

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

13th February 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN!

It has been wonderful to welcome our 18 Kindergarten students this week! Mrs Hopcroft has been working hard to ensure they all have a wonderful start to their time at school. We all look forward to getting to know the Kinders better in the coming weeks!

THE NEW SANDPIT!

All of the students have been making the most of our new sandpit, with huge crowds in there during playtimes. We may have to think about putting another one in!

CRUNCH'N'SIP

Our school has committed to the Crunch'n'Sip program, providing a fruit break each day for students and encouraging them to drink water during the day. Please make sure that your child has a WATER bottle each day.

We are also asking all children to bring in a couple of pieces of fruit each week to be shared during fruit break. Each class has a fruit bowl to collect this fruit. Of course, larger donations are more than welcome!

Thanks must go to Kellie Ricardi and Becky Bysouth for volunteering to prepare the fruit each day. Any other parents who can volunteer a half hour to assist in the morning would be most welcome!

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
10/2	11/2 Kinder Start	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2 Donut Day	16/2
17/2	18/2	19/2 Bookclub Orders Due	20/2 Intensive Swimming Finishes AASC 3:45—4:45pm	21/2Hockey Victoria Visit School Swimming Carnival @ 6pm AASC 3:45—4:45pm	22/2	23/2
24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2 Starlab Planetarium & Space Exploration Performance \$6 per student P&C AGM 27th February 7pm in Tech Room AASC 3:45—4:45pm	28/2 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	1/3	2/3
3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	7/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	8/3	9/3
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17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	21/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	22/3	23/3

SWIMMING

Our swimming program is running really smoothly, with the students already showing some huge improvements. Please remember to send bathers and towels each day. Also, please remember to send in payments if you haven't already done so!

HOCKEY CLINIC

Next Thursday, 21st February, students from Years 2-5 will take part in the Hockey Victoria Roadshow. Coaches from Hockey Victoria will run the sessions for each class.

FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLINICS

WDJFC will be conducting clinics for students from Years 3-6 on Friday, 1st March. Our students are so very lucky to have so many sporting opportunities!

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

The AASC program will commence next week and will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 - 4:45pm. All children from Years 1-6 are invited to participate. Kindergarten children may come if accompanied by an adult. Registration forms are available from the school office and need to be completed and returned before joining the program.

This term's sports are cricket on Wednesdays with Mr Gray and Lawn Bowls on Thursdays. Lesley Burnett from the Wentworth Bowling Club will be the deliverer for these sessions, with Mr Gray's support.

Any community members who are interested in delivering a sport and would like to do the training should contact the office. The general rate for delivery is \$40 per session.

EISTEDDFOD

This year, we will be entering students in the Mildura Eisteddfod, in recorder, dance and verse speaking. Many children have indicated that they are keen to participate.

CATHY EDDIE

PRINCIPAL

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders and money are due back on Tuesday 19th February (if you wish to order).

MONEY ENVELOPES

Attached to today's newsletter are **money envelopes** for sending money to school for Excursions, performances and uniforms. As we do not keep change in the office, it would be most helpful to have the correct money in these envelopes. All money collection will be through the School Office. Children can drop their money envelopes and permission slips into the office before school.

SCHOOL FEES—ALL STUDENTS

\$20 per child

\$50 per family (if you have more than 2 children)

KITCHEN GARDEN FEES (Students in Years 3 to 6)

For Term 2, 3, & 4

\$15 per term

UNIFORMS— HATS

Bucket Hats and Legionnaire Hats — \$5.50

Wide Brim Hats—Pixie and Cricket — \$7.50

P&C NEWS

The Annual General Meeting on the P&C will be held on Wednesday 27th February commencing at 7pm in the School's Tech Room (next to the Library).

VOICE & PIANO LESSONS

Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday. Please phone her for more details on: 50248370 or 0408596944. Louise can also teach Clarinet and Saxophone but students have to have their own instruments.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on the **21st of February starting at 6pm**. The children aged above 8 year's old will be given the opportunity to enter their preferable events next week. The infants will also get an opportunity to participate on the night with activities organised in the middle pool.

