for their item if they are competing. It sounds like a lot of fun.

Our carnival/show will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the unit of work on celebrations and we are all looking forward to a great day! Lunch will be provided for the children, but please send along something for their recess.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, the whole school is having a wet and wild day of fun and activities. It would be a good idea if students wore a rash top, or have a change of clothes as there are outside activities that will be involving water.

Kinder will be having a shared party with our Year 6 buddy class, just before recess, and we would appreciate if all students could please bring in some food to contribute to the party.

Not long to the holidays, so keep remembering the school values and we will have a great time for the rest of term.

Have a great week,

Chris Larwood.

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

It has been a huge week this week! A big thanks to the Bairds and Fishers IGA for hosting our wonderful excursion on Friday. It was a great day and the kids did an amazing job at representing our school out in the community.

Tomorrow we will be cooking in the morning at 10:15am. If there are any parents that would like to come along and check out how our kitchen garden program operates, please feel free to come on down.

Well done to Thomas Bottrell for being chosen as our Student of the Week, and good work to Claire, Brianna and Olivia for being chosen to receive achievement awards this week.

I am in the process of finalising the reading awards for the year. Can everybody please return all readers and send in your reading logs to get checked off.

Please remember that tomorrow is an out of uniform day. This is so that everyone can be in full uniform for the presentation night.

Not long to go now, let's keep it up!

Cheers,

Brian

## YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student Chanelle Ricardi for always doing her best in the classroom and following our school values. There were awards for Dylan, Annie, Hamish and Nellie- well done!

Our visit to Oakbank station and the supermarket last week was fantastic. Thank you so much to the Bairds for having us- they went to such a big effort to ensure that the kids learnt a lot and they enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Wendy at Fishers as well, for answering our questions.

A note went home on Monday for 1-2S detailing some of the things happening in the last days of the term and there are a few extra things to note. Don't forget our Kris Kringle giving idea in 1-2S- if your child won't be there on Tuesday please let me know so I can arrange their present early. It will be casual dress this Thursday at school so that each child will come to the Presentation Night in their school uniform. Please send in a change of clothes for our fun day activities on Tuesday in the middle session, as there will be water play. Also it will be casual dress on the last day of school. Finally, it is not too late to send in something for the hamper to be raffled on Thursday night.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade

## YEAR 3/4S NEWS

It is hard to believe this is our last week of school. I have had such a wonderful time teaching 3/4S. You have always provided me with my daily dose of laughter. I had the best time at the sleep over, even though I was the major target of the water bomb fight. I think I came out with bruises!! Thank you so much to Mrs Halls, Mrs Eddie and Mr Gray for volunteering your help.

We do have a busy week coming up with lots of exciting events. Presentation night is being held this Thursday at 6.45pm at the Wentworth Club. The children can wear casual dress on Thursday at school then wear their uniform on the night. I would like to encourage all the children to come along.

Next Monday is the Year 6 Farewell at the Wentworth tennis club. Though the class will not attend the major event they can come to the disco which begins at 7.15pm. Get your dancing shoes on to celebrate the end of the school year!

Tuesday will be a fun day for the whole school. The main events start after recess with a majority being water orientated. So the children can bring their bathers, towel and a sun smart shirt (rashie) to wear. Casual dress can be worn on the final two days.

I would like to take this moment to thank all the wonderful support I have had from the parents and students this year. You should be very proud of your children. I know I am. I will definitely miss teaching this cheeky bunch next year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and an enjoyable holiday.

Hope you have a lovely week.

Jordana Shields

## YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome everyone to my final newsletter for 2012. Wow what a year. Thank you everyone for your support during my first year of teaching. Mostly I would like to thank the students as I have really had a great year and have learnt so much from them.

We still have a busy run to the last day of term. Thursday is a casual dress day so that our uniforms will be neat and ready for Presentation Night. On Thursday night we have Presentation Night. It would be great to see everyone there and I look forward to the announcement of our school leaders for 2013.

On Monday, the Year 5 students will be busy preparing our feast for the Year 6 Dinner and then setting up the Wentworth Tennis Club for the evening's events. A reminder that on the night boys need to wear a button up shirt and tie along with slacks (no jeans). Girls need to wear a suitable dress with no spaghetti straps and appropriate length. Any questions or concerns please give me a call and I will do my best to help you out.

Tuesday is our E-Day involving water fun. Students should wear appropriate clothing on this day and pack bathers with a suitable t-shirt or rash vest.

On Wednesday I would like to show the movie 'Brave' to the students. However the movie is rated PG. If anyone disagrees with their children watching the movie please contact the school and I will organise an alternative.

Once again thank you for a wonderful year. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Cheers,

Jen

## Year 6M News

Well we have almost reached the end of the term and the last few days before the Year 6's leave Wentworth Public to commence their secondary education. Thank you Year 6 for such a great year. You're a credit to yourself for developing into responsible and positive individuals.

There are still a number of events before the last day of term,

- ◊ Presentation Evening tomorrow night.
- ◊ Year 6 Farewell Dinner Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- ◊ Buddy Class Party with the Kinder class on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please send in a plate to share.
- ◊ Fun Day activities - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. between recess and lunchtime. There will be a variety of water activities; therefore we recommend a change of clothing and/or a rashie to wear.
- ◊ DVD's—during these final days of school, at some stage the students may be watching some DVD's. They vary between a G and PG rating. If you do not wish for your child to view a PG movie, please contact the office to let us know.

There are also a number of days coming up that the students can wear casual dress to school. 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. Signing of the Year 6 shirts will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

As the Year 6's are aware from last year and class discussion the dress code for the Year 6 Farewell Evening is quite strict. Boys are expected to wear trousers, a button-up shirt, tie and correct footwear (not sports shoes or thongs!) The girls should have clothing that covers their shoulders and is of an adequate length. Strapless tops and short skirts are strongly discouraged. **All Year 6 parents/carers are welcomed to attend the formal presentation of certificates and listen to the Year 6's speeches. These will take place from approximately 6:30pm.**

Thank you to all who assisted us throughout the year and wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy festive season.

Sandra Marziano

### **Achievement Certificates**

**Kinder L: Haylee Darby, Jazmayne Parke, Jamaya Kennedy,**

**Zac Pearce, Saxon Wellard and Jarrah Thorne**

**1/2G: Claire Follett, Olivia Baird and Brianna Bagnall**

**1/2S: Hamish Baird, Nellie Baird, Dylan Bagnall and Annie-Rae**

**Plummer**

**3/4S: Terique Rose, Baily Heywood and Sarah Watters-Behsmann**

**4/5H: Amber Thompson, Nell McKenzie and Shyann Wellard**

**6M: Rachael Hanneman, Madison Gooding and 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**

