

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

21st March 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

HAPPY HARMONY DAY!

Today is harmony day and it was lovely to see so many students wearing something orange!

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to contact the school if your child is away or going to be away. If we don't hear from you, we will make contact to seek an explanation. We are required by law to follow up all unexplained absences, particularly when there are several in a short period of time.

SPECIAL EVENTS

With only a couple of weeks to go until the end of term, we have many special activities at school. Friday 30th March is our Cross Country and our Easter "E" Day is planned for Wednesday, 2nd April.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR STAFF

All school staff are involved in professional learning from time to time. This requires them to be off class and out of the school. While we try to keep this to a minimum, it is vital that we take up these opportunities as they occur. Most training is in Broken Hill and this requires extra days away. Please be assured that the training will benefit your children in the long run. ,

MARCH – APRIL 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
18/3	19/3 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	20/3 Active After School Sports	21/3 Active After School Sports	22/3 <u>BOOKCLUB</u> <u>ORDERS DUE</u>	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 UNSW Comp Entries Due 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 Development Day	24/4 Student return	25/4 Anzac Day	26/4	27/4 MDPSSA Cross Country	28/4
29/4	30/4 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5	6/5

This term, teachers have taken part in "Reading to learn", "L3" literacy, "TEN" numeracy, Workplace safety, Code of Conduct Child Protection and Non-violent Crisis Intervention. We also engage in training outside of school hours and will also be participating in a community engagement program, CPR, and Emergency Care.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Can I please remind families to use our school crossings when entering and leaving the school? I know that they are not in the most convenient places, but it essential that we help our children be safe.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

 * DOUGHNUT DAY *
 * *This Friday, 23rd March, our School Canteen will be selling* *
 * *cinnamon doughnuts for \$1 at Recess only. There will be a* *
 * *limit of one doughnut per child, and they must be ordered* *

YEAR 6 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS

We are still waiting for a few of these to be returned - if you received one with last week's newsletter please return it tomorrow.

BOOK CLUB

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

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. Please also remember this when bringing birthday cakes or other food into the classes. It is best to check with your child's teacher with regard to children in the class with allergies.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure that keep the school office up to date with any changes in telephone numbers and addresses. It is very important that we have correct numbers to contact you in an emergency.

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, goggles, 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.**

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 last 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.

HEAD LICE

At present we have an outbreak of head lice in the school. Please check your child's hair regularly for Head Lice.

Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

Please ensure your child has their own hats

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. 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. Our new Reps are **Jamah O'Donnell** and **Tyrone Jones**. Congratulations, I'm sure you'll make great leaders.

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**.

Costs are:

NAIDOC Pack (Pencil case, sharpener, Respect Band, Ruler, Eraser, Pencil)	\$3.00
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Respect Bands only	\$2.00
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NAIDOC polo shirts	\$7.00
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And many more to choose from, please come in and have a look.

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.

23 rd March	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird	Donna <u>Gold</u>
30 th March	Kellie Ricardi	Sharon Hopfner	Donna Moylan

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.

VOICE & PIANO LESSONS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

WENTWORTH JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Wentworth Junior Tennis Club practice commenced 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.

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS

For children aged 11 years to 17 years at the Dareton Community Centre on the corner Avoca St & Mitchell Avenue. The Youth Program is on Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30pm to 5pm.

This program is starting from 1st March 2012, then continuing through to the end of NSW School Term 4.

If you are interested and would like to join in the Youth program's afternoon school contact NSW Mallee Family Care, Youth Services Team on 50277600.

COMMUNITY DAY

Come along and join us for our Community Day and BBQ on March 28th at 11am to 2pm at the Dareton Basketball Courts.

Contact NSW TAFE on 50198703 for more information.

Wentworth Public School**Absence Note**

Student Name: _____

My child was absent from school on ____/____/2010

Reason –Sick ☐ Family ☐ Appointment ☐ Other ☐De-
tails __________

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

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LOWER ANABRANCH SPORTING AND LANDCARE GROUP

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - 14TH APRIL 2012

The Lower Anabranh Sporting and Landcare Group will once again be hosting their annual family picnic, at the Anabranh Hall. People can look forward to an afternoon of games and fun for all ages. There are a wide range of novelty events and races, held throughout the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join in a shared BBQ (bring some meat to cook on the BBQ and a salad to share) and music, dancing and entertainment in the evening.

The fun begins at **1.00pm sharp**, so don't be late!

Everyone is welcome, and any enquiries, contact Kirsty McPherson (0428 308536) or Fiona Cullinan (0428 0118768)

KINDER NEWS

Congratulations to our Student of the week - Angus Hopfner, and our students who received Achievement Certificates - Zac Pearce, Ryan Norris, Charli McCabe and Oscar Crisp.

On the computers, we have been learning our letters and reading some stories. We are also starting to use Kids Pix, writing numbers and putting the right number of stickers next to the number.

Our grass monsters have moved on, and the corn, bean and pea seeds we have planted are growing already.

In Maths, we are exploring different shapes and have made patterns and pictures from shapes. We are also going to see how many different shapes we can find in our everyday life.

Come and see our classroom to see all the work Kinder has been doing.

Have a great week

Regards,

Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Welcome to week 9, the term is really flying! I am currently listening to individual reading in our classroom and adjusting home reading accordingly. Home reading should be with readers at a familiar and an easier level than the books we read at school. It should be enjoyable and stress free. Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

We are practicing hard and looking forward to cross country next Friday. Preparations are underway for E-day on the 4th of April and it sounds like it will be great fun. We will begin to make hats in class for the parade very soon.

