

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

15th February 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first full school assembly will be held on Monday, 20th February at 3:00pm. Please note, that the following week, assemblies will return to the normal time of 9:30am. This change has been made to accommodate a hockey clinic for our Year 3-4-5 students at 9:30am.

We are anxious to make a start, as our students have been having very effective class meetings and are keen to begin acknowledging the efforts of their peers. Please join us if you can!

SPORTS CAPTAINS

It is hoped that we will be able to present our sports captains with their badges at the above assembly. Fingers crossed that they arrive in time!

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Our daily program has been going really well, with the children gaining in confidence each day. Our lessons cannot replace a full program of lessons with qualified Austswim trainers. Therefore, if your child is in need of extra support, it is certainly worth exploring the opportunity to have more intensive support.

GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

In the coming weeks, class teachers will be organising times to meet with you and your child. These interviews are vitally important, so please ensure you arrange a meeting time.

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
12/2 WFNC Advert. Filming	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2 Swimming Lessons Finish	17/2	18/2
19/2	20/2 Hockey Clinic Yrs 3 & 4 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	21/2 Active After School Sports Starts	22/2 Active After School Sports	23/2 School Swimming Carnival 5:30PM	24/2	25/2
26/2	27/2 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	28/2 Active After School	29/2 Active After School Sports	1/3	2/3 MDPSSA Swimming Carnival	3/3
4/3	5/3 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	6/3 Active After School	7/3 Active After School Sports	8/3	9/3	10/3
11/3	12/3 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	13/3 Active After School	14/3 Active After School Sports	15/3	16/3	17/3
18/3	19/3 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	20/3 Active After School Sports	21/3 Active After School Sports	22/3	23/3	24/3

SCHOOL CANTEEN

This week, our school canteen will be holding our first special foods day of the year, with pies, pasties and sausage rolls available by prior order. Enclosed with this newsletter is a simple order form that must be returned to school tomorrow (Thursday) to confirm the lunch order. Payment can be sent in on Friday in the usual manner, but we would like an indication as to how many we need to order.

Drinks and some snacks will be available each week and will need to be ordered for delivery to classrooms. Children will still be able to collect frozen items from the canteen. Each week, a different "main item" will be on offer.

We will trial this process in Term 1 to see how it runs. Hopefully, this process will work and the students will still get a lovely lunch on Fridays that parents don't have to make!

We will have a short meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:45pm for all parents who would like to assist when needed, or if you have some suggestions for ways we can keep the canteen operating.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year, our Catholic students will have separate lessons each Friday morning, commencing on **Friday, 25th February**. If you do not wish your child to be included in these sessions, you must send a letter of exemption. Religious education instructors will take some other classes, with the remainder being taken by class teachers, teaching a school ethics program.

STATE EQUITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

I will be in Sydney at the beginning of next week, in my role as CAP Consultant for the district. Mrs Hopcroft will be in charge during my absence.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on the **23rd of February starting at 5.30pm**. The children aged 8 year's old and above have been given the opportunity to enter their preferable events this week. No events can be entered on the night. The infants will also get an opportunity to participate on the night with activities organised in the middle pool. The P&C will be providing a barbeque with sausages and rissoles (\$2.00 each and Steak Sandwiches \$5.50 each) on the menu. This year sporting houses will be given bonus points for the best dressed. So don't forget to wear your house colours. We would greatly appreciate volunteers for the role of timekeeper. Please give the school a ring to put your name down if you are available.

AFL COMMUNITY CAMP

On **Monday 20th February**, our school has been chosen to participate in this year's AFL community camp. The Richmond Football Club will be coming to Mildura to conduct clinics and public presentations through out the community. Two Richmond Tigers players will be visiting our school to spend sometime talking about their careers with our Year 2s to 6s. If time permits the students can bring in one item (eg. Football jumper) for the Richmond players to sign. Aside from this visitation there is a super clinic at the Aero Ovals at 4.00pm. This clinic will have all 40 players on the Tigers list as well as their entire coaching panel in attendance. This is open to any primary school student who would like to attend. There will be a major prize for the two best decorated Richmond supporters on the day at the clinic, watching or participating. If they are the winner they will have a dinner cruise with the entire Richmond list and coaching panel as their special guest on **Tuesday the 21st February**.

