

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

14th March 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

REGIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

I am currently in Dubbo, attending the regional principal's meeting. We have had presentations from the regional director, the deputy director general and the director general of education. It is important to be kept up to date with the current trends in education and, with the current media coverage regarding "Local Schools, Local Decisions", it is important to have the correct information. I will be back at school next Monday, as I am also attending the "Women in Educational Leadership" AGM in Sydney on Friday.

PSP SURVEYS

I would like to thank all of the families who returned the surveys on time. I am hoping that this will be of huge benefit to our school.

CROSS COUNTRY

Don't forget to practice for our school cross country **Friday 30th March!**

EASTER 'E'DAY

Easter 'E' Day is on the 4th April as part of the celebration there will be a Hat Parade. Full schedule of events will be in next week's newsletter.

Cathy Eddie

Principal.

MARCH — APRIL 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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 Rugby League Gala Day	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 School Cross Country	31/3
1/4	2/4 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	3/4 Active After School Sports	4/4 Active After School Sports Easter 'E' Day Hat Parade	5/4 Last day of Term 1	6/4 Good Friday	7/4
	23/4 Staff Develop- ment Day	24/4	25/4 Anzac Day	26/4	27/4	28/4

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

The Kitchen Garden shed floor was poured yesterday morning. A big thank you to Scott Smith, Garry McInnes, Gregg Housden and his helpers.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Each year children from Year 3 to Year 6 choose to enter these competitions in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing and Computer Skills. These competitions will take place in Term 2 and Term 3 but entries close on **Monday, April 2nd**. If your child is interested in entering any of the competitions, please send in the forms attached to this week's newsletter and money, back to the school by **Monday, April 2nd**. (If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to 'Wentworth Public School'). No late entries can be accepted.

YEAR 6 NSW SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PACKAGE

An 'Information guide and Expression of Interest form for parents and carers' were sent home 4 weeks ago. We still have a number of children who still have returned the expression of interest form. 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**.

CROSS COUNTRY

We will be holding the school cross country on **Friday, 30th March**. I recommend the students begin their training for the long distance event as soon as possible. Some preparation is being completed during class PE sessions but further practice at home would benefit your child. The infants will be running a 1 km track, 8/9/10 year olds run a 2 km track and the 11/12 year olds run a 3 km track. Good luck practicing!

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of lost property in our sick bay (swimming tops, googles, beach towel, lunch boxes and drink bottles) . If your child is missing any of these please come and have a look for lost property. **Please remember to put your child's name or initial on anything they bring to school so we can get it back to them.**

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back at school by **Thursday 22nd March**.

Knowledge Seekers Bush Day

Tuesday the 6th of March was a special day for the Knowledge Seeker group. The students went to Theoga lagoon and Loggie Bridge to learn about the local culture and have a great time.

Before we made camp we went to the 'canoe tree' and learnt how Aboriginal people made canoes from the bark of the tree and we found the special trees called boundary trees. Then we drove to our camp on the bank of the Murray River.

At the camp site we had lots of fun catching fish and yabbies. We had a visit from an aboriginal Barkindji elder (Aunty Lottie). She told us lots of interesting stories about family, hunting and traditional tale of her life.

The students all helped make lunch for Aunty Lottie and all the helpers, it was yummy.

We would like to thank Mrs Rees for organising the great day. Thank you to all the helpers that came and a special thanks to Aunty Lottie.

Aboriginal Parent Meeting

Our first parent meeting for 2012 will be held on **Tuesday 27th March, 1.30pm** at the **Crown**.

Aboriginal SRC Reps

This year we are giving the Year 4 Aboriginal students the chance to become great role models in our school. The students will be choosing 2 leaders in their next meeting. We have decided to give the Year 4 students a chance, due to the fact there is a limited number of Year 5 and 6 students

NAIDOC Initiatives

Once again the NAIDOC packs can be ordered as part of the NAIDOC celebrations this year. Please come in and have a look at what's available to order for 2012. Orders must be placed before 11th May.

Harmony Day

On Wednesday 21st March the students and staff will be acknowledging Harmony Day.

It is the importance of all Australians respecting one another regardless of Cultural, Racial or Religious differences and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The colour orange was selected for Harmony Day because it is an active colour that implies celebration.

