

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

11th December 2013



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Year 3/4 got to work with the Year 6's on their animations.

KITCHEN GARDEN ENTRY

Early in the year the Year 6 were asked to design a new entry to our Kitchen Garden as part of their gift to the school. The lucky winners were Shyann , Murphy and Dexta.

DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
8/12	9/12 Kids Club 3.30pm - 5pm	10/12	11/12 Talent Quest	12/12 School Presentation Evening 6:45pm Wentworth Club Auditorium	13/12 Police Safety Day	14/12
15/12	16/12 Year 6 Farewell	17/12	18/12 Last Day of Term 4			

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

AND SO, THE END IS NEAR!

Here we are at the final newsletter for 2013! What a hectic year it has been! It has been wonderful to see the steady growth in all areas of the curriculum for all students and to see so many taking pride in their achievements!

The school is entering a period of great change, with DEC policies and reforms meaning there will be some differences in the way the school runs. Planning for personalised learning and how to support all students has been underway for quite some time and we have taken into account much of the data we gained from the Quality Improvement review with Dr Jane Kovacs. We are still unsure of some of our funding for next year and have several alternative plans in place. Stay tuned for some exciting and innovative programs in 2014!

PRESENTATION EVENING

Tomorrow evening is our major celebration of student achievement for the year. Each week, we acknowledge students for their classwork, behaviour and ability to follow our school values. All children receive

acknowledgements at some time or another. Our presentation evening is a special celebration and acknowledgement of our students' academic, sporting and community achievements. Not all children will be receiving an award, but we look forward to seeing all students there to support their classmates and celebrate a wonderful school year. Students should be in full school uniform and arrive at the Club at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Last Friday, we were all treated to some excellent speeches by our Year 5 students. They were all very impressive and made voting very difficult. Our captains, vice-captains and prefects will be presented with their badges on Thursday evening. It is important to realise that while not all students get a badge, all Year 6 students take on many leadership roles throughout the year and we consider them all to be school leaders!

REPORTS

Student progress reports are in the final editing stage and will be distributed next Monday, all being well.

FAREWELLS!

I would like to give my best wishes to any families who are leaving the school community at the end of the school year. Thank you for your support and we good luck in the future. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Mrs Patricia Slade and Miss Bridgit Milne, who have been a part of our teaching staff this year, but will be moving on in 2014. It has been a pleasure to have you as members of our staff! I would also like to thank Mr Michael Weinert for his support this semester.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday and see you back refreshed and ready to support the school in 2014! School resumes for students from Years 1-6 on Wednesday, 5th February. Kindergarten children begin on Monday, 10th February.

SWIMMING 2014

All swimming notes went out last Thursday. Please sign and return by this **FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2013**.

If you have lost or did not receive one please contact the school to get another note.

Any questions and queries please contact Miss Jordana Shields.

FUN DAY

On Tuesday 17th December, we will be having our Fun Day. The day will commence at 12.00pm and be finished by lunch time. It is an opportunity for the children to celebrate the end of the year with some fun activities. There will be water involved so the children will need to bring a swim suit, rashie/shirt, towel, hat, thongs and a plastic bag to store wet clothing after the activities. Casual dress can be worn before and after the event with appropriate shoes. Let's have some fun!!

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

POLICE SAFETY DAY

We are having a Police Safety Day on the 13th December 2013, Students will need to bring their bikes and a helmet. No helmet, no bike.

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

12th December—Presentation Evening

16th December—Year 6 Farewell Dinner

18th December—Last Day of School Year for students

NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

This year Wentworth Public School participated in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. The program encourages living a healthy and active lifestyle with all students recording the amount of physical activity completed each week. Our school also received funding to participate in the challenge which went towards buying new sports equipment. The children who took part in the program will be receiving their certificates today. Congratulations.

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

We are looking for donations of suitable items for a Christmas hamper that will be raffled on presentation night. Items such as Christmas decorations or food items would be much appreciated. Items can be dropped off to Miss Milne, Mrs Halls or the front office. Remember if everyone donates one item we will have quite a good hamper.

LIBRARY

As the end of the year is very near children can no longer borrow library books. I would like to encourage all students to return their library books as soon as possible. Each book returned earns a raffle ticket in your child's class library raffle which will be drawn on the last week of school.

CANTEEN NEWS

The next DONUT DAY will be on 13th DECEMBER

— THIS FRIDAY*

As it is the last canteen day for the year some items may not be available. I apologise now for any inconveniences.

