

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

6th June 2012



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

WORKING BEE

I would like to thank the families who came along on Saturday (and Friday!) for our working bee. We were able to complete some much-needed jobs. Congratulations to the Hyde family who won our draw for a Fishers' voucher. This can be collected from the office later this week.

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

A number of visitors joined Year 6 today for their garden and cooking program. This was a special "thank you" for the support shown to the school from a number of local groups. Janine Smith from the Wentworth Community Branch, Bendigo Bank, Tammy Fordham President of the P n C, Mary Taylor Garden Designer.,

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

At times, the school organizes activities that require a permission note from parents and, occasionally, a small fee. We ask that notes and money be returned to school promptly to assist in the organization of events. These activities are an important part of your child's learning and we need all children to attend. If the costs associated with these activities is a problem, please contact the school so that we can make arrangements to ensure children do not miss out. These are not "one off" events and they form the basis of many classroom activities prior to and after the event. All children are expected to attend all school-arranged activities.

JUNE - JULY 2012

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
3/6	4/6 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	5/6 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	6/6 UNSW Science Comp	7/6 Last Day for Book Club Orders AASC 3:45-4:45pm	8/6 The Protectors Performance 2pm - \$5	9/6
10/6	11/6 Public Holiday	12/6 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	13/6	14/6 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	15/6	16/6
17/6	18/6 UNSW Writing Comp Kids Club 3.30-5pm	19/6 UNSW Spelling Comp AASC 3:45pm-4:45pm	20/6	21/6 Last Day of AASC 3:45pm- 4 :45pm	22/6	23/6
24/6	25/6 Kids Club 3.30-5pm	26/6	27/6 Book- fair	28/6 Bookfair	29/6 Bookfair Last day of Term 2	30/6
15/7	16/7 Staff Development Day	17/7 Students return	18/7	19/7	20/7	21/7

PARENT WORKSHOP

The PSP parent workshop that was scheduled for tonight has been cancelled, as the presenter, Julie Loxley, is unable to make it. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

UNFRIENDLY VISITORS!

At the moment, there are many cases of nits throughout the entire district. Please check your child's hair regularly and tie it back if it is long. Braids work best. If eggs or lice are present, the best way to get rid of them is to coat hair with conditioner and comb out thoroughly. This is gentlest on the hair and the insects develop a tolerance of some treatments. A preventative spray can also be made using tea-tree oil, cloves and lavender oil. A few drops of the oils in a spray bottle of water sprayed on the hair is supposed to be successful.

LOCAL HISTORY

The students have been doing some great activities, based on our local history. They have been enjoying all of the visitors and excursions. I would like to acknowledge the work Mrs Rees has done in coordinating the primary unit of work. This has been a part of a state-wide curriculum project that the school is a part of. Trish and Dawn have been most helpful in providing support as well, organising presenters and ensuring the children are being provided with excellent opportunities. I congratulate all of the staff on their collaboration and thank all of the community members who have participated.

This week's app to try 'Mad Math Lite' for both IPAD and IPHONE! A great way to practise your basic number operations.

Cath Eddie

Principal

EVERYONE2DAY

Attendance every day that the school is open for instruction is a legal requirement and a major responsibility of parents/carers. **Do not** keep your child away from school for the following reasons as they are not considered to be acceptable:

- ♦ Birthdays
- ♦ Shopping
- ♦ Minding other children
- ♦ For routine check-ups or care such as hair cuts
- ♦ Minor family events
- ♦ Medical and other health appointments for your child with specialists such as dentists or doctors should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays
- ♦ Regular appointments (i.e. private swimming or music lessons during school time) which require students to leave school early
- ♦ It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age (6-17) have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.
 - ♦ Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences - Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.
 - ♦ If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the

school, parents/child and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.

- ♦ The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.
- ♦ Applications to the Children's Court - A Compulsory Schooling Order. Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.
- ♦ Prosecution in the Local Court - If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

THE PROTECTORS PERFORMANCE - BULLIES BEWARE

The performance will take place in the school hall on **Friday 8th June** at 2pm. The performance is aimed at all children Kinder to Year 6. The **cost is \$5** per child.

Please return the note and money to the school office by **Thursday 7th June**.

"THE PROTECTORS" SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

I give permission for _____ to attend the "The Protectors" Performance in the School Hall on Friday 8th June at 2pm. The cost is \$5 per child.

Enclosed is \$ ____

Signed _____ Date: _____

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.

BOOKCLUB

Last day for Bookclub orders is Thursday 7th June. All orders will be processed on Friday 8th June.

Would \$500 help you to pay for school camps, books, uniforms, a lap top or even sports costs?

Saver plus could be the program for you and will match your savings \$1 for \$1 up to \$500 to go towards education costs for families.

To join Saver Plus you need:

- a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- to be 18 or over
- to have an income from paid employment
- to have a child attending school

Please call Janice Peake or Elena Nemtsas at Haven on: 50184200.

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.

8 th June 2012	Donna Moylan	Teresa Crisp
15 th June 2012	Donna Moylan	Kaye Hyde
22 nd June 2012	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird
29 th June 2012	Sheryl Brown	Mandy Bone

STUDENT BANKING

The School has Student Banking through the **Bendigo Bank** on **Wednesday morning**. Children bring their bank books and money to the School office before school and the Bendigo Bank staff collect them and return the books the following day.

