

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

2nd May 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

ANZAC DAY

While we did not have our own school service this year, the school was well represented at the Wentworth service, with approximately 40 students in attendance. Our school captains, Imogen and Chris led our marchers and laid the wreath during the service. All students must be commended for their exemplary behaviour. Your pride in our school and understanding of the solemnity of the occasion is greatly appreciated.

MDPSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of the students who participated last Friday. I know that you once again represented our school to the best of your abilities.

KITCHEN GARDEN

I had the pleasure of joining Year 3/4 last Thursday for some beautiful soup for lunch. I continue to be amazed at the success of this program in developing skills across all key learning areas for our students. Mathematics, English, science, art and health are just some of the subjects that this worthwhile program encompasses.

If you have some spare time on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please come and volunteer to assist with the program. Classes start in the garden at 10:45am, followed by kitchen lessons after recess.

APRIL – MAY 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			2/5	3/5	4/5 Doughnut Day	5/5
6/5	7/5 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	8/5 AASC	9/5 AASC	10/5	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	17/6 NAPLAN	18/5	19/5
20/5	21/5 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	22/5 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 AASC	7/6	8/6	9/6

PARENT WORKSHOP

Our PSP consultants ran a workshop for parents last evening. Thank you to all who attended. I hope that you gained something from the session!

APP OF THE WEEK

Just for a bit of fun for the older students (and mums and dads!), try "**Home Design 3D**". This is a program that allows you to design a house, furnish it and even put in wall colours, etc. The free version does not allow you to save designs, but it is still a lot of fun!

I am currently in Sydney for training, but will return to school tomorrow. See you then!

Cathy Eddie Principal

 * **DOUGHNUT DAY** *
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 * *This Friday, 4th May, 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* *
 * *before School as they will not be on sale at Recess.* *
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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.

ARTBACK KIDS CLASSES

Come along to another Art Class with Steve, he has lots of ideas and some challenges too. See you at ArtBack 10.30—12.30 in Wentworth. \$20 including materials.

TAX REBATE FOR SCHOOL ITEMS

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses. In the 2011-12 tax year, you could claim up to \$409 for primary students and \$818 for secondary students.

The Education Tax Refund now includes school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, so items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012.

Keep your receipts for school uniforms and other education-related purchases so you can claim them at tax time. You will need them to calculate your refund and you may need to show them as proof of purchase.

The website www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au will help you decide if you are eligible and explains what you can claim and how to claim.

AUSTRALIAN CHILDHOOD VISION IMPAIRMENT REGISTER

The Register collects data on Australian children who have vision impairment , with sponsorship by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind children, and support from Vision Australia and Guide Dogs. Information from this Register is used to plan better services throughout Australia. The website which supports the project- www.vifamilynetwork.org.au provides families with access to online registration, low vision resources and low vision events. It also hosts an online parent forum for registered families.

PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK 27 APRIL - 5 MAY 2012

Privacy Awareness Week is a chance to remind your children to protect their personal details and information, especially online.

Australians lead the world when it comes to average monthly social media use and we share many details of our lives online.

As a parent, you can help your child behave in safe and smart ways to minimise the risks of their online activity.

To ensure that your kids are protected from cyberbullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches, you can:

- remind them not to share their usernames and passwords with anyone
- go through the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends
- talk to them about the danger of identity theft and the permanence of online sharing.

For more information on how to educate your children about protecting their privacy online and how to avoid being a victim of identity theft or even how to stop junk mail, go to:

<http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html>

WORLD ASTHMA DAY

World Asthma Day is on 3 May. If you or someone in your family is one of the 10 per cent of people in Australia with asthma, you can find lots of resources to understand and manage this condition at:

www.asthmafoundation.org.au

If your child suffers asthma, we recommend the school be given an up to date asthma management plan available from your child's GP or specialist. If they require an inhaler, please ensure there is one in their bag at all times.

MURRAY DARLING PSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 37 students competed at the PSSA Cross Country held at Euston. Thank you to Mr Gray and Trish Jones for coming along and helping out. We were all very impressed with the student's attitudes and behaviour throughout the day.

Congratulations to Bronte Rix for achieving first in the 10 year old girls and Shyann Wellard a second in the 11 year old girls.

The following students also finished in the top six and therefore qualify for the Barrier Cross Country being held in Broken Hill on Friday 11th May. Well done Chanelle Ricardi, Jaxon McInnes, Amber Thompson, Imogen Smith, Jordan Kennedy, Annabelle Rix and Ricki Martin. Notes regarding the Barrier Cross Country were sent home last Monday and **must be returned tomorrow**. Keep up with your training and good luck next week.

PRIMARY SPORT

This Friday the grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be starting regular primary sport. The students will be divided into three groups and will rotate every two weeks through the three activities. Mrs Halls will be running t-ball, Miss Marziano volleyball and I will be focusing on Athletic skills (shot put, discus, high jump, etc). It is especially important that the students wear appropriate shoes and bring a drink bottle.

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CANTEEN.

Please contact Kellie Ricardi at 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.

4 th May 2012	Kellie Ricardi	
11 th May 2012	Donna Moylan	Donna Gold
18 th May 2012	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
25 th May 2012	Donna Moylan	Cheryl Brown
1 st June 2012	Di Page	Larni Baird
8 th June 2012	Donna Moylan	Teresa Crisp
15 th June 2012	Donna Moylan	Kaye Hyde
22 nd June 2012	Kathrn Baird	Amber Baird
29 th 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!