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

SCHOOL FEES

There have been several enquiries about fees for books and equipment. This year, we have simplified the process and will supply all students with the equipment and books that they need at school. **We are asking for a voluntary contribution to assist with costs of \$20 per student or \$50 per family, if you have more than two children attending school.** We would appreciate it if all families could help us by making this payment as soon as possible.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

We are running this program again this year, with sessions on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:45pm - 4:45pm.** The first day will be **Tuesday, 21st February** and run for seven weeks.

Our activities are yet to be confirmed, but one session may involve visits to the pool, at least until it is too cold! Mr Gray will be supervising the group and the numbers are limited. We suggest that only students from Year 1 up be involved in semester 1.

If you would like your child to participate in this program, you will need to complete an official enrolment form, available from the school office.

KIDS CLUB

Sponsored by the Murray River Baptist Church—Buronga will resume **Monday 20th February.** Consent forms will be in the office.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

On **Monday 27th February, 5th and 12th March, 9.30am** at **Wentworth Public School**, Mallee Family Care will be hosting the **Positive Parenting Program.** The program is an **informal gathering** to come along and discuss any issues and tips on parenting. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Trish Jones AEO

REMINDERS

HEAD LICE

Please check your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

FRUIT FOR FRUIT BREAK

If you have spare fruit for fruit break, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

NUT BAN

As we have students who have a **SEVERE** allergy to nuts, children are requested **NOT** to bring any nuts or products containing nuts, in their lunches. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING

The School has Student Banking through the **Bendigo Bank** on **Wednesday mornings**. Children bring their bank books and money to the School office before school and the Bendigo Bank staff collect them and return the books the following day.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive a copy of the school newsletter via email, please send your email address into the school office. Children who receive an emailed newsletter still get all the attachments, permission slips as usual, each Wednesday.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET

A compressed version of the School Newsletter is available on the School's Web page:

www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

VOICE & PIANO LESSONS

Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday. Please phone her for more details on: 50248370 or 0408596944.

WENTWORTH FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

Get ready for Football & Netball season. Wentworth Juniors Training will start for football U10's and upwards and netball U11 and upwards at George Gordon Oval Dareton, on Wednesday 22nd Feb at 4:30 to 5:30. Children need to be turning 8 this calendar year to start playing. Training will be one night a week for the first few and then back to normal times. So get a good start to the season and start training early. We will need all the usual volunteers again this year so parents, please put your hand up and help out where you can Any queries should be directed to Wendy on 0435019926 Auskick will be run again this year and dates will be advised at a later stage

GIRL GUIDES ARE BACK

Girl Guide units in Sunraysia are resuming their unit meetings for 2012 after the holiday break..

Girls can join from the age of 5 through to 18, and units are organised into different age groups.

The units meet about 2 hours once a week and offer challenging activities designed to help girls become confident, self respecting, responsible community members.

Each girl is encouraged to use initiative, acquire life skills, decision making and leadership to help grow in self confidence.

Anyone interested in joining can contact District Leader, Amanda McNabb, 0437706296 for further information.

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

We have had a very successful first week back and this week we will continue our great work in 1-2S. Swimming is going well and the students are trying their hardest. Thank you to the parents who have been helping us down there. The behaviour while walking to the pool has been in level C and D- well done 1-2 S!!!

"Getting to know you" homework went out last Friday, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. The parent questionnaires are being returned -thank you!

Our class has access to a fridge to keep lunches cold in the kinder room. Please send in a water bottle to leave in our classroom. Last year's art smocks are being returned to our class- thank you to those who are sending in smocks and library bags. Please make sure any items are clearly labelled.

