

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

27th November 2013



SCIENCE VIDEO CONFERENCE

Year 4/5H and 6M have had a terrific time taking part in numerous video conferences over the year. Last Fridays came to them from Questacon, Canberra and was titled Hands On, Minds On! In pairs the students were presented with a challenge they were required to create a prototype model of using only limited materials.

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEAD LESSONS

Year 6 have had a fantastic time throughout this term being the 'teacher'. The tables were turned and they were required to plan a lesson to present back to their peers. Some areas covered were sport, science, music, dance, PD, Health and art.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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

VOLUNTEERS' LUNCH

It was wonderful to see so many families sending in a plate to share for lunch today. It is important to acknowledge our volunteer helpers, as the school cannot run without their support! We thank each and every one of you for supporting our school!

We would also like to acknowledge the support that the school has been given by Mrs Eileen McGauchie, our long time cleaner, who has recently retired. Eileen has gone above and beyond her actual job in supporting the school and adding special touches, like garden areas and decorations. All the best for the future, Eileen!

SCHOOL SWIMMING FOR 2014

We are currently organising swimming activities for all students at the beginning of next year. Only those students who need extra support in water safety will be participating in the intensive swimming scheme. Our students who are turning 8 years or above and are competent will be participating in four afternoon sports sessions, to revise water safety and have some practice for the swimming carnival.

Our school carnival is scheduled for Friday, 21st February and will be a daytime carnival. We will also be holding a family fun night at the pool in Term 1 and have set a tentative date of Thursday, 27th February. However, we need to have the date of the MDPSSA carnival before we confirm this.

CLASSES FOR 2014

It would be wonderful to be able to confirm our classes for 2014 at this time, but we are still investigating several models. With anticipated numbers as they are, we will most likely be forming five classes, as discussed at the recent P&C meeting. Other support programs will be dependent on funding availability. I hope to give a clearer picture before the end of the school year.

Cathy Eddie

DISCO

As part of our Year 6 dinner celebrations on the 16th December, we will be holding our traditional disco. Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend this part of the night. The disco is held at the Wentworth Tennis club and begins at 7.15pm and runs until 8.30pm

BOOKCLUB

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

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 13th December 2013. You have the option to pick and pay before the end of the year or at the beginning of 2014 school year.

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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS.

Next week will be the last week of Active After School Sports. Thanks to all of the kids who came and joined in. It was lots of fun and it was awesome to see the kiddos grow and develop confidence in their sporting abilities.

Cheers,

Brian

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

29th November	Sheryl Brown
6th December	Donna Moylan Kelli Saunders
13th December*	Kathryn Baird Amber Baird

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

GROW WENTWORTH EVENT—"LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS"

Your child will have decorated the beginning of a lantern in preparation for the Grow Wentworth event "Light Up Christmas". This event is to be held on Saturday 7th December at the Wentworth Wharf Lawns.

Some of you might remember this event from last year. This year things will be run a little differently.

Children will keep their was paper ad bring it with them to the event. Upon making a gold coin donation children will receive the foam base and candle to complete their lantern. Children will then be abl to launch their beautiful lantern onto the river.

There will be materials available on the evening if you have additional children wishing to participate.

A BBQ tea and refreshments will be available and this year's event will have the addition of the combined churches carols. And of course no Christmas event would be complete without a visit from the man in red!

Light Up Christmas is a not for profit event. The members of Grow Wentworth want to offer a safe and friendly Christmas event for families and community members. This is a dry event.

We look forward to seeing you these for an evening of fun and festivities.

Grow Wentworth Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

What do Parents Think?

Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40 \$100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes>

Or For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan at 08 6488 6928

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children's ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of **Kindergarten – Year 6 children** across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/childsvq>

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

SCHOOL MAGAZINE FRONT COVER COMPETITION **EXTENDED**

Front cover design entries has been extended to this Friday 29th November.

Students are being encouraged to create a design for the front cover and 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.

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: _____

KH NEWS

Thank you for supporting the volunteers lunch by sending in ingredients for the sandwiches. It was a great success and the Kinder students enjoyed making the sandwiches with their Year 6 Buddies.

A number of students have had head lice issues last week. Please make sure all children are checked and treated if necessary.

Next week will be the last time for homework this year. Thank you to the students and families who have continually supported homework and made an effort to get it completed and handed in. By doing this extra work each week those students have shown greater growth in their academic skills. Well done!

Your child will bring home the start of a lantern today. There is also a separate note to go with these paper lanterns explaining how they are to be used. If you have any questions about what they are for please see me.

The daily independent writing sessions are going well. Students are also now using a word bank card that they have on their desk. It will be really important that the children keep up their writing practice over the holidays. I will let them bring the word bank card home for the holidays. One of the skills I am trying to emphasise and would appreciate your assistance with is getting your child to edit their work and underline words they think don't look right. They can then have another go at writing these words or use other strategies to find out how the word is spelt.

Have a great week,

Natalie

1/2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Haylee who was chosen by her classmates for her awesome to attitude work and always staying in level D and C. Congratulations also to Tamzin and Kaleb who received merit awards this week.