If your child wishes to bank but does not have a Bendigo Bank account, the paper work is available through Mrs Shields at the front office.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wentworth Little Geckos Playgroup

**Every Monday and Wednesday from 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 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

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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KINDER L NEWS

Congratulations to our award recipients this week. Student of the week is Kayden Robinson with Jordan Spark, Jamaya Kennedy and Charli McCabe receiving achievement awards. These students have been choosing to follow school values and operating in level C and D. Well done. In the class we have a new system to encourage everyone to be working and playing in these levels. The children in Kinder will come home with a "My Rewards" chart. There is room for them to earn 5 stickers, and if they have all of these, you will know that they have been working and playing in level c and D. Otherwise, they need to be reminded of how they should be behaving at school, so please discuss these charts with them.

A reminder that the whole school has a performance at 2pm. On Friday. This is for all students. This performance is about the protectors who have powers to stop bullying at school, and inspire children of all ages to value others. Please send your note and money into the office tomorrow so all students can attend.

Once again, a reminder about the roster for Talking and Listening - each child has an allocated day in our class each week, so please remind them of their given day. Next week the topic is: How do you come to school? If you could choose another way of coming, what would you chose and why? Please encourage your child to discuss the given topic, as this will help them with their speaking skills.

Please continue to read to your children and encourage them to read to you..

Have a great week,

Regards, Chris Larwood

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

It is lovely to be back for a few days. Thank you to all those who have been working to ensure continuity on 1/2S while I have been away. I have to have an operation next Tuesday and will be back on class as soon as possible after that. I am so sorry for the disruption.

I've heard great things about the K-2 Excursion last week. Well done and thank you for your help.

Family history is due week 9, Friday 22 June.

Next Tuesday there will be optional homework for those who wish to continue normal homework. But our priority is the family history project by the due date.

In week 10 the students will be presenting their projects to the class.

Trish Slade

YEAR 1/2G NEWS

I like to start by extending a big thank you to everyone that has helped to make the transition go as smoothly as it has. I have been really excited to get started in the class and we are all looking forward to a great remainder to the year.

Congratulations go out to Mrs Farley, who had Chelsea Kay last Friday. The class is thinking of you guys and we cannot wait for our chance to meet the new bub!

Well done to Thomas for being our Student of the Week this week. Stevie, Imogen and Callan were also chosen by the class to receive the achievement awards. Great work guys!

This Friday we will be attending a performance of 'The Protectors'. This performance aims to demonstrate the effects of bullying, as well as strategies for preventing bullying in our school. It will also become an important feature in Civics and Personal Development lessons for the rest of the term. The performance costs \$5 and a note needs to be signed and returned before Friday.

Our local history unit will be continuing this week and our focus in Maths for the next fortnight will be multiplication and division.

Regards,

Brian Gray

YEAR 3/4S NEWS

The class had a wonderful day yesterday for their cultural day. The children participated in making Johnny cakes, listening to Dreamtime stories, using Barkindji symbols to create an art work and learning about traditional dance. Thank you to Mrs Rees for organising the wonderful day. We will be completing follow up activities in the classroom over the next week. Please feel free to come in and have a look at some of the work completed by the children from the unit.

This Friday the whole school will be watching the performance The Protectors at 2pm. It is a great production focused on bullying. Notes went home Monday to the students who have not yet returned their permission form or money. It is encouraged that all students should attend.

The cooking and gardening sessions are still as popular as ever for the children. If anyone has any spare time up their sleeves on a Thursday and would love to come down and see what has been happening in the program. Please feel welcome to swing down and help out. Let me know if you are interested. I have definitely been enjoying some of the yummy food 3/4S have been making.

It would be greatly appreciated if any spare large boxes could be sent into school to be used at our E'Day later this term.

Hope you have an amazing week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome to week 7, another busy week. As part of our "Local History' unit this week the students have enjoyed a cultural day. They took part in story time, traditional dance and cooking and art activities involving dot painting and symbols. A big thankyou to everyone who volunteered on the day to make it a great success. We will now be using these shared experiences back in the classroom to further our knowledge of what Wentworth used to be like. I would also like to thank the parents who have assisted during our excursions, the students love having you come along. Congratulations to our student of the week Nell McKenzie, also to our class award recipients Jake Irrgang and Kiara Kneebone. This week library for us will be on Friday rather than our usual Thursday.

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

Wow! What a terrific time Year 6 had today down in the Kitchen Garden. Kitchen Garden sessions are always a time of learning something new about someone or something, but today's session was extra special because Year 6 were hosts to some visitors. As a school we are always sorting some form of money or support to continue great programs. The class were able to demonstrate what actually occurs down in the Kitchen Garden to those who have supported the program to be so successful with equipment and building facilities.

Last Friday a note went home with all Year 6 students regarding a fundraiser the P&C are holding to raise money for the Year 6 Canberra Excursion. Any donations towards the raffle/prizes are greatly appreciated.

We also wish to thank the P&C for organising the Movie Night Fundraiser.

Due to my absences this Friday, Year 6's spelling test, reading log and diary collection, plus their Library sessions will all be held tomorrow.

We are still asking for crafty items - fabric, wood off cuts, etc for art. Items sent in will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your week and have a safe long weekend,

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder L: Caitlyn Farnsworth, Jamaya Kennedy & Jordan Spark

1/2G: Callan McInnes, Stevie Clark & Imogen Scott

1/2S: Dylan Bagnall & Laura Hancock

3/4S: Bronte Rix, Montana Norris, Danielle Stanborough &

Zac Hyde

4/5H: Kiara Kneebone & Jake Irrgang

6M: Sara Hancock & Rachael Hanneman

Principals Awards

Tobias Watson-Kiely, Laurel Andrews, Annie-Rae Plummer,

Jack Andrews, Nellie Baird and Jordan Spark

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Student of the Week