After swimming, our class routine will be better established and home reading will commence.

Trish Slade.

YEAR 1/2F NEWS

Welcome to week 2 of swimming! Please remember to label **all** of your children's belongings as there have been towels, goggles and underwear left behind at the pool. Also we already have two lunch boxes found that have no names on them. If you are missing them I will place them at the office for collection.

I would like to Congratulate **Callan McInnes** and **Imogen Scott** as they were selected as this terms SRC Representatives.

As of this week we will be trialling an in class reward system.

Students will have a sticker chart with stars on certain number and when the child reaches a star they will receive a small prize.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see me after school or you can email me at tamie.farley@det.nsw.edu.au

Tam Farley

YEAR 3/4 NEWS

We have enjoyed the warmer weather this week at the swimming lessons. Encourage your child to discuss what they may have learnt about water safety over the past fortnight. You may even like to discuss what water dangers you may have around your farm/home.

Yesterday the students wrote in their diaries what swimming events they have entered for the swimming carnival. Please check over your child's entries because the children cannot enter a race on the night.

This Friday I will be sending home some of the books that will need to be covered. Please have them covered and returned by Monday 20th February.

Hope you have a super week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Our first week in 4/5H has gone well. I am very pleased with how everyone is fitting into our classroom. The students are all work in levels C - Cooperative and D - Democracy, making the classroom environment very pleasant. Reminders that swimming continues until Thursday so please continue to remind students to pack their bathers, towel etc. The children have been asking about our books, so this week sometime I will organise our classroom books and send them home with the students for them to be covered.

Next week will be another busy week, on Monday the 20th of February at 9.30am our class will be taking part in a hockey clinic at the school. Please make sure your children wear appropriate footwear and come to school with their hat. The schools swimming carnival will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday the 23rd of February at the Wentworth pool. Students in the Darling team are encouraged to try and wear some red and Murray wear blue. Fruit break has commenced again and our class are looking for donations of fruit as we are a bit short at the moment.

Yours Jenny Halls

YEAR 6M NEWS

It is fantastic to be able to come to work each day with a smile on my face. The class have made a terrific effort to show they are part of the leadership team in the school.

Prior to commencement on Year 6, I had applied to take some Long Service Leave from the **5th to the 22nd March**. Whilst on leave, Mr Gray will be on the Year 6 class and continue on with the routine which will be established by then. I am sure he will enjoy his time on the class.

Thank you to those students who have already started to bring in some fruit for fruit break. We hope this will continue for the remainder of the year.

Year 6 Shirts orders are to be returned by this **Friday, 17th February**. Similar size shirts can be measured before or after school.

Home reading has already begun, with most students returning their reading log on Friday for viewing. Please continue to encourage your child to read not only to gain information, but also for enjoyment.

Please note that there are a number of extra notes attached to this week's newsletter specifically for the Year 6 students.

Every fortnight there will be a Coomealla High School newsletter. This will assist you in knowing what is happening there and preparing the students for next year.

An 'Information guide and Expression of Interest form for parents and carers' - Please note, that all Year 6 students are required to complete this form, whether they are attending a NSW secondary school or not. Completed forms need to be returned to the office no later than **Friday, 16th March**.

Goal Setting Interviews note: could you please complete and have the notes returned by Friday of this week to insure you and your child has a set time sent home by Friday afternoon.

Hope you have a safe week,

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2012 School Leaders

Captains: Chris Gold & Imogen Smith

Vice Captains: Jack Cullinan and Annabelle Rix

Prefect: Jardan Kennedy & Abby Taylor

Darling

**Captains: Rachael Hanneman
& Nick Stanborough**

**Vice Captains: Sara Hancock
& Bradley Ebert**

Murray

**Captains: Ricki Martin
& Sean McKinnon**

**Vice Captains: Trinity Kervin
& Brodie Miller**