

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

22nd February 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - SEE YOU ALL AT THE
POOL ON THURSDAY EVENING AT 5:30PM!**

PARENT WORKSHOP

On **Tuesday, 28th February, 6pm** we will be hosting a parent workshop at the school. We will be joined by Priority School Program consultants, Julie Loxley and Michael Conrad and will be discussing ideas for literacy and numeracy and the use of technology. Come along and get some great ideas for your children. If you have an iphone, ipod, ipad, smartphone, Nintendo DS or laptop, bring it along! We may be able to give you some great ideas on how to turn that toy into a great learning tool (and make homework easier too!)

Some nibbles and drinks provided!

SCHOOL CANTEEN

A new price list is included in this newsletter. I thank all of the parents who attended the meeting about our canteen last Thursday and I especially thank the parents who volunteered to help manage the canteen so that it could run. Without our volunteers, our school would not be able to run.

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				23/2 Bookclub Order Due School Swimming Carnival 5:30PM	24/2	25/2
26/2	27/2 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	28/2 Active After School Sports	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 Sports	7/3 Active After School Sports <i>Getting to Know you BBQ Breakfast 8am P'n'C AGM 7pm</i>	8/3	9/3	10/3
11/3	12/3 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	13/3 School Photos Active After School Sports	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 VALUES

All classes have been working solidly on developing knowledge of our school values and what they look like in the classroom and playground. Most students have a sound understanding of what they mean. Most demonstrate this at all times.

We also actively teach an understanding of the "raised responsibility" levels and expect the children to be able to state their level of behaviour at any time. Levels "C" (cooperation) and "D" (democracy) are acceptable. Level "A" (anarchy) and "B" (bossing and bullying) are not. We have included a poster of these levels for you to use at home. Having children recognise and own their level of behaviour is an important step in having them develop self-responsibility.

At school, we talk about the consequences of being in each level. In levels A and B, people get hurt and are unhappy. In levels C and D, students cooperate and take control of their own circumstances. They recognise the value of participating positively as a member of the school community. Over the coming weeks, we will send home more information about our school values and the levels of behaviour. You may find these useful for home as well as school.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

LIBRARY

All students have settled in well to Library lessons. Please remember to bring a library bag if you would like to borrow a book. Children in 4/5H, 1/2S and 1/2F have Library lessons on Thursday and children from 6M, 3/4S and Kindergarten have Library on Fridays.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on **Tuesday, 13th March**. All children receiving a newsletter should bring home:

- ◇ An envelope with the student's name & one for each sibling

Envelopes are available from the office for:

- * Family photo (for students attending this school only) and
- * School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects
- * Sports Captains photos

The school **does not** open these envelopes so please ensure that you have the correct money in them or have enclosed a cheque written out to '*Studio Image Master School Portraits*'. Envelopes should be returned to the school by **Monday, 12th March**.

We will hand them to photographers on **Tuesday** morning.

GREEN SHADE CLOTH

Do you have any spare green shade cloth? Steve Hederics would like some to make our students Mardi Gras costumes. If you have, you can drop it into the school office.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due this Friday.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th March at 7pm** in the School Technology room. All welcome. Please come and be involved in the education of your children.

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey Clinic and AFL Visit

We are having a very busy week of sport. The 3, 4 and 5's participated in the Victorian Roadshow hockey clinic on Monday. It was great to see the students learn some new hockey skills. Also on the Monday, we were lucky to have a visit from the Richmond Tigers players Jake Batchelor and Brett O'Hanlon. Both players talked about leadership skills as well as goal setting. I think the children especially enjoyed getting some signatures.

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow night the school swimming carnival is being held at **5.30pm** at the Wentworth 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 will be calling for some volunteers to be timekeepers. Just a reminder, that no events can be entered on the night. Bring your best cheering voices!

Barrier Trials

Congratulations to the following students who trialled yesterday at the Murray Darling Trials and are now heading to the Barrier trials in a few weeks. Ricki Martin and Annabelle Rix for basketball. Nicholas Stanborough, Jack Cullinan, and Ashley Farnsworth for AFL. Well done!!

COMMUNITY KID'S CLUB PROGRAM

The Community Kids Club program will be held every Monday after school (3:30-5:00pm) in the School Hall. The program recommenced on Monday 20th February. Consent forms are available from the School office. This is a free program and children are provided with a healthy snack and fun activities.

The program is sponsored by the Murray River Baptist Church Buronga. Any enquiries please phone Steven Maldoff 50211643.

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

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.

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.

CANTEEN.

As of this Friday, Canteen will be returning much to it's previous state, with a few deletions and additions to the menu due to healthy eating guidelines adopted by our school. Unfortunately we are now only permitted to offer doughnuts twice a term - the first and last canteen day of each term. We will place reminders in the newsletter of these dates before they occur. Due to the regulations there will also be a limit on how many of some items students are permitted to purchase (see pricelist).

