

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

13th November 2013



T20 CRICKET EVENT

CATCHMENT CHAMPION BOOK LAUNCH

PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
10/11	11/11 Kids Club 3.30pm—5pm	12/11	13/11 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	14/11 AASC 3:45-4:45pm Year 6 CHS 1/2 day Orientation	15/11 Early Learning Group	16/11
17/11	18/11 Kids Club 3.30pm- 5pm	19/11	20/11 AASC 3:45-4:45pm P&C meeting 7.00pm	21/11 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	22/11 Early Learning Group	23/11
24/11	25/11 Kids Club 3.30pm - 5pm	26/11	27/11 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	28/11 CHS Year 6 Whole Day Orientation AASC 3:45-4:45pm	29/11 Early Learning Group Bookclub Orders & Money Due	30/11
1/12	2/12 Kids Club 3.30pm - 5pm	3/12	4/12 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	5/12 AASC 3:45-4:45pm	6/12	7/12
8/12	9/12 Kids Club 3.30pm - 5pm	10/12	11/12	12/12 School Presentation Evening 6:45pm Wentworth Club Auditorium	13/12	14/12

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Today I spent some time with our focus team of students, reviewing the information collected last week. We spent some time discussing the key issues presented and the students are planning a short presentation for their class and their buddy class to give a short summary of the findings. I believe that this process has been of great value to the school and look forward to the way this assists our future planning.

SCHOOL OVAL

We are currently restricting use of the school oval, mainly because of the khaki weed infestation, but also because we are finding an increasing amount of broken glass and other debris on the play areas. We have also had reports of snakes in the vicinity. Over the coming weeks, there will be organised lunch time games for children to participate in on the oval on some days and circus arts and dance activities organised on others.

SCHOOL SECURITY

As many of you would be aware, the school suffered a break in overnight on Monday. Some damage was done to the admin building and a small amount of cash stolen. The police are investigating and would love to hear from anyone who has any knowledge of the incident.

VOLUNTEERS SHARED LUNCH

On Wednesday, 27th November, we will be having a shared lunch to thank all of the volunteers who help at our school. We are asking the students to each bring in a small plate to share. Each class has been given a different item. Kindergarten and Year 6 are asked to bring sandwiches, Years 1/2 and 4/5 have been asked to bring savouries (sausage rolls, party pies, etc) and Years 2/3 and 3/4 are asked to bring some nice fruit to share. This is a great opportunity for the students to show their appreciation for the many community members who assist at the school throughout the year.

LIGHT UP WENTWORTH

We have been asked to participate in this community event again this year and it should be an exciting night, as it is being combined with Carols By Candlelight. Some of our students will be performing on the night, with Miss Marziano and Mrs Halls preparing some of our recorder players and Mr Gray preparing some singers. We will send out further details as they come to hand.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY LEAVERS

Children who are late to school (after 9:45am) or leave early (before 3:30pm) must be signed in/out of school in the office by a parent or caregiver. There is a booklet on the front office desk for this purpose.

If your child arrives at school after 9:25 and before 9:45am they can come to the office and collect a blue card to take to their teacher.

BOOKCLUB

The final issue for 2013 of Book Club went home today. Any orders and money are due back to the office by Friday 29th November.

SRC NEWS

SRC's next event will be held this week on Friday 15th, that being the 'Crazy Hat and Clothes Day'. Students can come to school dressed as crazy as they like, but please remember appropriate footwear and clothing is important.

P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 20th November 2013, all welcome.

TERM 4 KITCHEN GARDEN FEES

Accounts are attached to today's newsletter for outstanding fees.

WANTED SECONDHAND SHEETS OF IRON FOR GARDEN

Vince requires 8 x 3 metre sheets of secondhand iron or 10 x 1.8 metre sheets for the garden.

FOR SALE MUSCOVY DUCKS & DRAKES

- Laying Muscovy ducks—\$12 each
- Muscovy Drakes—\$15 each

Phone: 0478275177

TO GIVE AWAY 3 BLACK KITTENS

1 Male and 2 females. Ready to go now. Please ring 0400 589 347

FOR SALE STRAWBERRY PLANTS & HORSERADISH PLANTS

Strawberry Plants \$1.50

Horseradish Plants \$3

TO GIVE AWAY KELPIE PUPS

Black, tan and red—male and female kelpie pups to give away.

Parents both good workers. Phone Brett on 0409430443 and leave a message.

ART LESSONS

Art Lessons for your child by local artist Jade Millard—\$50 per hour maximum of 2 children per hour.

