

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

9th May 2012



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### NAPLAN TESTING

The annual National Assessment Program testing for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 takes place from 15-17 May. Our children will be participating in the tests each morning. Please make sure that your children are at school on time, so that they can settle in before the tests. Remember, that these tests are used to give teachers useful information on how to support your child at school.

Students are tested nationally in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

For more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, go to: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### BARRIER CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to Bronte, Annabelle, Channele, Jaxon McInnes, Amber T, Shyann, Imogen Smith and Ricki, who are heading to Broken Hill on Friday. I know that you will represent our school to the best of your abilities. Mr Gray will be accompanying the children on the bus

# MAY - JUNE 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
6/5	7/5 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	8/5 AASC	9/5 AASC	10/5  Bookclub Orders and Money Due	11/5 Barrier Cross Country Mother's Day Breakfast 8am	12/5
13/5	14/5 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	15/5 AASC NAPLAN	16/5 AASC NAPLAN P&C Meeting 7pm	17/6 NAPLAN	18/5	19/5
20/5	21/5 Year 5 & 6 Courage to Care Excursion Kids Club 3.30-5pm	22/5 UNSW Computer Comp Skills AASC	23/5 AASC	24/5	25/5	26/5
27/5	28/5 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	29/5 AASC	30/5 AASC	31/5	1/6	2/6
3/6	4/6 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	5/6 AASC	6/6 UNSW Science Comp	7/6	8/6	9/6
10/6	11/6 Public Holiday	12/6 AASC	13/6 AASC	14/6	15/6	16/6

## **MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST**

Please join us for pancakes on Friday morning from Year 5 are also running a raffle with some special prizes that will be drawn on Friday.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Please remember to contact the school if your child is away or going to be away. There is now an exemption form for family holidays and some other events. I know that this means a little more paperwork, but it is worth it to ensure legal requirements are met. Please contact the school office if you think this may apply to you.

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPOSTING AWARENESS WEEK**

**(7-12 MAY)**

This week draws awareness worldwide to the importance and value of restoring health to our soils and the natural environment.

Get the children into the garden and grow some healthy organic vegetables for winter eating.

So, go on, get your hands dirty and reap the benefits. For local information, go to: [www.compostweek.com.au/core/](http://www.compostweek.com.au/core/)

## **APP OF THE WEEK**

"Real 3D Dice" is a great way to practice simple numeracy. You can choose the number of dice and the number of sides for them. Shake the iPad to roll the dice and then try to add/subtract/multiply the values on the dice as quickly as possible!

That's it for this week!

Cathy Eddie

Principal

## **MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE**

Year 4/5H are selling raffle tickets for a Mothers Day Hamper as part of our fundraising for the Year 6 dinner. If your child would like to purchase any tickets year 5 will be selling the tickets at lunch time on Thursday, tickets are 50 cents each. The raffle will be drawn at the Mothers Day Breakfast.

## **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST TREAT**

We will be celebrating the importance of Mums to the family next **Friday, 11th May, at 8am** with a special pancake breakfast. Mother's, Grandmothers, Aunties and Special Friends are welcome to come along to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast with their children.

## **BARRIER CROSS COUNTRY**

Good luck to the children competing in the Barrier Cross Country this Friday.

The bus will **leave from:**

- Gol Gol P.S., 6:30am,
- Dareton PS, 6:45am
- Wentworth P.S. at 7:00am

Arrive Broken Hill 9.30am

The bus should **return at:**

Wentworth 5.00pm,  
Dareton 5:15pm  
Gol Gol 5:30pm

Your child should bring warm suitable clothing over the top of their Murray Darling running uniform and school sports shorts, plenty of water and snacks that will fit into their back packs. Broken Hill will be running a canteen but there will be no orders taken. Students will have received a note today with food available. Students must be responsible for their own property.

## **COURAGE TO CARE YEAR 5/6 EXCURSION**

For a limited time only the Courage to Care exhibition is being held in the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery. This is a travelling exhibition which aims to inform and educate Australians of the dangers of prejudice and discrimination. It educates visitors, in particular students, towards an understanding of the roles of victim, perpetrator and bystander by exposing them to survivors of the Holocaust and their rescuers. Courage to Care combats bullying and racism by empowering the individual to make a difference.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, Year 5/6 will be travelling to Broken Hill to take part in this event.