Please note that all orders must be in before school, and students are not permitted to purchase extra items at recess or lunch. We understand that some students may be unhappy with the changes to the menu, but we have endeavoured to keep our menu as similar as possible to previous years. Please find your pricelist attached to this newsletter.

Canteen Roster - Term 1, 2012.

24 th February	Bec Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson	Donna Moylan
2 nd March	Stacey Cullinan	Fiona Cullinan	Donna Moylan
9 th March	Mandy Bone	Teresa Crisp	Donna Moylan
16 th March	Cheryl Brown	Kaye Hyde	Donna Moylan
23 rd March	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird	Donna <u>Gold</u>
30 th March	Kellie Ricardi	Sharon Hopfner	Donna Moylan

As there is only 6 canteen days left this term, we are lucky enough to be able to schedule 3 parents per day.

If you are able to assist with canteen next term, or need to change the date you're scheduled for this term, please contact Kellie Ricardi at kellie_ricardi@aanet.com.au, or on 0400 673 845. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOCKEY PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR

Hockey Australia and Hockey Victoria are excited to announce that the Sunraysia Hockey Association is running a Hookin2Hockey program in 2012.

Hookin2Hockey provides an environment where young participants learn the fundamental skills of hockey in a safe and fun environment. Every participant can receive a participation pack which includes a fold out backyard hockey goal, a t-shirt with the newly designed Hookin2Hockey logo, a sweat band and a welcome message from one of the Hockeyroos or Kookaburras.

The 2012 program will start on Wednesday 29th February, from 6-7pm, and will run each Wednesday for five weeks.

For further information please contact:

Jodie Morvell - 0409 835 470

Venue: Hockey Pitch, Aero Ovals, Eleventh Street , Mildura, 3500

Email: sunrasyiahockey@hotmail.com

VOICE & PIANO LESSONS

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

ARTBACK ART FOR KIDS

Started Saturday February 4th. Art Classes for children 7-12 each first Saturday on the month 10am-12pm, \$20 per child, materials included. Class held in the new Lyric Callery at Artback Wentworth. Time out for parents too - stay for a coffee, read the paper or catch up with friends! Booking can be made on: 50272298 or 0407893485 or email anne@artbackaustralia.com.au

RHEE TAEKWON-DO - FAMILY MARTIAL ART

Come and Try for Free - No obligation. Non Competitive Traditional Marital Art for Good Health, Fitness and Self Defence Ages 5 to 65.

Gol Gol Training at Gol Gol Primary School Gym - Tuesday & Friday 6pm to 7:30pm. Phone: 50227351 or Website: www.rheetkd.info

WENTWORTH FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

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.

KINDER NEWS

Kinder are starting to get used to the school routines, and enjoying the activities happening in the classroom. Please encourage the students to be independent and responsible for their belongings, as this will assist their organisational skills.

A reminder, that we have our swimming carnival this Thursday, starting at 5.30pm. Infants will be involved in some fun activities during the evening.

It has been great to have students bring in "Show and Tell", and talk about them. Next week we will start "Talking and Listening" groups, when the talking will be about topics chosen each day.

Goal setting interviews for all students will be held over the next few weeks, These are informal meetings with parents, children and myself, to give your children some goals to aim for during the year. Please chat with them about the activities they like, and what they might like to do, and work towards achieving. I have attached a note to indicate the times available, and will try to ensure that it will be a time that suits.

Have a great week,

Regards,

Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

1-2S have been working hard on our school values and last Friday we voted for who should receive our merit awards and student of the week for this week. Many of our students have taken it upon themselves to help out the new kindergarten students and show them where to go and what to do- Well Done 1-2S! Keeping our school grounds tidy is another area that 1-2 S have been positive role models. We are proud to announce that Holly Bysouth and Jack Andrews have been voted in as our SRC representatives and I know they will do a great job for our class.

Keep sending in the parent surveys - they are valuable information for us. Just a reminder that homework is due back this Friday. Some students have brought in water bottles to keep in the classroom. Home readers have gone home and most students have bags from last year, please remember to bring those bags in again to use. A note outlining times for our goal setting interviews is going out- please choose a time that suits and return it to me as soon as possible. I will endeavour to fit everyone in to suit your needs.

Trish Slade.

YEAR 1/2F NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to another week. Readers were sent home on Monday to each child and they will be changed every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child reads each night and changes their reader regularly. Home work is due in this Friday please make sure the children bring them in.

Reminder that the swimming carnival is on this Thursday at 5:30pm. It will be great to see you there.

The children will be setting their goals for this semester this week and we will begin goal setting interviews next week with parents/guardians. I will send home a note this week with times available.

Congratulations to Callan McInnes who is our Student of the Week.