Call Jade to book.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Wow! It certainly was a busy week for all stakeholders in the school. The work is now on display in the technology room and we encourage all school members to come and have a look at the processes used and where they have ended up.

This week's newsletter contains drafts of the new school purpose statement, outlines of which areas were highly ranked in the vision and priorities. Next week's newsletter will contain the final two parts of the process, the values and graduate profile. These are now available for consultation over the next two weeks. After that time we will commence using the headings and coming up with goals and steps to work towards the desired outcome. Please take the time to look over the information and fill in the attached Plus/Delta sheet with your feedback.

DRAFT PURPOSE STATEMENT

Wentworth Public School prepares our students for a successful future by providing quality educational opportunities for all, which encourage life-long learning. We emphasize strong reading, writing and math skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.

DRAFT VISION FOCUS AREAS

1. Good behaviour
2. Happy, engaged, confident students
3. Stakeholders working together
4. More equipment
5. More variety of subjects

DRAFT PRIORITIES

1. Good behaviour
2. Clear, calm, open communication
3. Shared direction and teamwork
4. Quality supportive programs that cater for the whole child

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van will be in our school the first week of December. Lisa will be conducting general check ups at that time unless an emergency occurs. Letters have gone out today please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

14th November—Year 6—Half Day Orientation Day Coomealla High School

28th November—Year 6—Full Day Orientation Day—Coomealla High School

12th December—Presentation Evening

16th December—Year 6 Farewell Dinner

18th December—Last Day of School Year for students

SCHOOL MAGAZINE FRONT COVER COMPETITION

Each year the school publishes a School Magazine which consists of a few reports and articles from every class, plus a lot of photos of the different activities and events that have been held throughout the year.

As part of the magazine, students are being asked to create a design for the front cover. We are encouraging children to be as creative as possible. If children would like to make a collage, diorama, 3D model, mosaic or computer image; a photo can be taken of it if it is the winning design. It is also acceptable to enter a drawing if that's what children would prefer. Drawings can only be produced on A4 size paper. Please ensure name and class are clearly marked on the back of these entries. **NO NAME ON THE FRONT.**

Entries can be dropped off at the front office by Friday 22nd November.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDERS

Orders for this year's copy of the School Magazine are now being taken. The closing date for orders is Friday November 29th. The cost will be \$10. We only print the number of orders received.

Copies of last year's magazine are available for viewing in the school office.

Please return the attached slip and money to the office by **Friday 29th November.**

School Magazine Order

Students Name: _____

Number required: _____

Money enclosed: \$ _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

CANTEEN NEWS

- The next DONUT DAY will be on 13th December *

Please remember to keep your lunch bags if you have ordered an icecream and bring them to the canteen to collect your ice-cream.

If you are unavailable to do canteen on your rostered day, please call Kathryn (040 784 7717) as soon as possible so I can try to swap you with someone else. As we are short on volunteers, we may need to need to close the canteen on occasions if a swap cant be organised

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4, 2013

15th November	Becky Bysouth Bonnie Thompson
22nd November	Larni Baird Roslyn Watters-Behsmann
29th November	Sheryl Brown Nelin Spary
6th December	Donna Moylan Kelli Saunders
13th December*	Kathryn Baird Amber Baird

KH NEWS

This week we congratulate Saxon who was chosen as Student of the Week.

In class we have started work with the Jolly Grammar book and the first part of it was to learn about 'proper nouns'. We have been talking about words that are proper nouns and finding them in books. In maths we are working with dividing counters into groups and sharing them equally. We have also made rows of objects and then worked out if the same number can make a different number of equal rows. In buddies we are working on some great zoo animal trophy heads. Very spectacular!

Our independent writing is focussing on writing about books that we have read. The idea is to give the reader as much information as possible about the story, including the main problem and then how the problem was solved.

Have a great week,

Natalie

1/2S NEWS

Not many weeks left and I can't believe how quickly this year has flown.

Congratulations to Charlie our Star Student for this week for how well he has settled into his new school and class. Well Done also to Ryan, Tamzin and Izzack for receiving Merit Awards this week.

Please try to keep going with home reading. We are collecting data for reports and school records and wow! Some students have really come along in Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you for your on going support at home, it has really made a difference.

On Wednesday the 27th of November the school is hosting a shared lunch and each class is required to bring in some food. Our class needs to bring in a small plate of savoury food.

If your child is doing K-2 verse speaking our performance day is planned for Wednesday the 11th December, further details to follow in a letter to parents.