## **P&C MEETING**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th May** commencing at 7pm. All welcome.

## **BOOKCLUB ORDER**

Orders and money need to be return by Thursday 10th May, if you wish to order.

## **OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS**

Application for an Opportunity Class for 2013, is available from **May 9 until June 8th** . Processing can be completed online or printed. An **Opportunity Class** is for students who will be in **Year 5 in 2013**. Further information is available from the office

## **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.

## **Mildura Eisteddfod**

A group of Primary students will be performing in the Eisteddfod this year. The group will be performing Traditional dancing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Permission notes need to be returned to school office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## **National Sorry Day**

National Sorry Day will be commemorated on 28<sup>th</sup> May at the school assembly which starts at 9.25am. The day is usually commemorated on the 26<sup>th</sup> May each year, which is the weekend before.

Thankyou

Trish Jones

## **CANTEEN.**

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. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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

11 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Donna Moylan	
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Donna Moylan	Cheryl Brown
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2012	Di Page	Larni Baird
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Donna Moylan	Teresa Crisp
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Donna Moylan	Kaye Hyde
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2012	Kathrn Baird	Amber Baird
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Donna Moylan	Mandy Bone

### **.Wentworth Little Geckos Playgroup**

**Every Mondays and Wednesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm**

**At Wentworth Public School**

**Families Welcome to come along and have a yarn up! Relax and mingle with friends and family within the community**

**Activities for the children's such as:**

- **Making Arts & Crafts Animals**
- **Children can do Paintings**
- **One of the days we will go to the Library**

**Indoor & Outdoor Activities Snacks and Drinks provided**

**For further information please contact:**

**Lois Taylor or Maralea Nua on 50274067 or 50277600**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Would you like to play hockey?

The Winter Competition is just about to start, so come along and join us. There are games for everyone, from beginners to more advanced players. There are teams in Under 9, Under 11's, Under 13 Boys, Under 13 Girls, Under 15 Boys and Under 16 Girls, plus many more.

Hockey is played at the Old Aerodrome Fields, Eleventh St, Mildura.

If you would like some more information, please contact one of our clubs.

Rivaside Hockey Club - Rob 0429 984 648 - train on Monday

Wanderers Hockey Club - Wendy - 0488 041 965 - train on Tuesday

Koowinda Hockey Club - Sue - 0417 053 489 - train on Wednesday

Waratahs Hockey Club - Jodie - 0409 835 470 - train on Thursday

See you down there!

### .GIRL GUIDES have vacancies

for girls aged 5 - 18 years in Sunraysia. Guiding offers activities designed to meet personal challenges, to learn team building and leadership skills, and to make new friends.

For more information of units in your area.

Contact District Leader Amanda McNabb 0437706296



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

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

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

Reason –Sick ☐ Family ☐ Appointment ☐ Other ☐

Details \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## **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 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.**

## **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.**

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Please make sure that you 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.

## KINDER L NEWS

Congratulations to our award recipients this week. Student of the week is Caitlyn Farnsworth with Ben Follett, Jaita and Immanuel Rodgers receiving achievement awards.

Readers are going home today, and the children are very excited about this. Please listen to them reading their books and continue to read to them. They have a reading log, and they will receive awards for their reading. There are also tips to help with you to make their reading a success.

Please check the Talking and Listening class roster and the given topics, and discuss the topic of the week with your child, and encourage them to actively participate in this activity in class.

We are investigating "Wentworth - now and then" during this term. If you have any family members with stories to tell, or have historical information or pictures, we would appreciate it if you could share them with our class.

Kinder are working hard showing their knowledge of the school values, and putting them into place with the ways in their behaviour in the classroom and playground. A great start Kinder, keep up the great work. If you have any queries or problems at any time, please let me know and we can work together to give your child the best opportunities for successful reading and learning

Have a great week,

Regards, Chris Larwood

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

Congratulations to Jemma Clifford for being chosen as our Students of the Week and also to Heath, James, Chloe and Nathan for receiving our Achievement Awards.