Thanks,

Tam Farley

YEAR 3/4S NEWS

What a busy week we are having! The children are very excited about the swimming carnival coming up tomorrow night. After all the hard work during the intensive swimming they are looking forward to showing off their new skills. Tomorrow we are also starting the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program, with gardening in the morning at 10.30am and cooking after recess. Yummy!

The reading program is starting today. Readers will be changed every Wednesday. It is expected that all the children participate in home reading. Please encourage the children to read for enjoyment, whether it be through a book, newspaper or magazine.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week I will be attending a Reading to Learn course in Broken Hill so the children will be having a replacement teacher.

Please find attached to the newsletter the 3/4S interview notes. Please return as soon as possible.

Hope you have a fantastic week!

Jordana Shields

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Year 4/5H are moving along well. We have started the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden again for another year. The children enjoyed their return to the program yesterday. A change from last year, on Tuesdays we will spend the majority of the day focused on the program.

Garden	10.45am - 11.30pm
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Kitchen	12 noon - 1.30pm
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Classroom Focus	2.30pm - 3.30pm
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If you have time to spare and could volunteer during the Garden or Kitchen time slots Jodie would be very appreciative.

The students have elected their SRC Reps; congratulations go to Jade Andrews and Mitchell Bysouth who will be our SRC members for first term. Chloe Hyde and Dexta Watson-Kiely will offer support to Jade and Mitchell when they are needed.

A reminder that Library day is on Thursday for 4/5H. Students need to bring a library bag to the session in order to borrow books. Daily reading has commenced in the classroom and I encourage students to take part in library borrowing.

Goal setting interview notes went out last Thursday, please return your time preferences asap so I can juggle times with other teachers to try and accommodate siblings time slots where possible.

Next week on the 28th and 29th I will be attending Reading to Learn in Broken Hill as part of my personal development.

I hope to see you all at the swimming carnival tomorrow night.

Cheers Jenny Halls

YEAR 6M

Well now that swimming is over, the year really begins with some special programs. Today, Year 6 participated in their first Kitchen Garden session. First term in the Kitchen will be based on some basic kitchen skills, different cutting techniques, etc. Thank you to Stacey Cullinan who has volunteered to help the class in the program.

The Year 6 Shirt orders have been sent off. It will take a few weeks before they are printed and sent back to the school for the students.

Please find attached to the newsletter a number of notes regarding the combined schools **Year 6 Canberra Excursions**.

There are still a number of 'Information guide and Expression of Interest form for parents and carers' forms regarding secondary education which need to be returned. Completed forms need to be returned to the office no later than **Friday, 16th March**.

Goal Setting Interviews are going well. It's great to see how the students have stopped and given some thought towards what goals they wish to achieve and how as a team between home and the school, we are able to assist them in reaching these goals. Some goals may be short term goals, but sometimes we start with short steps to reach greatness.

Congratulated to Ash and Madi who were both appointed as the Year 6 SRC Representatives for Term 1.

It is important that all the Year 6 have an art smock asap. An old shirt would be fine. Throughout the year they will be using a number of materials that can easily stain their uniform. The class also needs a number of empty, rinsed milk cartons for one of their art sessions. Preferably a 600ml or 1L carton. If you have any could you please send them in?

See you at Swimming Carnival,

Sandra Marziano

Getting to Know You Breakfast

The school will be hosting a BBQ breakfast on **Wednesday 7th March starting at 8am**. This is an informal gathering for the teachers and staff to mingle and get to know each other better. The BBQ is free, we just need you to RSVP with numbers before **Monday 5th March**. Please also indicate on the note if you have any special dietary requirements. We will be offering bacon and eggs, juice and a fruit platter.

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Getting To Know You BBQ

Our family _____ will be sending along _____ people to the 'Getting To Know You BBQ' on **Wednesday 7th March, 2012**.

We have the following dietary requirements:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Achievement Certificates

For showing respect to everyone, everything and themselves.

Kinder L: Jordan Spark and Charli McCabe

1/2F: Olivia Baird, Brianna Bagnall, Imogen Scott and
Dylan Wellard

1/2S: Laurel Andrews, Holly Bysouth and Hamish Baird

3/4S: Karly Russell, Jordan Sloan, Zac Hyde, Lyle Thorne,
Jaxon McInnes, Hannah Darby and Danielle Stanborough

4/5H: Jake Irrgang and Chloe Hyde

6M: Annabelle Rix and Bradley Edwards

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Student of the Week

Kayden Robinson

Always follows all of
the school values.

Callan McInnes

Following school
values and letting
others play.

Chanelle Ricardi

Respecting others in
the classroom and in
the playground.

Sevava Reardon

For being helpful in
the classroom.

Alex Taylor

A good start to a
new school demon-
strating he can make
good choices.

Rachael Hanneman

For being a positive
class member and
not giving up.