

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

20th November 2013



### Early Learning Group 2013

Here are some photos showing the students from Early Learning Group getting to know the Year 5 students and what life is like at Wentworth Public School. Welcome!

# NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			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 <u>Last Day for School Magazine Orders</u>	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 Year 5 Leaders Speeches	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
15/12	16/12 Year 6 Farewell	17/12	18/12 Last Day of Term 4			

## **PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

The weeks are passing very quickly, with the end of term fast approaching. We have many activities planned in the coming weeks and I am sure that the students will enjoy the end of their school year. Year 5 are busy preparing their leadership speeches and organising the Year 6 Farewell. Year 6 are preparing for another high school orientation day. Student reports are being completed, presentation evening organised and our students are also preparing to take part in end of year performances at Murray House and "Light Up Wentworth." Our school magazine is also being prepared for sale.

### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

If you know of any students who are enrolling at Wentworth next year and have not yet contacted the school, could you please ask them to get in touch as soon as possible? We are currently trying to develop our plans for class placements.

### **VOLUNTEERS' LUNCH**

Next Wednesday, we will be having a shared lunch to show our appreciation for those who assist in our school throughout the year. Students are asked to bring a small plate to share. Each class has a type of food to bring.

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.

## **ABSENT NOTES**

Attached are some absence notes for use when your child is absent. There are also copies of these notes available from the office,

## **BOOKCLUB**

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

## **P & C MEETING**

The next P & C meeting is tonight Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.00pm, all welcome.

## **SRC NEWS**

SRC wish to thank all of those who were able to take part in last Friday's 'Crazy Hat and Clothes Day'. There certainly were some wacky outfits.

## **2014 UNIFORM ORDERS**

To assist us with ordering supplies for 2014, if you are going to require uniforms in the new year—could you please return the attached order forms by 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013. You have the option to pick and pay before the end of the year or at the beginning of 2014 school year.

## **TERM 4 KITCHEN GARDEN FEES**

Sorry for any confusion last week about the accounts you received but these are for unpaid fees for Term 4. The accounts that were sent at the beginning of this term were for Term 3 fees.

## 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.

## 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 went home last week. Please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 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**

22nd November	Larni Baird Roslyn Watters-Behsmann
29th November	Sheryl Brown
6th December	Donna Moylan Kelli Saunders
<b>13th December*</b>	Kathryn Baird Amber Baird

## **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The other sections of our school quality improvement project last week focussed on values and behaviour and developing a graduate profile. Several common themes emerged and from these, we will develop statements of expected behaviours at school and a "Graduate Profile" that shows what our students would like to achieve by the time they leave Wentworth Public School. While the wording of these statements is still to be finalised, we have included the basis of the data collection conducted.

### **DRAFT VALUES**

Respect - e.g. "I show respect."

Listening - e.g. "I listen to others." "I take turns when speaking."

Hard work/Do your best - e.g. "I have a go at all my work."

Level C and D - e.g. "I take responsibility for myself."

Manners - e.g. "I am always polite." "I use school language."

### **DRAFT GRADUATE PROFILE**

1. Writing, Literacy, Reading

2. Numeracy

3. Communication

4. Respect

5. Love of learning

**"When I leave Wentworth Public School, I want to love to learn new things and be able to complete reading, writing and numeracy tasks confidently. I want to be respectful of myself and others and have good communication skills. (*Possible wording*)"**

## **DRAFT PRIORITIES**

**The following items were identified as being important factors to consider in future planning.**

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

## **TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES**

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

## **WENTWORTH SHIRE LIBRARIES—CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

Dareton & Buronga—Wednesday 4th December 4-5pm

Wentworth—Thursday 5th December 4-5pm

**Booking Essential. Phone:** Buronga—50233078

Dareton—50274258 Wentworth—50275060

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

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### **School Magazine Order**

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number required:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Money enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Carer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **MALLEE FAMILY CARE - YOUTH DISCO/FAMILY FUN DAY**

*Alcohol Free Event. Free Entry. No Pass Out*

**Date:** Friday 29th November 2013 **Time:** 4:00pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Dareton Swimming Pool

**Contact:** Kylie Mitchell on 03 277600

**Transport will be available:**

- Wentworth Post Office at 3:30
- Buronga Post Office at 3:30
- Gol Gol Post Office at 3:30
- Namatjira Bus Stops at 4:00

## **RESEARCH INTO AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS**

The Lower Murray Medicare Local in conjunction with Latrobe University are conducting research to enable greater insight into the challenges our community face, so that solutions maybe found to assist families in the future. If you have or care for someone with an Autism and Development Disorder, we encourage you to complete the online survey. The survey is completely private and confidential and classes 5:00pm, Friday 20th December 2013.

Please visit: [www.lowermurrayml.com.au](http://www.lowermurrayml.com.au) to complete the 15 minute survey. For printed copies of the survey please contact Jan Whittall 0350238633 or [j.whittall@lowermurrayml.com.au](mailto:j.whittall@lowermurrayml.com.au).