There will be events for all students and we welcome all families to come along for a fun evening. Students have been asked to enter events this week. They will not be able to enter extra events on the night. If they are unsure, they should enter and then withdraw on the night if they don't feel they can compete.

This year sporting houses will be given bonus points for the best dressed. So don't forget to wear your house colours (Darling - Red & Murray - Blue). We would greatly appreciate volunteers for the role of timekeeper. Please give the school a ring to put your name down if you are available.

REMINDERS

HEAD LICE

Please check your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

FRUIT FOR FRUIT BREAK

If you have spare fruit for fruit break, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING

The School has Student Banking through the **Bendigo Bank** on **Wednesday mornings**. 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.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive a copy of the school newsletter via email, please send your email address into the school office. Children who receive an emailed newsletter still get all the attachments, permission slips as usual, each Wednesday.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Below is the roster for this term. If your name is in the roster but the date is not suitable, or you are unavailable this term, please contact Kellie Ricardi at kelliericardi@bigpond.com, or on 5027 8131. If your name is not listed in the roster and you'd like to assist in the Canteen, please contact Kellie also. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

8 th February 2013	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
15 th February 2013	Fiona Cullinan	Rachel Watson
22 nd February 2013	Amanda Trewin	Nikki Bond
1 st March 2013	Kellie Ricardi	Kelli Saunders
8 th March 2013	Larni Baird	Kym Tregenza
15 th March 2013	Kellie Ricardi	Kaye Hyde
22 nd March 2013	Donna Moylan	Sheryl Brown
5 th April 2013	Mandy Bone	Nelin Spary
12 th April 2013	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird

Donut Days will be 15th February 2013 and 12th April 2013.

OVALTEENIES ARE OUT OF STOCK—WE WILL ADVISE PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN

CANTEEN ORDERING PROCEDURES

On a paper bag (plastic is unsuitable as it melts with the hot food) large enough to fit the order in, put the student's name in the top left hand corner, their class in the top right hand corner, and whether the order is recess or lunch under the students name. List food and prices under that, as well as the total cost of the order. Place recess and lunch orders on separate bags.

Brown paper sandwich bags are available at the Supermarket. The Canteen has some bags for orders, if on the odd occasion you run out of bags at home. If you require one of these bags, you need to pay 10c upfront at the Canteen to receive one, and need to write the order on the bag following the correct procedure yourself, as the Canteen Assistants will not have time to do so for you.

Orders need to be in before the commencement of classes and payment is required at the time of ordering.

Hot food is available for lunch orders only. Hot food is NOT available at recess.

We are only permitted to sell Donuts twice per term. You will be notified via the School Newsletter the Wednesday before Donuts can be ordered.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB

Are seeking new and existing players for it's teams for the 2013 Season.

Venue: Soccer Park Pitch 13, Aold Aerodrome ovals, Corner 11th Street and Flora Avenue, Mildura

threecolourssc@live.com.au

Www.threecolours.com.au

JADE'S GALLERY AND CAFÉ—47 Darling Street Wentworth

Is now opening at 9am for your morning fair trade organic coffee, tea, hot chocolate, spiced and chai latte. We deliver to local businesses too. \$3.50 small and \$4 large. Cardboard carriers available. Café Style lunches and there is a children's play area.

WENTWORTH LITTLE GECKOS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup started again on Wednesday 6th February 2013. At Wentworth Public School.

Please note new times for next year: 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Families welcome to come along and have a yarn up! Relax and mingle with friends and family within the community.

Indoor & Outdoor Activities. Snacks and Drinks provided

For further information please contact:

Sabana Quayle or Maralea Nua on 50274067 or 50277600

"STARLAB PLANETARIUM" AND SPACE EXPLORATION VISIT
WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2013

"Off this Planet" is a mobile Earth and Space Education Incursion. Different Programmes are held with each class group with relevant topics from Kinder to Year 6.

