

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

29th February 2012



### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

#### **A BUSY WEEK AHEAD!**

Next week is a very busy one on our school calendar.

#### **Priority Schools Program Surveys.**

On Monday, all families will receive a survey form to be completed. It is vital that all surveys are completed and returned. Significant funding could be available to the school if the response is high enough and we qualify for the program. All families who return the survey will receive a chocolate frog for each child! If you need assistance in completing the form, let us know. We are happy to help! Please return by **Friday, 9th March.**

**P&C Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm.** Come along and support the school by being a part of our parent body.

#### **Meet the teachers breakfast-Wednesday, 7th March, 8.00am**

Join us for breakfast from 8:00am. Have a chat and visit your child's classroom.

#### **MDPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Many of our students will be participating at the district carnival at Wentworth pool on Friday. The carnival starts at 10:00am and children will walk from school at 9:30am. Please note, that there is a \$2 charge for spectators. The school will cover the costs for competitors. Please come along and support our students and feel free to volunteer for a job!

# FEBRUARY-MARCH 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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
25/3	26/3 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	27/3 Active After School Sports	28/3 Active After School Sports	29/3	30/3	31/3

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM**

The school has applied for support funding through this program to provide extra school welfare teacher support. The program is funded through the federal government and will give the school greater flexibility in providing for the health and well being of all students if we are successful.

## **SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Please remember that all meals and snacks must be pre-ordered on Friday mornings. No items are for sale over the counter at recess or lunch. Children need to present their lunch bag to the canteen to get frozen items. All other foods are delivered to the classrooms.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

I would like to repeat my comments from assembly on Monday morning. I feel very pleased with the conscientious way in which our students are discussing the children in their classes who deserve merit awards and the position of "Student of the Week". I was very proud of the way the student could explain their choices and acknowledge the efforts of others in such a positive way. I look forward to seeing these skills develop throughout the year.

## **PARENT WORKSHOP**

I would like to thank the parents who came along last night to have a play with some technology! I hope you enjoyed the chance to find out new things about how technology can be used to support student learning.

We will be holding two more workshops in Term 2, so put Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May and Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June into your calendars, so you can come along and join Julie and Michael, our Priority Schools program consultants, and have some fun!

Cathy Eddie

Principal.

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The results of last week's swimming carnival are attached to the newsletter. It was a very close carnival with Murray winning by only 4 points over Darling. The children had a fantastic time and the atmosphere was very positive and supportive. Thank you to the parents who helped with timekeeping and the P&C barbeque. The top three students in the age race and top two in all other events qualify for the next level of competition.

## **MURRAY DARLING PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

We are hosting the MDPSSA swimming carnival this **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Wentworth Swimming Pool**. The events begin at 10am. We will need to provide timekeepers for one of the lanes at the carnival so please let the school know if you are available to help out. Pool will be charging an entry fee of \$2 for swimmers and \$2 for spectators. The school will pay for competitors. They will be collecting this at the pool gate. The P&C will be running the BBQ (\$2 Sausages & Risssoles and \$5.50 for Steak Sandwiches) on the day and would be grateful for help. Drinks and ice creams will be available from the pool kiosk.

## **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.

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MARDI GRAS- 3RD MARCH**

The children are to meet at the Aero Oval Complex at 4:30pm. (Look for a decorated truck with Shire of Wentworth painted on it.) A map is available from the School office.

## **ICEE SUNNIES FOR SIGHT DAY**

Tomorrow is ICEE Sunnies for Sight Day. If you have a pair of sunnies wear them to school to raise awareness of people who can't receive eye examinations or a pair of glasses.

## **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.

## **WENTWORTH JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

Wentworth Junior Tennis Club practice will commence on Friday March 2nd. Please get your name in as early as possible, even if you are unable to attend, so that grading and teams can be finalised before the Easter Holidays. New players are most welcomed. To be eligible for junior tennis at Wentworth children must 8 years of age by 31st December 2012. If you are a beginner please start immediately so as not to miss the beginner's free coaching. Practice is from 4pm to 5:30pm on Fridays. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and the season commences on May 5th. Any enquiries please phone Cheryl Vines on 50276286 or 0428522969.

## CANTEEN ORDERING PROCEDURE

Please place orders on lunch bags; preferably large bags.

Please ensure your Child's name and class are clearly written on the top of the bag.

Orders to be in by **9:30am**

A bag charge will apply, if not supplied, (10c)

A separate bag for lunch and recess would be greatly appreciated.

**Just a reminder** to parents and students that extra items cannot be purchased from the canteen at recess or lunch. Only orders placed on lunch bags can be filled. Please note that if your child is a Kinder Student or new to the school this year, to receive their icypoles/frozen yoghurt they need to bring their lunchbag to the canteen after they've eaten their lunch to indicate which frozen item they've ordered.

### Canteen Roster - Term 1, 2012.

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

As there is only 5 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](mailto:kellie_ricardi@aanet.com.au), or on 0400 673 845. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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## **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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: sunraysiahockey@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](mailto: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](http://www.rheetkd.info)

## **THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB SEASON 2012 TRAINING**

Soccer Park, Pitch 10 Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex

Under 12 & 14 teams start 28th February, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

All other S-League teams are already training Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Registrations can be taken at training. Registration BBQ & Fun Day 18th March 11am to 3pm

NEW & ALL EXISTING PLAYERS WELCOME. For training times and further information please check our website

[www.threecolours.com.au](http://www.threecolours.com.au)

## **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 have been talking about the school values and how they need to behave and follow the school values. Our congratulations, to our "Student of the week", Caitlyn Farnsworth, who has been trying very hard in the playground and in the classroom. Also to Jarrah and Jazmayne who have received Achievement Awards.