Students have the opportunity to support this day, by wearing orange.

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

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.

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 3 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

WENTWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

Get ready for Football & Netball season. Wentworth Juniors Training has started for football U10's and upwards and netball U11 and upwards at George Gordon Oval Dareton. Currently on a Wednesday arvo 4:30 to 5:30. Children need to be turning 8 this calendar year to start playing. So get a good start to the season and start training early.

AUSKICK DATES STILL TO BE ADVISED

REGISTRATION NIGHT 16th March starting at 6pm. BBQ Tea, activities and every one who registers will get a free raffle ticket for our hamper. (Must be there to win or a redraw will take place). Will be a fantastic night to get to know each other or catch up from last season.

For more information contact either Wendy on 0435019926 or Marita (Netball Coordinator) on 0428210902

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.

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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

2012 WINTER BASKETBALL SEASON

All Junior and Senior Competitions commence from **Monday 23rd April** at the Toyota Hothouse. For more details please call the Mildura Basketball Association on 50232241.

VOICE & PIANO LESSONS

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

KINDER NEWS

Another busy week for Kinder. We have only a few interviews to complete, but if you have not been in to see me, I will be making a time as this is important for your children. The report from the Best Start, will give you some very good hints for you to help your child's learning at home.

The class has planted some seeds last week, and they are eagerly looking forward to watch them grow. Their grass monsters have already grown lots of hair.

We have made collages of "Things that Kinder Like", and are on display in the class.

Last week with "Buddies", they had lots of fun with the year 6 students tracing around their bodies with chalk on the cement outside, and then colouring and drawing their features. We have also made some crazy "Purple People Eaters", that are on our wall.

Kinder are learning more sounds and names of letters, as well as some high frequency words. Talk to them about these, and practice with them at home.

Congratulations to our Student of the Week - Jordan Spark, and the recipients of Achievement Awards - Jacob Follett, Skye Payne and Caitlin Trewin.

Have a great week

Regards,

Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Congratulations this week to our **star student** of the week Jack Andrews and well done to Annie, Laura, Chanelle and Nehemiah who received awards for working and playing safely. Each week our awards and star student is decided by our whole class and it is very pleasing to see the number of students who stay in level D and C at all times.

We are reading a new book in class called "Run Hare Run- the story of a drawing" by John Winch and we are beginning to look at the artworks **Albrecht Dürer** of which the story is based around. Our math's work is progressing nicely and we are working on addition and subtraction strategies. We are working hard on our school values and our integrated theme of **identity** and have started some great new songs and dances. "We are one" by Bruce Woodley, "Dr Knickerbocker" and "Flea" by Sean O'Boyle and some Bindi Irwin exercise songs are all great fun in class.

Just a reminder:

The infant students have been invited to participate in this year's Mildura **Eisteddfod** in the speech and drama section. We have commenced practice but infant's students are still welcome to join us. We meet 2nd half lunch each Thursday in room 7.

Cross country is on Friday week 10 so don't forget to pull out those joggers at get practicing

Thanks

Trish Slade

YEAR 1/2F NEWS

Congratulations to Dylan Wellard this week for becoming our Student of the Week and to Jasmine and James for their achievement awards for Work and Play Safely.

On Monday I sent home their new homework please make sure that it is returned in two weeks. We also sent home a sight word book with more words and details about how you can help at home.

It was great to see all the children on Tuesday for the school photos they all looked great. I can't wait to get our class photo back

We are hoping that this Friday we will not have any delays with our buddy projects and we can get started so please send in more recyclable materials from home if you have them and we are also looking for magazines, scrap material, ribbons, lace and any other type of craft like scraps please.

The children have begun their class reward system in which the class earn points when working well as a team. On Monday the children earned enough points to be able to have constructive play in the afternoon in which they were able to do craft activities, educational games on the computer, board games, drawing and reading.

Regards

Tam Farley

YEAR 3/4S NEWS

Next Monday spelling homework will start going home. More information explaining the student's expectations will be attached. Cross country is only a couple of weeks away. The children have been putting in some hard training at school during PE. Please encourage your child to complete some further training at home. This will make the long run easier on the day.

