

**Wentworth Public School**

**Newsletter**

**28th March 2012**



## **PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

### **THIS WEEK**

With only a little over a week to go before the holidays, we still have a number of important events to run. Friday is our school cross-country and next Wednesday is "E" Day. Please come along and support your children and the school. You are welcome to join us for both activities! There is more information on these events later in the newsletter.

### **WHAT MAKES A GOOD SCHOOL?**

I guess there are many different opinions about what really makes a good school, but there are many common elements in the best! Supportive staff and community, high quality programs, student centred learning, a caring environment and a place where all members of the school community can feel supported in providing for the educational needs of all students are all important. I believe that all of these elements are in evidence at Wentworth. It really is a "place of care and learning"!

### **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.

# MARCH – APRIL 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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 10:15	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
7/5	8/5 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5

## **EARTH HOUR 2012**

Add a bit of ambiance to your evening and help reduce carbon emissions for just one hour when you become part of the worldwide environmental event that is Earth Hour. This year it takes place on Saturday 31 March from 8.30-9.30pm. More info:

[www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

## **DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDING**

Remember to put your clocks back an hour when daylight saving ends in NSW at 3am Sunday 1 April

## **APPS FOR LEARNING**

Young children love smartphones. Rather than just playing Angry Birds, why not download some educational apps that are fun too? You can find them at many different sites including:

[www.apps4kids.net/](http://www.apps4kids.net/)

[www.smartappsforkids.com/](http://www.smartappsforkids.com/)

[www.bestappsforkids.org/](http://www.bestappsforkids.org/)

[www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/](http://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/)

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

[www.australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/Web-2U/How-to-Choose-iPhone-Apps-for-Kids](http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/Web-2U/How-to-Choose-iPhone-Apps-for-Kids)

Don't forget to download the terrific free app available at School A to Z for smartphones and tablet devices at:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications).

## **APP OF THE WEEK!**

Young children will love artmaker, which is an ABC app. Please see the link above, or just search for it in the Itunes store!

Cathy Eddie

Principal

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school Cross Country will be held **this Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March** down at the **McLeod Oval**, Wentworth. The children will walk to the start line and run back to the oval. The races will commence as soon as the students are organised at their starting line, approximately **10:15am-10.30am**. Staff will be placed along the track to assist the students. The infants will be running 1km, 8/9 (combined age group) and 10 year olds have a 2km track and 11/12 year olds a 3km track. The students will be returning to school for recess once completed.

The children will need to have runners, water bottles, sunscreen, sports uniform as well as their hats. Children with asthma will need to bring their puffers with them on the run. Any volunteers to help at the finish line will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to come down and support your child at the Cross Country.

Hope to see you there!

Jordana Shields

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. (If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to 'Wentworth Public School'). No late entries can be accepted.

## **EASTER E-DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The school Easter E-day Celebrations will be held on next **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

As a part of the celebration, the students will be participating in an Easter hat/bonnet construction session at the beginning of the day. Parents and family members are invited to stay and help and maybe offer some inspiration or creativity to the students, as they create their bonnets. We are asking that if you have any bibs and bobs lying around at home, that the students could use to help construct their hats, that you very kindly donate them to the school: anything will be welcomed. We are also in need of as many empty egg cartons as possible for one of the rotation activities.

At the end of the activity rotations, (biscuit decorating, Easter hunt and chick constructions), we will be holding a special lunch, where the parents and care givers are invited to join the students and staff for lunch and a friendly chat.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9.30-10.20am Easter Bonnet/Hat construction with parents

10.30-11.00am Easter Hat Parade

11.00-11.30am E-Day Assembly

11.30-12.00am Recess

12.00-12.30pm 1st Activity

12.30-1.00pm 2nd Activity

1.00-1.30pm 3rd Activity

1.30pm Special Lunch

## **KITCHEN GARDEN**

Vince is chasing 'Dip Tins'. If anyone has any that they could donate to the school they would be greatly appreciated.