A reminder, that the school will be hosting a BBQ breakfast, on **Wednesday 7th March starting at 8am. All parents are invited to attend.** This is an informal gathering for the teachers and staff to mingle and get to know each other better. The BBQ is free, but it is important that you RSVP with numbers before **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

Our class now has some tadpoles as well as our fish, and we look forward to see them turn into frogs. Thanks to Summer for bringing them for us.

In maths, we are counting forward and backwards, and matching the numerals to the words for the numbers. Ask you child to count, and play "I Spy", and find as many numbers they can read on everyday items.

Goal setting interviews start next week, and if you have not sent your preferences in for a time please do so as soon as possible. I look forward to talking about the learning that is happening in the classroom, and what you can do to help your child.

Have a great week,

Regards,

Chris Larwood.

## YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Week 6 already and we are into homework, home reading and other daily routines. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help out in the classroom - parents and caregivers are always most welcome. As soon as possible, I will be speaking to those parents who returned the survey to set times to come in and help out.

We are working through goal setting interviews this week and it has been great to make time to talk to each family. If you are unable to make these meetings, we also have our "getting to know you breakfast" next Wednesday morning to perhaps have a chat.

Congratulations to our new star student of the week Nehemiah. Chanelle did a great job last week. I have been very impressed with how many children in 1-2S stay in level C and D and how co-operative and helpful they have been. Keep up the great work!!

Trish Slade.

## **YEAR 1/2F NEWS**

Congratulations to Jane Cullinan who has been chosen as our student of the week this week and to those who received achievement awards for Respect.

On Friday I sent home the children homework which will need to be returned in two weeks. Please remember that all the shaded boxes need to be completed and the other boxes are extra. Although all the boxes relate to what we are doing in the classroom so it would be wonderful to see all the work completed.

This Friday the 1/2F class and 4/5H class will be working on a buddy class activity together in which they design and build something from recyclable material. It would be great if you could please collect materials to send into school for this activity.

Congratulations Heath and Callan for being invited to attend the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival this Friday.

Please also remember that our goal setting interviews started on Tuesday so please have the note returned as soon as possible to and I will send home a card indicating time and date.

Thank you

Tam Farley

## **YEAR 3/4S NEWS**

Last Thursday, we had our first lesson in the garden and kitchen. Apart from the warm weather we had a wonderful time. We also have Jodie Morgan coming into the classroom after lunch to continue educating the students about health and safety in the kitchen.

Next week is parent/student/teacher interviews. The students have already planned their goals to show you. Please contact me this week to make an appointment, if you have not already done so.

Work books were sent home to be covered over a week ago. It is really important that the books be returned to school as soon as possible contacted or not.

Just a reminder that readers are exchanged every Wednesday. Please record all reading in the children's reading log.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shields

### **4/5H NEWS**

I have been away Tuesday and Wednesday of this week but the children are lucky enough to have Mr Baird during this time. A reminder to parents that goal setting notes are due back to school this week so I can make appointment times. On Friday of last week the students took part in a video conference about 'worms' as part of our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost unit of work. The class are now planning how we are going to set up a worm farm in our classroom so we can use some of the food scraps created at school. The children are excited by the idea and can not wait until they have a class pet. Our class selected award winners this week were Murphy Baird and Chloe Trewin who both follow the school values and work and play safely in all areas of their school lives, while student of the week goes to Dominik Robinson for showing great leadership skills in the classroom. Have a great week everyone.

Cheers Jenny Halls

## YEAR 6M

What a terrific display of sportsmanship last Thursday evening at the Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many Year 6 students have a go.

Now that the Goal Setting Interviews are over, we are all aware of what the students wish to work towards. I am quite sure that all goals will be achieved. Thank you for your contributions and discussions.

Mr Gray is looking forward to teaching the class in my absence from the Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

A few reminders:

- \* An art smock for all Year 6 students.
- \* Rinsed out milk cartons - 600ml or 1L
- \* Canberra Excursion Notes and \$50 deposit due **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.**
- \* High School Forms due no later than **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

See you all when I get back,

Sandra Marziano

## **"ROOM FOR ONE MORE"**

- .. Are you a caring person?
- .. Do you have space within your family?
- .. Do you enjoy a challenge?
- .. Are you passionate about your community?

**If you would like more information about caring for a child  
please contact: Paul on: 50277600 or 0429436186**

## **Achievement Certificates**

**For working and playing safely.**

**Kinder L: Jarrah Thorne & Jazmayne Payne**

**1/2F: Briley Etrich, Amelia Paech & Callan McInnes**

**1/2S: Nellie Baird, Tobias Watson-Kiely & Jay-lee Payne**

**3/4S: Clare Tempy, Bronte Rix & Alannah Wellard**

**4/5H: Murphy Baird & Chloe Trewin**

**6M: Sean McKinnon & Nick Stanborough**

## **Special Principal Award**

**Annabelle Rix, Murphy Baird,**

**Sean McKinnon, Rachael Hanneman**

**and Dakota Jones**

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## **Student of the Week**

**Caitlyn Farnsworth**

Respecting everyone  
in and out of the  
classroom.

**Jane Cullinan**

Following school  
rules.

**Nehemiah Spary**

For respect and  
kindness in the  
classroom.

**Sarah Watters-  
Behsmann**

Having a go and  
staying on task.

**Dominik Robinson**

Following school  
values and  
respecting school  
rules.

**Imogen Smith**

For being a good  
sport and cheering  
on her team.