.AUSKICK AT WENTWORTH

WENTWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB AUSKICK
WILL COMMENCE THE 2ND WEEK OF TERM 2.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 4:30 AT THE GEORGE GORDON OVAL
DARETON.

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT THE GROUND AND IS FREE FOR
2012.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL WENDY ON 0435019926.

Please ensure your child has their own hats.

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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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**

Respect Bands only \$2.00

NAIDOC polo shirts \$7.00

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

Mildura Eistedfodd

A group of Primary students will be performing in the Eistedfodd this year. The group will be performing Traditional dancing on Friday 15th June. Permission notes and more information will be given out to students this term.

National Sorry Day

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

Thankyou

Trish Jones

KINDER L NEWS

Welcome back to another busy term in the Kinder room.

Congratulations to our award recipients. Student of the week is Jamaya Kennedy and Jacob Follett and Charli McCabe received achievement awards.

Book club has been sent home this week, and this gives you the opportunity to buy quality books for your children if you would like to. Please return these orders as soon as possible to the front office, and they will be sent home when they come to the school.

We are starting to send home readers this term, and if you have not sent your child's green reader bag into school, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget that Library day is on Friday's, and a different bag is needed to be able to borrow. Please encourage borrowing, and there are great books to read together.

The Talking and Listening class roster and the given topics, has been sent home today. Discuss the topic of the week with your child, and encourage them to actively participate in this activity in class.

Next Friday, 11th May, the school is hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast. All mothers and grandmothers are invited to join us for pancakes and a "cuppa" from 8am - 9am. The children would love to see you all here at school.

Have a great week,

Regards, Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2F NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to Term 2.

Congratulations to Robbie Watters-Behsmann for being our Students of the Week and to Kaleb, Jemma and Nathan for receiving our Achievement Awards. I would also like to congratulate James and Amelia for becoming our new SRC Reps this term.

This Term we will be spending the next three weeks looking at the text "Wombat Stew" and focusing on Australian Native animals.

As of next Wednesday I will only be on class 4 days as I will be having the Wednesday's off and Mr Brian Gray will be taking the class on those Wednesdays. My last day will be Friday the 25th May and Mr Gray will then have the class full time.

Reminders that readers are changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Homework was sent out this week and is due back in a fortnight and please remember to label all of you child's clothing as the weather is cooling down and we are layering more it is easy to misplace clothes.

Regards

Tam Farley

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Our welcome back to Term 2 has been an emotional one but I am so proud of 1-2 S and the way in which they have handled themselves in this past week. We have done some lovely reflections at school, you are welcome to come in, or if you would like to contact me at school, please don't hesitate.

Congratulations to Drew Thompson who is our star of the week and also to Hannah, Jayden, Laura and Laurel who received awards at this week's assembly. We are all moving towards our 50 night reading awards- well done to Annie -Rae, Chanelle, Laura and Hamish. Also, very big congratulations to Chanelle who participated in the zone cross country at Euston and came fourth. She is now eligible to go to regional cross country in Broken Hill- Well Done!

This term will be a really busy one; we are reading "Wombat Stew", writing procedures and information reports about the animals from the story. In week 4 we begin a unit on our local history, including some excursions around town.

Kind regards,

Trish Slade

Year 3/4S NEWS

Welcome back for term 2! We have a busy time coming up in the next few weeks. The Year 3's will be sitting their Naplan exams on the 15th, 16th and 17th 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 competed.

After Naplan, we will be completing a local history unit of work with Year 4/5H. It will involve small excursions out into the community. More information will be going out at a later date.

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.

Primary sport starts this Friday. Please remind your child to wear appropriate shoes and bring a drink bottle.

I will be away from the 14th of May to the 23rd 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

Welcome back everyone to Term 2. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the cross country on Friday, it was great to see so many students having a go.

Year 4/5 are trying to run a mother's day raffle to raise money for the Year 6 dinner. Unfortunately at this point we have not had enough donations to make up a prize basket. If you are able to make a donation it would be much appreciated.

Congratulations to our new SRC representatives for this term, Chloe Hyde and Travis Witte with Murphy Baird and Conner McKay offering support. They take over from Mitchell Bysouth and Jade Andrews who both did a good job in their role as class representatives.

The class selected award winners this week are Olivia Daymond and Connor McKay. Student of the week is Shyann Wellard. Have a great week everyone.

Cheers J

YEAR 6M NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful and enjoyable Easter break.

Some of the students have already demonstrated how committed they are towards improving their spelling through practising their spelling words. Lists will again go home on a Monday and the test is held on Fridays.

If you have 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.

It was great to hear the students worked well in my absence last week and were terrific representatives at the town's Anzac Service and / or PSSA Cross Country.

Wishing you a safe week,

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder L: Charli McCabe & Jacob Follett

1/2F: Nathan Edwards & Kaleb Bride

1/2S: Jayden Miller, Laura Hancock & Laurel Andrews

3/4S: Tyrone Jones & William Dutton

4/5H: Olivia Daymond & Connor M^cKay

6M: Mia Curtis & Madison Gooding

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Student of the Week

Jamaya Kennedy

Drew Thompson

Robbie Watters—
Behsmann

Piper Nash

Shyanne Wellard

Annabelle Rix