This week we are looking at length in maths as well as our number activities. We are also looking at Native Australian animals and working on information reports during the next couple of weeks.

As the weather is beginning to cool down please make sure all jumpers have names on them as we are finding a lot without names, if you are missing a jumper they will be placed in the lost property box at the office if there is not a name on it.

It was great to see many children receiving reading awards on Monday keep up the great reading.

Thanks

Tam Farley

## **YEAR 1/2S NEWS**

Congratulations to Hannah Fordham who is our star of the week for this week and also to Tobias Watson- Kiely who received an award at this week's assembly. We are all moving towards our 50 nights reading award- well done to this week to Nehemiah Spary. Jamowen Kennedy passed his 25 nights and will receive his award at the next assembly and Jayden Miller is very close also.

Good Luck to Chanelle and all the other students who will participate in the regional cross country in Broken Hill this Friday.

Next week we begin a unit on our local history, including some excursions around town. If you have some artefacts or knowledge to share please feel free to come into our room sometime- we would love to listen and learn.

Don't forget to come along this Friday morning to our Mothers day pancake breakfast at 8am to celebrate how wonderful our mums are.

Kind regards,

Trish Slade

### **YEAR3/4 NEWS**

The Year 3's will be sitting their Naplan exams on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May. We have been focusing a lot on Naplan preparation over the last term and the Year 3's are eager to get the tests completed.

Readers are still being exchanged every Wednesday. I am concerned that some students are not keeping up with their reading. I cannot express enough how important it is that your child regularly reads each week. Please contact me if you are having any difficulties at home.

I will be away from the 14<sup>th</sup> of May to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. I am taking leave for a week as well as heading to Broken Hill for a Reading to Learn course. Mr Jeremy Baird will be taking the class during this time.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shields

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

With Naplan less than a week away we have been working hard on preparing ourselves for the test. I am confident that the children will know what to expect when they come to sit the test.

Some raffle tickets went home with students on Friday for our Mothers Day Raffle. When the children return their tickets and money I will give them a 'You made my day award'. The raffle will be drawn at the Mothers Day Breakfast on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

Fruit break has commenced again and our class are looking for donations of fruit. Unfortunately we have been missing out because we have not had fruit to cut up.

Congratulations to Mitchell Bysouth who has been chosen to be our 'Student of the Week' and also to Travis Witte and Dexta Watson -Kiely the recipients of our class selected awards.

Hope to see you at the Mothers Day Breakfast.

Cheers Jen

## **WINTER UNIFORMS**

**Size 10 trackpants have arrived.**

**Winter uniforms available in from the office are:**

**Trackpants Size 4-12 - \$15**

**Windcheaters Size 4 - 16 - \$20**

## YEAR 6M NEWS

On Monday a special note went home regarding the Courage to Care exhibition and the one day excursion to Broken Hill for the Year 5/6 to take part in this event. Please sign and return the permission slips no later than Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. If your child is not taking part, the slip still need to be returned with the non-participating noted.

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, any donations of any spare fabric, stuffing or other interesting crafty items at home that you no longer require, it would be greatly appreciated in the Year 6 room. Also any wood off cuts.

There are still a few students who need to return their diaries and reading logs on a weekly basis on Friday's.

We hope you will be able to make it to this Friday's special Mother's Day Breakfast. The Year 6's are looking forward to it. Best of luck to those who are travelling Broken Hill for the Barrier Cross Country and will unfortunately miss the event.

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday,

Sandra Marziano

### **Achievement Certificates**

**Kinder L: Ben Follett, Immanuel Rodgers & Jaita Rodgers**

**1/2F: James Vine, Heath Jones, Nathan Edwards &  
Chloe Nash**

**1/2S: Tobias Watson-Kiely**

**3/4S: Jaclynn Hanneman & Zac Hyde**

**4/5H: Travis Witte & Dexta Watson-Kiely**

**6M: Rachael Hanneman & Brodie Miller**

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## **Student of the Week**

Caitlyn  
Farnsworth

Hannah  
Fordham

Jemma  
Clifford

Bronte  
Rix

Mitchell  
Bysouth

Nicholas  
Stanborough