Thank you for your help with head lice but please continue to be vigilant as we are trying to keep them under control at school.

Thanks

Trish Slade

YEAR 1/2F NEWS

Congratulations to Imogen Scott who is our Students of the Week this week and also to Kurt and Brianna for receiving Achievement Awards.

As Easter is getting closer we will begin to make our Easter Parade hats in class it would wonderful if you could please send it craft/ Easter items to share with the class to place on their hats. Also we need egg cartons to for one of our E-Day activities.

Some students from this class were sent home an extra homework booklet if you have any questions regarding the booklet please contact me by email or after school.

It has been wonderful catching up with most of the parents/ guardians for our goal setting interviews if you have not already met with me I will be making calls to arrange a time to meet as it is very important to have these interviews to discuss with your child their goals for this semester.

Please remember to label all of your child's clothing and containers as we are having many items left behind and not claimed.

If a child does not claim an unlabelled item it is sent to the office to be put in lost property.

Regards

Tam Farley

YEAR 4-5H NEWS

For fitness each day 4/5H have been running as practice for the cross country which will be held on Friday the 30th of March. It has been great to see the students trying each day to improve on their previous efforts.

I can't believe it is nearly Easter already. As part of our Easter E-Day celebrations the children will be taking part in an Easter bonnet parade. Students are welcome to construct hats at home however we will be making and decorating hats in class. If anyone has any items they could donate (particularly cotton wool or feathers) to help make our hats look great we would very much appreciate them. We are also looking for donations of egg cartons, which will be used for craft activities on E-Day.

Congratulations to Chloe Trewin who has been selected as student of the week by the previous recipient and to Amber Shaw and Jamah O'Donnell who were both selected by their peers to receive the class merit awards. Good luck and have fun to the students who are attending the Rugby Gala day. Next week I will be in Broken Hill again on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of my reading to learn course but homework will continue as normal.

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

6M has enjoyed an exciting and busy past couple of weeks. This will be the last week that I share with the class before Ms Marziano returns on Friday.

Over the past fortnight, students have had the opportunity to participate in rugby, AFL and netball clinics, as well as practicing for the school cross country event which will take place on Friday the 30th of March. It's been great to see all the students that have been putting extra effort in to training for the big day!

The Year Six shirts have finally all arrived at the printers and should hopefully be ready to be worn soon! A big thanks to Leanne Hancock, who has been the driving force for getting these shirts organised.

Congratulations to Sean McKinnon, who was chosen as Student of the Week for constantly putting his best efforts in to school and class activities. Well done to both Annabelle Rix and Trinity Kervin for being chosen by the class to receive achievement awards for constantly demonstrating the school values.

Thanks to all the students of 6M, for an interesting and enjoyable few weeks!

Brian

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: Charlie McKay, Haylee Darby, Zac Pearce and Ryan
Norris**

1/2F: Brianna Bagnall and Kurt Gooding

1/2S: Jomowen Kennedy and Hannah Fordham

3/4S: Reece O'Donnell and Karly Russell

4/5H: Amber Shaw, Buddy O'Donnell and Jamah O'Donnell

6M: Annabelle Rix and Trinity Kervin

Special Principal Award

**Sean McKinnon, Danielle Stanborough, Jaclyn Hanneman, Ryan
Norris. Dylan Wellard, Angus Hopfner and Olivia Hopfner.**

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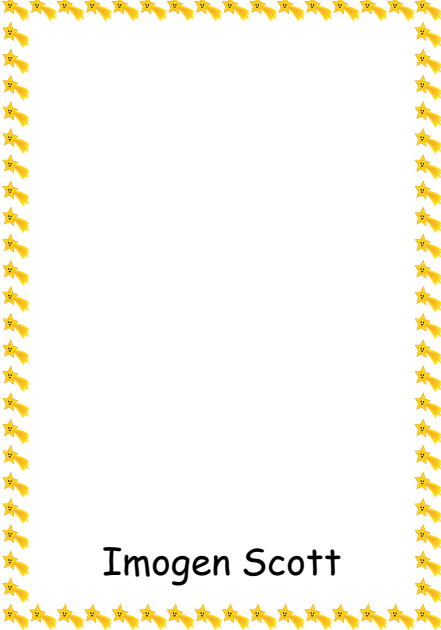
Student of the Week



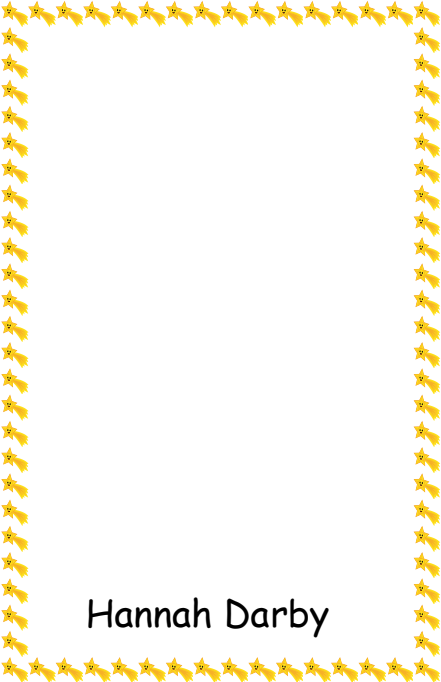
Angus Hopfner



Hamish Baird



Imogen Scott



Hannah Darby



Chloe Trewin



Sean McKinnon