Thank you for sending in the savouries for our shared lunch today- wonderful spread for all of our volunteers and classroom helpers.

We are skipping in P.E and sport this term, please ensure that children come to school each day in suitable footwear.

This week and next week 1-2S have an individual learning contract to complete and this will be followed by Christmas activities in the last two weeks of school. Parents and carers are always welcome to join us in class.

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.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

2-3G NEWS

Not long to go now! Here in 3/2, we are in full stride though with some AWESOME learning taking place around butterflies and their life-cycles. I have been bombarded lately with posters, special news and interesting tid-bits of information regarding all things insects, and it is fantastic. So keep up the good work and let's finish the year strong.

Homework is now finished for the year. Thanks to all the parents who assisted their children in completing the weekly homework. It is lovely to see kids taking such pride in what they hand in on a Friday morning. Homework awards will be handed out at next Monday's assembly.

Well done Dylan Wellard for being nominated as this week's Student of the Week. Great work also to Drew and Mieke for being nominated to receive achievement awards for always showing respect.

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

On the 7th 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 we are very quickly approaching the end of the term... SCARY how fast this year has gone!

A few reminders for the coming week:

School mag competition cover entries and orders are due on Friday.

We are still asking for donations for the Christmas hamper, please get these in ASAP.

Kitchen/Garden day is on Thursday this week.

Remember to bring in some items for our Mission box to send to the Philippines.

Lately a few students have been absent for certain reasons. If this is your child, please be sure to call or send in a note explaining the reason.

Over the coming weeks, we will be doing some Christmas craft. If you have any craft materials that you think may come in handy for this, please send them in.

Congratulations to Nellie who was our Student of the Week last week. Also congratulations to Lyle, Jack, Drew and Jesse who all received achievement awards.

I will be away this Friday and Monday as my brother is coming to visit from New Zealand.

Enjoy your week everyone .

Bridgit Milne

4/5H NEWS

Welcome to week 8 of our final term of 2013. I am away this week for family reasons and Mr Baird is filling in, in my absence. I hope the week is going well. I know everyone is beginning to get a little tired and it is important to remember tolerance and school values this close to the end of the year.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are asking for any Year 4/5, (plus Year 6 students who are available on Saturday, 7th December to perform the recorder at the Wentworth Carol's and Light Up Christmas event. Please complete and return the slip on page 14 regarding your child performing on the evening by Wednesday 4th December.

I will repeat my reminders:

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

Year 5 leadership speeches need to be completed by the 29th November 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.

The year 6 dinner will be held on the 16th of December from 5.45pm at the Wentworth Tennis Club. The dress for the night is formal with for boys no denim and they should have a button up shirt. Girls remember your dresses cannot have spaghetti straps. Any questions about the dress code see Miss Marziano, or Mrs Hopcroft.

Any questions about any of these reminders please see Miss Marziano or Mrs Eddie. Have a great week and I'll see everyone next week.

Cheers Jenny

YEAR 6M NEWS

Congrats to Mitch and Dexta who presented a brilliant PD. Health lesson on first aid last Friday. Also to Jade and Nell for their Science session on Monday. During these student lead lessons, it's been terrific to see how hard they try to organise an interactive lesson hoping to engage their classmate's interest.

Thank you to all who were able to provide some goodies towards the making of the sandwiches with our Kinder buddies for today's Volunteers Luncheon. It was greatly appreciated.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are asking for any Year 6, (plus Year 4/5H) students who are available on Saturday, 7th December to perform the recorder at the Wentworth Carol's and Light Up Christmas event. During school time students will be decorating lantern shades for the evening and be taking this home beforehand with an explanation as to how they are being used. Please complete and return the following slip in regards to your child performing on the evening by Wednesday 4th December.

Please note that the weekly homework tasks have finished for the year. Instead there are a number of other tasks that may need to be completed at home. The first of these is a Kitchen Garden festival activity that was started during class time. Some students did not finish this in the allocated time, therefore will need to do so at home. They know who they are. Well done to those who were consistent throughout the year with the homework requirements.

Reminders:

- A written acceptance to the Year 6 Dinner is due by the Monday, 2nd December. Please refer to last week's newsletter regarding dress code. If you are unsure, please come in and see me.

- Tomorrow is the whole day Coomealla High School Orientation visit. Students are to make their own way to and from the high school.

Ciao,

Sandra Marziano

Wentworth Carol's and Light Up Christmas Event Year 4/5H & 6M

_____ (Students Name) will / will not be available to attend the Wentworth Carol's and Light Up Christmas event on the 7th of December to perform the recorder.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return by Wednesday 4th December.

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Saxon Wellard & Jacob Poth

1/2S: Tamzin Elliott & Kaleb Bride

2/3G: Meike Dwyer & Drew Thompson

3/4M: Drew Kuzman, Jack Andrews, Lyle Thorne

& Jesse Crisp

4/5H: Thomas Baird & Jackson McDermott

6M: Dexta Watson-Kiely, Adam Edwards & Mitch Bysouth

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Student of the Week