It consists of a "Starlab" Dome and various projection cylinders. The audience actually enter through all the presentations.

The cost will be \$6.00 per child. Please send the attached note and money back to the school office by Monday 25th February.

"STARLAB PLANETARIUM AND SPACE EXPLORATION VISIT"
WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2013

I give my child/children _____

Permission to attend the "Starlab Planetarium and Space Exploration" visit on Wednesday 27th February at the School.

Please find enclosed \$_____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Caregiver

KINDER H NEWS

It has been a great start to the school year for our Kindergarten students. They are getting to know all school routines and working well in this heat.

Natalie Hopcroft

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Welcome to 2013!!!

1-2S is into the second week of what promises to be an exciting and happy year. I am very lucky to be given a class full time again this year. I am really looking forward to this opportunity to join the educational journey of 1-2S this year.

Welcome also to Janet Smith who will join our class until lunch each day. Janet brings with her experience and expertise and will be very valuable to both students and staff this year in our class. Welcome back to all of our students from last year and we also have a number of new students; Libby Saunders, Thomas Hann, Josh Poth and Izzack Dannatt.

There is a note going out today with a parent survey which provides me with useful information on your child. A mini project for the class to complete about themselves will also go home today. Please return them by Friday the 1st of March.

Attached to this newsletter is a stage 1 note giving you some more info about our class and as more information comes to hand we will let you know in the newsletter.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school I look forward to meeting all of the parents over the course of the term.

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

Welcome to 2013! It has been wonderful to see all of the excited faces coming back to school. As a class we have started to settle really nicely and I am looking forward to seeing the work that we will be able to produce this year.

Swimming is going really well so far, but we are starting to have a few issues with lost property. If you can please make sure that everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled, this would be greatly appreciated.

This year we have students in our class with severe allergies to nuts. Because of the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking you to refrain from sending walnut, hazelnut, peanut or tree nut products to school for snacks or class parties. This includes items such as Nutella, Peanuts and other food items containing traces of nuts. Our goal is to make school a safe place for all of our students. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

In our literacy sessions over the next few weeks will be studying the text '*Why Can't I Play?*' Students have also begun taking home spelling lists and home-readers to practice for homework. In maths we will be looking different strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Any additional work at home revising addition/subtraction and times tables will support the learning being undertaken in the classroom.

For fruit break this year, we are encouraging every student to bring in one piece of fruit a week. This fruit will be added to a communal bowl and will be shared with the class over the course of the week. It would be great to see every child bringing in a piece of fruit that they enjoy eating and this should support our efforts here at the school to create a positive atmosphere around healthy eating and living.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

3-4M have had a fantastic start to the year. It has been lovely meeting all the new faces,

We've been very busy with swimming and learning our new class-room routines.

I look forward to meeting you all at our up-coming goal setting interviews

Bridgit Milne.

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

We have had an encouraging start to this year. We are already busy with swimming, cooking and getting into routine. The kids have been given a small project, so please check how they are going with this.

Have a great week,

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

Welcome to the beginning of another busy school year. We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are ready for an eventful first term. Overall the class have had a terrific start to the year, displaying great eagerness and positive leadership skills.

Students have already entered some important information into their diaries. Could you please discuss these regularly?

Year 6 polo shirts organisation is underway, thanks to Mrs Bec Bysouth for taking on the task. It's greatly appreciated.

Every fortnight there will be a Coomealla High School newsletter sent home with this newsletter. This will assist you in knowing what is happening there and preparing the students for next year.

Accompanying this newsletter there are some extra note regarding some important information specifically for the Year 6 class. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to see me.

- ⇒ Year 6M Information sheet.
- ⇒ Year 6 Polo Shirt order form.
- ⇒ An 'Information Guide and Expression of Interest' form for parents and carers to read and complete. All Year 6 students are required to have this form completed, whether they are attending a NSW secondary school or not. Completed forms need to be returned to the office no later than **Friday, 22nd March**.

Hoping you all have a safe week,

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