

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

8th February 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Wentworth Public School for 2012. We have an exciting year planned. We welcome Mrs Jenny Halls and Mrs Trish Slade as new classroom teachers and Mr Brian Gray, who will be working across the school and have a special interest in 1/2F!

You will notice some immediate changes in the school's processes and some of these are outlined in this week's newsletter. Others will be implemented as they are discussed and developed throughout the year.

We are planning on developing several new programs across the school and seek your support in giving us feedback at times.

Most of the children have settled into their classes well. For others, we are anticipating an adjustment period after the holidays. Classes are working solidly to teach our school values and behaviour levels to the students and we ask that you support this at home. **This week's value is "Show respect for everything and everyone, including yourself."** We like to see happy faces all day and to see children going home satisfied with a positive day's work. Please ensure that if you have any issues or concerns, you contact your child's teacher or make an appointment to see me.

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	6/2 Year 1-6 Commence	7/2 Swimming Lessons Commence for Year 1-6	8/2 Kindergarten start	9/2	10/2	11/2
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 Years 3 & 4	21/2 Active After School Sports	22/2 Active After School Sports	23/2 School Swimming Carnival 5:30PM	24/2	25/2
26/2	27/2	28/2 Active After School	29/2 Active After School Sports	1/3	2/3 MDPSSA Swimming Carnival	3/3
4/3	5/3	6/3 Active After School	7/3 Active After School Sports	8/3	9/3	10/3
11/3	12/3	13/3 Active After School	14/3 Active After School Sports	15/3	16/3	17/3

CANTEEN

At the moment, we have no one to manage our school canteen. After several years of service, Mrs Mandy Bone has decided to take a well-deserved break! We have several options for the service and hope to have it continue in some shape or form. We will be reviewing the items for sale and ensuring that they meet the Department of Education and Communities guidelines for Healthy School Canteens. This will mean limiting some items and changing the way they are offered. For example, instead of having pies available each week we may have a designated pie/sausage roll day twice per term. We are looking at other options, including the involvement of the kitchen garden program in the production of lunches some weeks. Other suggestions are having spaghetti and fried rice as occasional options. I will be organizing a meeting with regular canteen helpers and others interested in assisting very shortly, as we would really like to be able to offer some services if possible.

PLEASE NOTE, THAT THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN SERVICE THIS WEEK.

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.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

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STUDENT REWARD SYSTEM

In the past, Wentworth Public School has used a levelling system of Bronze, Silver and Gold to reward students for their behaviour at school. In an effort to further develop the school's philosophy of discouraging extrinsic reward systems and enabling the students themselves to be more responsible for making appropriate choices, we are trialling a new system in 2012. We also want to encourage the students to recognise and acknowledge the efforts of their peers in a positive manner. Each class, with the teacher's guidance, will decide on which students are to receive achievement certificates and who will become the student of the week.

During weekly class meetings the students will decide who they believe should be awarded the certificates and why. There will still be 2 achievement certificates and 1 student of the week per class handed out at Monday morning assemblies.

When the school has major assemblies (twice per term-usually coinciding with an 'E' day) the SRC will hand out special awards that have been decided by the SRC , in consultation with the school staff and principal.

We welcome feedback during the year on these changes from the school community.

Natalie Hopcroft

Assistant Principal

VOICE & PIANO LESSONS

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

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.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on the **23rd of February starting at 5:30pm**. The children aged above 8 year's old will be given the opportunity to enter their preferable events next week. The infants will also get an opportunity to participate on the night with activities organised in the middle pool. This year sporting houses will be given bonus points for the best dressed. So don't forget to wear your house colours (Darling - Red & Murray - Blue). 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.

P and C will be providing a BBQ. Further information about prices will be going home in next weeks Newsletter.

P&C NEWS

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped on Australia Day with the catering.

Secondhand Uniforms Sale in Canteen

This Friday we will be selling all the secondhand uniforms for \$1. From 9:00am to 9:30am and 3:00pm to 3:30pm

MONEY ENVELOPES

Attached to today's newsletter are **money envelopes** for sending money to school for Excursions, performances and uniforms. As we do not keep change in the office, it would be most helpful to have the correct money in these envelopes. All money collection will be through the School Office. Children can drop their money envelopes and permission slips into the office before school

Wentworth Football & Netball Club

The Wentworth Football & Netball Club will be filming a TV Commercial this **Sunday 12th of Feb** at 9am. We need to get as many kids and families there as possible. Filming starts at 9:30 so we will need the kids there at about 9 am so that they can get into uniform. If all kids could wear what they would normally turn up in on game day and we will have the jumpers / uniforms there for them to put on.

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.

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

Kinder L

A big welcome to all the students coming to school this year and we look forward to a great year in Kinder.

I will be teaching the class from Monday to Thursday, and Blanche Niemann will be teaching on Fridays. There will be lots of learning and fun happening, and I am looking forward to a great start to the year.

This Thursday, I will be attending a course regarding teaching the Kinder students, and the class will be well looked after with Blanche.

Book Club has been sent home today, and this gives you the opportunity to buy quality books for your children if you would like to. Please return these orders as soon as possible to the front office, and they will be sent home when they are sent to the school.

It is very important that ALL clothing, lunch boxes and any other articles are clearly labelled to ensure that all property is returned to the children, and they are not lost.

Please call in to the classroom and have a look at what your children are doing, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a great week,

Regards,

Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2s

1-2S is into the first week of what promises to be an exciting and happy year. I am very lucky to be given a class full time this after my 3 days per week last year as RFF teacher. I have been a teacher for almost 15 years and I am really looking forward to this opportunity to join the educational journey of 1-2S. Welcome also to Sonya Murray who will join our class full time. Sonya brings with her experience and expertise and will be very valuable to both students and staff this year in our class.

We are undertaking a unit of work in the first 3 weeks about "getting to know you" to develop teamwork and co-operation in 1-2S. This week we have "turned over a new leaf" and buried our "I can't s". Along with our swimming program running in week 2 and 3 we are learning about staying safe around water and sun safety. The first 3 weeks will also be a time to revise our school values, code of cooperation and raised responsibility. Reduce; recycle, reuse strategies in our school are going to be reviewed in the first 3 weeks to help the children remember how to use our school bins appropriately and keep our school tidy. In week 4 our routine will be established and homework and home reading will commence.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school I look forward to meeting all of the parents over the course of the term.

Trish Slade.

Year 3/4

Welcome back for an exciting year. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The children have been telling me about all the wonderful things they did over their break.

Yesterday we started the intensive swimming program. Just a reminder that all children need to bring their swimmers, shirt, towel and a plastic bag to put their wet clothes in.

Today your child received a letter from me outlining some of the structures and routines I use in the classroom. Please feel welcome to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. Hope you have an enjoyable week

Jordana Shields

YEAR 4/5H

Welcome to all our new and existing families. I hope you all had a great holiday, I know I certainly did. I have attached a letter to the newsletter introducing myself and outlining anything that you might need to know at this point. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Yours

Jenny Halls

YEAR 6M

Welcome to the beginning of your child's final primary school year. We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are ready for an eventful first term. The class have had a terrific start to the year, displaying great eagerness and positive leadership skills.

The class have already entered some important information into their diaries. Could you please discuss these regularly?

Accompanying this newsletter is an extra note regarding some important information specifically for the Year 6 class. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to see me.

A note will be sent home next week regarding the Year 6 shirts. I wish to thank Mrs Leanne Hancock for taking this task on board. It's greatly appreciated.

Happy first week,

Sandra Marziano

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WELCOME TO 2012 KINDERGARTEN