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[www.twitter.com/lowermurrayml](https://www.twitter.com/lowermurrayml)

## **KH NEWS**

Congratulations to Shauna, who was chosen as our 'Student of the Week'.

The Kinder students have been coming up with some great ideas during our class meetings. Some of the suggestions so far have included having a cupcake day and a game's day. It is great to see our younger students thinking about things to improve the school.

I attended my last L3 training day today for this year. I have really enjoyed this professional learning and feel the Kindergarten students have all really benefited from the program. Mr Baird was teaching Kinder while I was away.

Please try and keep up the regular reading at home during the last few weeks of school. It is really important for there to be lots of practice of reading. The more practice the better the reading is.

Have a great week,

Natalie

## **1/2S NEWS**

Congratulations to our star student for this week Libby Saunders for always displaying "D" behaviour. Also, well done to Oscar, Summer and Jacob who received merit awards this week.

Please remember to bring in fruit and veg for our fruit break each day and please look in the lost property box in our classroom for hats and jumpers. Try to keep up home reading, our improvements in reading and writing have been impressive, thank you for all your support at home.

Don't forget our shared lunch next week, our class has been asked to bring in a small plate of savouries to share.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

## **2-3G NEWS**

Congratulations to Jasmine McDermott for being nominated as our Student of the Week. Well done also to Dylan B, Drew and Olivia for being chosen to receive achievement awards this week.

Kitchen Garden has returned to Fridays. I look forward to seeing any helpers that are free to pop in for a bit of cooking!

There is NO homework this week.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December we will be performing as a class at the Wentworth Christmas carols. If you feel that you may be away for that night, can you please let me know.

We are planning to decorate the classroom with some real Christmas cheer this year. If you have an old/spare decorations that you would like to donate to the class, they would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers,

Brian

## YEAR 3-4M NEWS

Well done to all of those students who dressed up last Friday for 'Crazy Hat and Clothes Day', I loved seeing the creative outfits students were wearing!

Congratulations to Summer who was our Student of the Week last week. Also congratulations to Karly and Holly who both received achievement awards.

Homework sheets went out as usual on Monday. However, this week there are no spelling words. Keep up that wonderful reading practice at home.

The students from our room and from 4/5H are preparing a Christmas raffle hamper for presentation night. We would appreciate any donations for these.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November the school will be having a shared lunch. Each class is required to bring in a plate of food to share. Our job is to provide fruit platters.

Enjoy your week everyone .

Bridgit Milne

## 4/5H NEWS

Week 7 is upon us and the busy time of report writing, dinner planning and finishing off tasks has definitely begun. This week's early learning group people are Josh, Jackson, Danielle and Zac. These students need to be at school by 9am to begin helping in the kinder room.

A reminder that we are looking for donations of Christmas type items for a hamper to raffle at the presentation evening.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 completed by the 29<sup>th</sup> November so that students have time to practise them in class.

The speeches are going to be at 9.30am on the 6<sup>th</sup> December Outside of school time on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Congratulations to Matthew Hancock who is our 'Student of the Week' and to Harley Jones and Kirra-Lee Bride who received our class awards.

Have a good week

Cheers Jenny

## YEAR 6M NEWS

Last Thursday the class got to enjoy a terrific VC direct from the Sydney Opera House. With the assistance of actors and drama educators from the Monkey Baa Theatre Company, the students participated in some vocal and physical warm-ups and practical drama tasks, developing their understanding of dramatic context and the elements of drama. They got to explore storytelling and miming.

Our next VC is a science based session this Friday. If anyone can assist with any empty, rinsed out 2L soft drink bottles, safety glasses, bike pump (preferable foot pump) and newspaper, it would be greatly appreciated.

Also last week, every Year 6 student received a special invitation to their Year 6 Farewell Dinner. The class are very excited about this event. It is important that they provide a written acceptance to the dinner. The Year 5's along with Mrs Halls have and are still putting in a lot of time and effort to make the event one to remember.

Students are reminded that the dress code for the evening is quite strict. Boys are expected to wear trousers, a button-up shirt, tie and correct footwear (not sports shoes or thongs!). The girls should have clothing that covers their shoulders and is of an adequate length. Strapless/spaghetti strap tops and short skirts are strongly discouraged.

We are asking for any Year 6 students who are available on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December to perform the recorder at the Wentworth Carol's night. More information regarding this event will follow.