Any stock that is left over will be available to buy at lunchtime, including drinks, icecreams and excess donuts!

I would like to thank all the fantastic volunteers that helped out in the canteen during the year. I hope you all will consider helping again next year. And of course spread the word, as more helpers are always welcome.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and safe holidays!

Kathryn.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4, 2013

13th December* Kathryn Baird Kylie Heywood

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 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 School Dental Van has arrived at the School. The Dental Van will be open usually on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If the Dental Van is unattended please leave a message at the Office or you may contact Lisa or Suzie on 0419 990 264. Dental Checks will be commencing next week for those children whose note has been returned. At this stage of the year we will only be carrying out Dental Checks and any treatment needed will be done during term 1 next year. Please return all notes as soon as possible if you would like your child to have a Dental Check before the end of the year. Thank you, Lisa Testa Senior Dental Therapist.

SUMMER READING CLUB

Put on your Detective Cap this Summer!

Investigate mysteries, hunt down clues and become a master of disguise with your favourite authors.

Join at any branch of Wentworth Shire Libraries from Monday 2nd December, 2013. Enquiries to 50 275060

SUMMERREADINGCLUB.ORG.AU

INFANT VERSE SPEAKING CHOIR EXCURSION

Yesterday the Infant Verse Speaking Choir visited the Preschool and Murray House to perform the poetry and Christmas songs we have been practicing in lunch times all this term. The students were so well behaved and absolutely sensational. We performed and then did some buddy reading with both the preschool children and the senior citizens. The highlight for me was seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter of both the seniors and our students as they read. We also did two street performances outside the Paddle Boat Cafe and inside IGA Supermarket. Thank you to the Preschool, Murray House and IGA and their helpful staff for allowing us to perform, our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Hopefully K-2 Infants verse speaking Choir will continue again next year.

Trish Slade.

RHEE TAEKWON-DO – The Family Martial Art

Come and try for FREE

Gol Gol Training Centre NSW

Gol Gol Primary School Stadium

William Street, Gol Gol.

(Access via Tapio Street to carpark)

Tuesday

Family Class — 6.00pm — 7.30pm

Thursday

Family Class — 6.00pm — 7.30pm

Non-Competitive Traditional Martial Art— for ages 5—65

Phone: 5022 7351

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KH NEWS

This is my last newsletter item for 2013 and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and guardians for working with me this year to get the most out of your child's Kindergarten year. We have come a long way and the students are to all be congratulated on their efforts throughout the year.

We will be taking part in the Kitchen Garden program tomorrow and invite any one to come and help us. We will be heading to the garden at 9.45am.

This week we congratulate Zac who was chosen as the 'Student of the Week'. There will not be any awards given out at next week's assembly.

Next Tuesday morning we will be having a small break up party with our Year 6 buddies. If everyone could please bring a small plate of something to share that would be great.

Presentation evening is tomorrow at the club. Students need to come in their school uniform and all Kindergarten students will be receiving a book gift. It is important that they are there.

All readers must be returned by tomorrow please.

Have a great summer holiday,

Natalie

1/2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Tamzin Elliott who was chosen by her classmates for her willingness to stay in level D and always trying her best. Congratulations also to Josh , Kurt, Steven and Kaleb who received merit awards this week.

Please send in your child's home reader and reading log so that we can get up to date with reading awards at assembly and also any child who has read over 200 nights will be receiving an award at assembly. Don't forget to return any school library books as soon as possible.

Please donate some small item/s for the Christmas hamper to be raffled on presentation night and also some small stationary item/s for the Philippines Appeal.

Light up Wentworth festival with our students singing Christmas carols was wonderful- well done to all those who participated. The whole night was really pleasant and our verse speaking choir even got a practice run right at the end of the night!

Kitchen Garden with Vince and Jodie was on today and was really great. Thanks to our parent helpers for coming in and what a nice way to finish off the term- Thankyou Vince and Jodie.

Things coming up for 1-2S:

12-12-13 K-6 presentation night.

16 -12-13 Kris Kringle gift giving and class break up afternoon.

17-12-13 K-6 Water fun Day, Christmas Activities and cleaning up.

18-12-13 Classroom clean up and Christmas movie bonanza.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

2-3G NEWS

We've finally made it! And what a year it has been!! Thanks to all of the kids who have made such tremendous efforts in all areas this year. Thanks also to all of the parents, grandparents and volunteers who have helped out along the way.