## **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 **11<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Costs are:**

**NAIDOC Pack** ( Pencil case, sharpener, Respect Band, Ruler, Eraser, Pencil ) **\$3.00** **Respect Bands only \$2.00**

**NAIDOC polo shirts \$7.00**

**And many more to choose from, please come in and have a look.**

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

## **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.

## **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 lostproperty. **Please remember to put your child's name or initial on anything they bring to school so we can get it back to them.**

## **CANTEEN.**

Below is the DRAFT roster for next term. If your name is in the roster but the date is not suitable, or you are unavailable this term, please contact Kellie Ricardi at [kellie\\_ricardi@aanet.com.au](mailto:kellie_ricardi@aanet.com.au), or on 0400 673 845. If your name is not listed in the roster and you'd like to assist in the Canteen, please contact Kellie also. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### **Canteen Roster - Term 2, 2012.**

27 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	Donna Moylan	Fiona Cullinan	<u><b>DOUGHNUT DAY</b></u>
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird	
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Donna Moylan	Donna Gold	
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Donna Moylan	Kellie Ricardi	
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Donna Moylan	Cheryl Brown	
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2012	Di Page	Sharon Hopfner	
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Donna Moylan	Theresa Crisp	
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Donna Moylan	Kaye Hyde	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2012	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson	
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Donna Moylan	Mandy Bone	<u><b>DOUGHNUT DAY</b></u>

## **ASTHMA PLANS**

If your child is asthmatic, it would be very helpful if we had a copy of their asthma plan from the doctor, so we can make sure we are providing the right assistance for your child.

## **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.

## **VOICE & PIANO LESSONS**

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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.

### **LOWER ANABRANCH SPORTING AND LANDCARE GROUP**

#### **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 308 536) or Fiona Cullinan (0428 118 762)

### **TORNADOES BASEBALL**

We are looking for players aged 9 to 13 who would be interested in playing Coach Pitch or Baseball in the upcoming Baseball season.

We have positions available in our Teams now.

Contact Kendal or Phil Gee on 0417 533 216 for more information.



**Wentworth Public School****Absence Note**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child was absent from school on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2012

Reason –Sick ☐ Family ☐ Appointment ☐ Other ☐De-  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

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Details \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

## **KINDER NEWS**

A reminder that this Friday the school cross country is being held down at the McLeod oval. Kinder students will be participating in this sporting event, and will be running 1 km of the course. All students need to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and hat, and wear appropriate shoes and clothing for running. We will be leaving school at 9.45am.

Next Wednesday is Easter E'Day, which stands for Extravaganza Day. These are held once a term, and each E'Day has a theme. During the first hour of next Wednesday we will be making Easter hats for the hat parade being held at 10.30am. Any donations of craft supplies to help with decorating the hats, would be greatly appreciated. Parents are welcome to join us in creating our wonderful hats, and their assistance would be greatly appreciated. After this, the children get to complete fun activities related to the Easter theme.

We have been working hard on our reading and writing in class, and it has been very pleasing to see improvement in many of the students. To help your children, encourage them to read and write words, and identify the letters and their sounds in these words. Also finding every day words in the supermarket, the newspapers or magazines will help them to identify them and become more familiar with high frequency words.

Regards,

Chris Larwood

## YEAR 1/2S NEWS

The end of the term is fast approaching and we are working really hard in 1-2S. **Cross country** practice is happening every day to prepare for Fridays event. We are catching up on the 25 nights reading awards and if your child didn't receive one this week, it will happen next week.

Congratulations on the work you are doing with **reading, sight words** and homework at home. I would also like to thank all the parents who have made time to come in and help us during the term.

Our **maths** groups are working nicely and the progress we are making is pleasing. Our topic of **Harmony and Belonging** sees us learning songs, discussing differences and similarities and our identity. Harmony day last week fits right into that theme. Our **school values** and getting along with others also ties right in.

Our **E-Day** sounds like lots of fun. We will be making hats in the morning session and the plan for the whole day is detailed further in this newsletter.

Trish Slade

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

Congratulations to Chloe Nash for being our student of the Week this week and to Dakota, Callan and Amelia for receiving the Achievement awards.

Please remember the Cross Country is on this Friday please make sure you child has a labelled water bottle to take with them as well as their hats. The children have been practising hard over the past few weeks.