Take Care,

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](http://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: Olive Watson-Kiely & Mavis Clark

1/2S: Jacob Follett, Oscar Crisp & Summer Lever

2/3G: Dylan Bagnall, Drew Thompson, Olivia Baird & Dylan Wellard

3/4M: Karly Russell & Holly Bysouth

4/5H: Kirra-Lee Bride & Harley Jones

6M: Murphy Baird & Christina Edwards

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**Darling Street Wentworth**

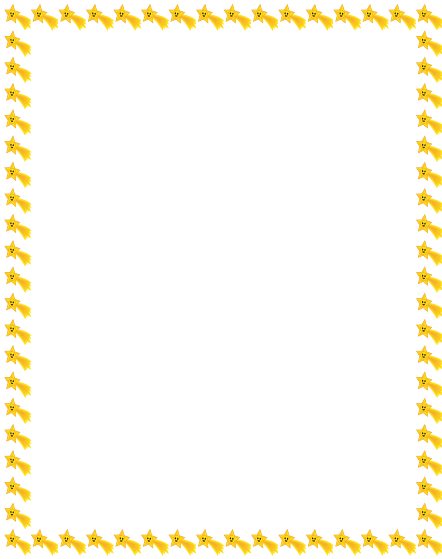
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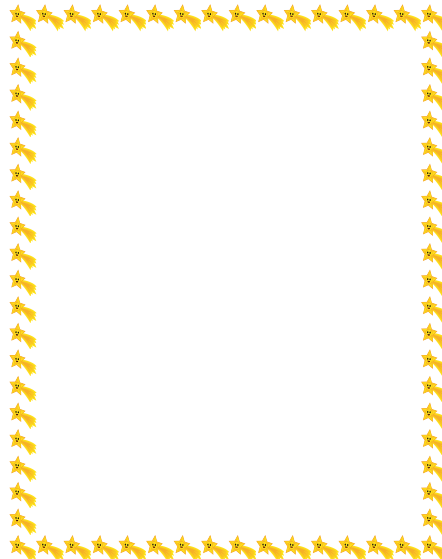
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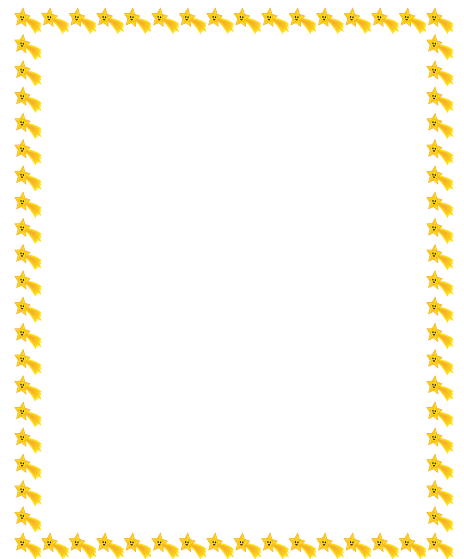
## **Student of the Week**



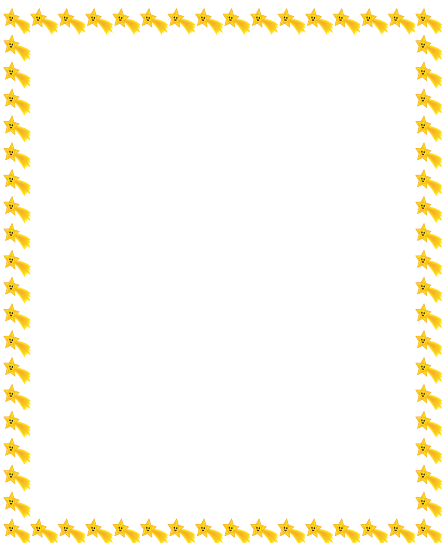
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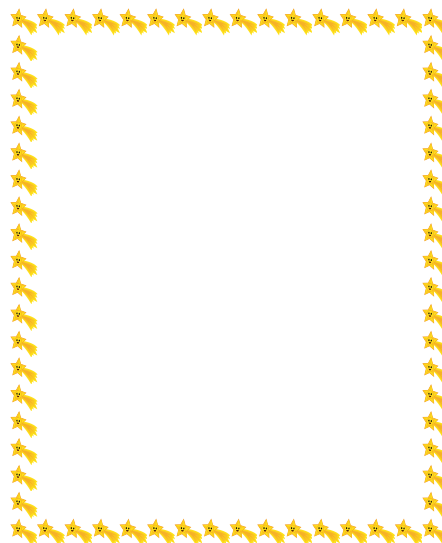
**Libby Saunders**



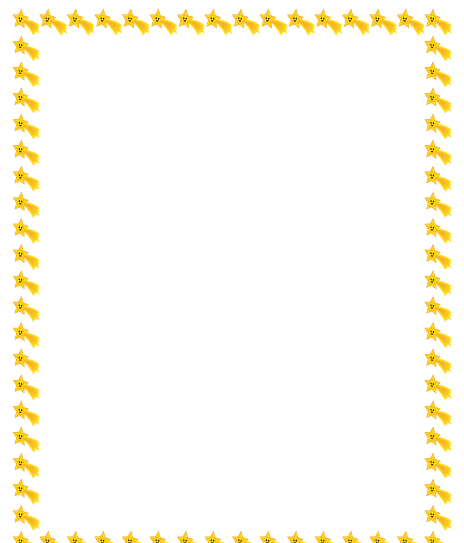
**Jasmine McDermott**



**Summer Halls**



**Matthew Hancock**



**Amber Shaw**