Well done to all the kiddies that turned up to the Light Up Wentworth night on Saturday. It was awesome to see everyone singing and having a good time.

Congratulations to Jamowen for being nominated as the final student of the week for 2013. Well done also to Jasmine and Robbie for being chosen to receive achievement awards this week.

Tomorrow night is the school presentation evening. I look forward to catching up with everyone and celebrating the year that has been.

This Friday, 3/2G and 3/4M will be having an end of year class party. The party will take place after school and will consist of a water fight, fish and chips and a movie. The party will start straight after school and will finish at 8:30pm. There is a cost of \$3 per student for this event to cover the costs of dinner and water fight supplies. Please make sure you send in your money as soon as possible.

Cheers,
Brian

3-4M NEWS

Well the time has come to be writing my final note for the newsletter for 2013. This year has just flown by! We have definitely had our high's and low's, however, I am sure we are all taking away many wonderful memories of the great time we have shared together this year in 3-4M.

We are going to be finishing 2013 off with our class party on Friday afternoon. If you haven't already brought your \$3 in, please do so. A reminder to parents that your child needs to be collected from school at 8.30pm.

A few reminders for the upcoming days:

Thursday 12th December - Presentation Evening

Friday 13th December - Police safety day and our class party

Monday 16th December - Year 6 dinner and disco

Tuesday 17th December - Water fun day

Wednesday 18th December - Last day of school for 2013!

Congratulations to Holly who was our Student of the Week last week. Also congratulations to Drew, Tom B, Tobias and Jesse who all received achievement awards.

Students books/belongings will be getting sent home next Monday, please send in an extra bag to take these home in.

Thank you for everyone's support this year, not only in the classroom but with welcoming me to Wentworth Public School. I have had an awesome year and have enjoyed getting to know every one of you. I hope you all have a wonderful, safe holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Bridgit Milne

4/5H NEWS

Welcome to our final newsletter item for 2013. Congratulations to all of the year 5 students on their leadership speeches, it was wonderful (and quite moving) to hear them all. All of them will represent Wentworth Public School well as leaders in year 6.

I will now include our final reminders for the calendar

- 12th December Presentation night.
- 13th December Police Safety Day and Donut Day
- 16th December Year 5 prepare for the year 6 dinner
- 16th December Year 6 dinner at 5.45pm. All year 5 students are invited to attend the evening dinner and disco. Strict dress rules apply.
- 17th December Water Fun day
- 18th December last day of school.

Next Monday I will be sending all the children's books home, could everyone please send in a plastic bag.

I have had a wonderful year with lots of ups, downs and many, many learning curves. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and the extended Christmas break. Again I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year.

Cheers Jenny

6M NEWS

Well we have almost reached the end of the term and the last few days before the Year 6's leave Wentworth Public to commence their secondary education. Thank you Year 6 for an interesting and at times entertaining year. It was wonderful to see some of them develop into confident school leaders.

There are still a number of events before the last term of term,

- **Presentation Evening** tomorrow night, please wear your uniform.
- All **Kris Kringle** gifts are to be ready and under the classroom Christmas tree by this Friday 13th December.
- **Year 6 Farewell Dinner** Monday 16th Dec. 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 tops and short skirts are strongly discouraged.
- **Buddy Class Party** with the Kinder class on Tuesday 17th Dec. Please send in a plate to share.
- **Fun Day activities** - Tuesday 17th Dec. There will be a variety of water activities; therefore we recommend a change of clothing and/or a rashie to wear. Ensure appropriate footwear is also worn.

There are also a number of days coming up that the students can wear **casual dress** to school. 12th, 17th and 18th December. **Signing of the Year 6 shirts** will take place on the 17th December.

Attached to this newsletter you will find a permission note regarding DVD viewing next week. Please complete and return by Monday 16th December.

Thank you to all who assisted us throughout the year and wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy festive season.

Sandra Marziano

MIDWAY DANCE GROUP

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Mavis Clark & Jacob Poth

1/2S: Josh Poth, Kurt Trewin, Kaleb Bride & Steven Clark

2/3G: Jasmine McDermott & Robbie Watters-Behsmann

3/4M: Tom Bottrell, Drew Kuzman, Tobias Watson-Kiely &

Jesse Crisp

4/5H: Thomas Baird & Jackson McDermott

6M: Amber Shaw, Amber Thompson & Murphy Baird

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Student of the Week