Next week as and end of term treat 1/2S and 1/2F will be joining together on Thursday to watch a movie and enjoy some Possum Magic food. We are asking if parents/guardians could please bring in mini Pavlova's, vegemite sandwiches and lamingtons to celebrate the end of our Possum Magic story and the end of term.

On Monday afternoon we will be beginning to make our Eater Parade hats in class so if you could please bring in craft materials for the children to share that would be greatly appreciated. If any parent/guardian, grandparent or any other family member would like to come and help with the activities on Monday afternoon and Wednesday's E-Day it would be wonderful to have you help.

Thanks

Tam

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

Last Monday, notes were sent out to all the students about our movie night being held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The children are very excited about the coming event. Please complete and return the permission note as soon as possible.

This Friday the school cross country is being held down at the McLeod oval. Students will need to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and hat. Appropriate shoes and clothing should be worn for running. We will be leaving school at 9.45am.

Next Wednesday is Easter E'Day. E'Day stands for Extravaganza Day and we hold an E'Day once a term. Each E'Day has a theme and the children get to complete fun activities related to that theme. During the first hour of next Wednesday we will be making Easter hats for the hat parade being held at 10.30am. Any donations of craft supplies would be greatly appreciated. Parents are welcome to join us in creating our wonderful hats!!

A number of students have not been keeping up with their weekly reading. Reading logs are checked and signed every Wednesday during reader exchange. The children understand that if they do not complete their reading I will be sending home additional work. Please continue to listen and encourage your child with their reading. If you have in questions or concerns please feel welcome to come and see me.

Jordana Shields

### **YEAR 4-5H NEWS**

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Rugby Gala day. I was very impressed by how the children all got in and had a go. As part of our responsibilities this year our class is responsible for raising money for the year 6 dinner. We have thrown around a lot of thoughts and we have decided on a few different ideas to raise money this year. Our first will be to run a 'Mothers Day' raffle. I am looking for donations from year 4/5H parents of suitable gift items to include in a gift basket that the class can then raffle.

Also a reminder that as part of E-Day celebrations I am looking for donations of egg cartons, thank you to those who have already sent some in.

Congratulations to our student of the week Olivia Hopfner. Our class selected merit award recipients are Jet Rodgers, Jade Andrews and Tecia Wyatt.

Cheers Jen

## YEAR 6M NEWS

Well I'm back and I've had a wonderful break and am looking forward to the next couple of weeks with the Year 6's. Thank you to Mr Gray for teaching the class in my absence.

This week the students have received their first spelling list to practise. A test will be held every Friday in regards to these words.

The Year 6 tops have been given to the students and they look terrific.

For next weeks E'day celebrations we are asking for any donations of empty egg cartons and other crafty items that can be used in the construction of Easter hats, they would be much appreciated.

Please note that Year 6 have the opportunity to change any reading material from the school Library every Wednesday and Friday.

The **Canberra Excursion dates have now changed**. It is no longer being held in from the 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September, but is now from the **9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September**, then returning for a final week at school before breaking up at the end of term.

A few reminders:

An art smock for all Year 6 students.

We still need a few rinsed out milk cartons - 600ml or 1L

Canberra Excursion Notes and \$50 deposit due **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

Please check your child's diary for any important dates.

Reading Logs and Diaries checked every Friday morning.

Hope to see you if you can make it down at the Cross Country this Friday,

Sandra Marziano

## **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: Kayden Robinson, Jordan Scott**

**1/2F: Dakota Jones, Amelia Paech, Callan McInnes**

**1/2S: Holly Bysouth, Drew Thompson**

**3/4S: Jackson McDermott, Piper Nash, Mekhi Smith.**

**4/5H: Jett Rogers, Jade Andrews, Tacia Wyott.**

**6M: Jardan Kennedy, Imogen Smith.**

## **Special Principal Award**

**Jett Rodgers, Heath Jones, Skye Payne, Connor McKay**

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## **Student of the Week**



**Charli McCabe**

**Nellie Baird**

**Chloe Nash**



**Karly Russell**

**Olivia Hopfner**

**Madison Gooding**