Keep sending the fruit and vegetables in for our fruit breaks. There are a number of school hats going missing please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked with their name.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

3-26 NEWS

Well done to all the kiddo's for a fantastic performance of 'Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport' at this week's assembly. A special mention goes out to Jamowen for an awesome job on the didgeridoo and to Robbie and Dakota for a rockin' rhythm on the wobble-board!

The focus of our class awards this week was on showing respect; with a focus on respect toward learning, teachers, students and our school in general. Congratulations Mieke Dwyer for being the Student of the Week and to Jane, Jamowen and Amelia for receiving nominations for achievement awards.

Homework is back after a short stay of absence. The home reading program will continue as normal.

Once again due to scheduling conflicts, we have had to swap our Kitchen-Garden day to Thursday. Our regular Friday kitchen sessions should return next week.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3-4M NEWS

Over the next 2 weeks we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division. Remember to keep practicing at home in order to re-call our timetables quickly!

Homework went out a day late this week as I was away on Monday, please try and get this completed and brought back to school by Friday. I also cannot stress enough about how important it is to read daily with your child, the more they read, the better they get!

We have been doing some fantastic art work in our classroom this term. Jade has been teaching us some wonderful skills and our room is looking amazing. Feel free to pop in and check it out if you have a free minute!

Congratulations to Clare T who was our Student of the Week last week. Also congratulations to Sherri and Laurel who received achievement awards.

Enjoy your week everyone.

Bridgit Milne

4/5H NEWS

We are off and racing through another very busy week. Today we are taking part in a video conference called 'Let's Get Animated' which will set 4/5H off on their new unit of work, animation. Tomorrow we will be traveling via VC to the Sydney Opera House to discover the stage.

Important Things To Know

- 3/4M and 4/5H are looking for donations of Christmas items to put in a hamper for a raffle on presentation night.
- On the 27th of November we are having a shared lunch with other classes. It is 4/5H's job to bring in a small plate per child of savoury items to share. For example party pies, little quiches, savoury scones and sausage rolls etc.
- Year 5 leadership speeches need to be done very shortly so that students have time to practise them in class. The speeches are going to be at 9.30am on the 6th December
- Outside of school time on the 7th of December year 4/5H will be taking part in the Wentworth Carol's night and light up Wentworth lantern float. Further details will follow.
- Our Early Learning Groups students this week will be Karly Elliott, Bronte Rix, Taj O'Brien and Josh Verstappen. Please remember these students need to be at school by 9am.

Congratulations to Jake Irrgang and Jaxon McInnes who received our class awards while Josh Verstappen was 'Student of the Week'.

Cheers

Jenny Halls

YEAR 6M NEWS

Well done to Shyann and Christina who put together a wonderful drama lesson on Monday. It's great to see how dynamic students can work together to achieve a common goal.

Thank you to Miss Shields and Mrs Halls for their support with the Year 6's at last Thursday's T20 cricket event. From what I've heard everyone had a terrific time despite the weather.

The Year 4/5H and 6 students did an honourable job at Monday's assembly reciting the Pledge to Remembrance as part of Remembrance Day.

Today's Let's Animate VC was enjoyed by all participants. The students got to create a thaumatropes. This is a toy in which partial pictures on the two sides of a card appear to merge when the card is twirled rapidly.

I will be away on Friday and Monday/Tuesday next week. Miss Dearman will be taking the class and I am sure they will demonstrate their ever growing maturity.

Reminders:

- ♦ 14th November - Half day orientation to Coomealla High.
- ♦ Please send in any empty, rinsed out 2L soft drink bottles, safety glasses, bike pump (preferable foot pump) and newspaper which will be needed for our science VC on the 22nd November. (The bike pump can be sent in closer to the date.)

Hoping you are enjoying the cooler weather,

Sandra Marziano

REMINDERS

Kids Club is held every Monday 3:30pm to 5pm

School Banking—Wednesday Morning

NUTBAN

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.

FRUIT BREAK

We urgently need fruit for all classes for fruit break. Please if you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET

A compressed version of the School Newsletter is available on the School's Web page: www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please let the office ladies know your email address and they will organise this to happen.

***** Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Michael McDermott & Ryan Jolley

1/2S: Izzack Dannatt, Ryan Norris & Tamzin Elliott

2/3G: Jamowen Kennedy, Amelia Paech & Jane Cullinan

3/4M: Laurel Andrews & Sherri Elliott

4/5H: Jaxon McInnes & Jake Irrgang

6M: Jade Andrews & Shyann Wellard

Special Mention

Fantastic thinking from all who participated in last week's project with Dr Jane Kovacs, especially the core group.

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Student of the Week