Over the last week we have started practicing NAPLAN questions in numeracy and literacy. The children have begun looking at the text type 'persuasive' as this will be the written task during the English exam. It has been very interesting to listen to their points of views when arguing about an issue.

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school a note explaining their absence must be brought to school. Notes are available at the office to utilise and are occasionally attached to newsletters.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shield

4/5H NEWS

This week the students of 4/5H set up their own worm farm in the classroom. We are letting them settle in for a week before we start to feed them with scraps from the school. 4/5H will be responsible for collecting all the food scraps from the school and then feeding our worms before composting the rest in our Stephanie Alexander garden.

Feel free to come and have a look at the farm as the children are very excited. We also attended a video conference about persuasive writing, which is the focus text type for this years NAPLAN.

Now just some routine stuff to help you with our routine.

Homework has started for some of the class with reading nightly a major focus. Spelling will be going home on Monday and should be returned on Fridays. We are changing readers at the library on Wednesday mornings and our library day is on a Thursday. I am checking reading logs twice a week. If you could initial the reading your child has written into their reading log it would be much appreciated.

This week's student of the week is Chloe Hyde who has been setting a great example in class and follows the schools values in the playground. The SRC has elected Jameika Kennedy and Kirra-Lee Bride as the recipients of the class merit award based on the school value Work Safely, Play Safely, congratulations girls.

We have another busy week ahead with the students practicing hard for the cross country as well as we will also be attending a football/netball clinic early next week.

Jenny Halls

MALLEE FAMILY CARE

"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: Caitlin Trewin, Jacob Follett and Skye Payne

1/2F: James Vine and Jasmine McDermott

**1/2S: Annie Rae Plummer, Chanelle Ricardi, Nehemiah Spary ,
Laura Hancock**

**3/4S: Jackson McDermott, Dean Bone, Sevava Reardon,
Summer Hall**

4/5H: Jameika Kennedy, Kirralee Bride

6M: Rachael Hanneman, Chris Gold

Special Principal Award

Lyle Thorne and Oscar Crisp

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Student of the Week



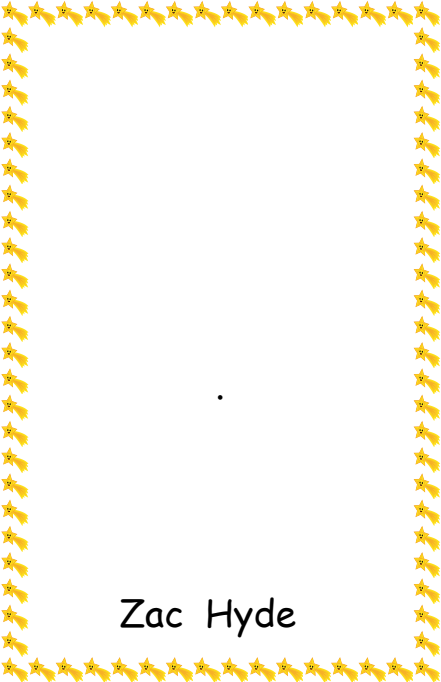
Jordan Sparks



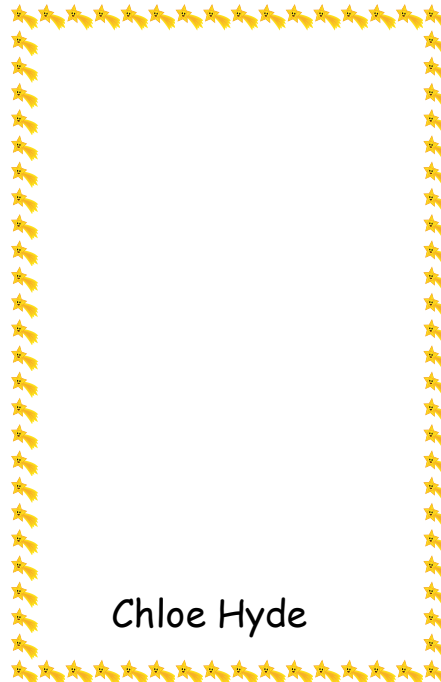
Dylan Wellard



Jack Andrews



Zac Hyde



Chloe Hyde



Trinity Kervin