

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

20th February 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SETTLING IN

Our students are beginning to settle into their new classes, despite the disruptions of our swimming program! All classes are working on revising the school values and looking at our behaviour levels. This week, as a school, we are concentrating on appropriate school language and speaking appropriately to others. Students who forget will find themselves missing out on playtime!

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.

It has been great to see the wide variety of fruit and vegetables that have been brought in so far! Keep it coming!

ASSEMBLY

Our first official assembly will be next **Monday, 25th February** at 9:30am. We will be presenting our first student awards for the year at this assembly.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Our house captains will be receiving their badges this **THURSDAY MORNING** at morning assembly, in time for the swimming carnival on Thursday evening. Please feel free to join us at this time for the badge presentation.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2 Intensive Swimming Finishes AASC 3:45—4:45pm	21/2 Hockey Victoria Visit School Swimming Carnival @ 6pm AASC	22/2	23/2
24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2 Starlab Planetarium & Space Exploration Performance \$6 per student P&C AGM 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 Barrier Teams Trials—2pm Wentworth	6/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	7/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	8/3 MDPSSA Swim Carnival	9/3
10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	14/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	15/3 Barrier Sports Trials—BH	16/3
17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3 School Photos AASC 3:45—4:45pm	21/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	22/3	23/3

SWIMMING

The students have shown huge improvements over the past week, with all students gaining confidence in the water. We would like to thank all of our instructors for their efforts in helping our children.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday, 27th February at 7:30pm in the technology room.

HOCKEY CLINIC

Tomorrow, 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!

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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

This program begins this afternoon. Mr Gray will be taking cricket. On Thursdays, the sport is lawn bowls. Please think about getting your child to sign up for this great program!

PRINCIPAL'S MEETINGS

I have to attend a meeting in Broken Hill on Thursday, 28th February and Friday 1st March. I will also be absent from Monday, 11th March until Wednesday, 13th March, as I am attending the "Women In Educational Leadership" Annual General Meeting in Sydney, then flying to Dubbo for a regional principal's meeting. Mrs Hopcroft will be acting principal during my absence.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Captains

Our sports captains have been elected by their respective houses and badges will be presented tomorrow morning, first thing, at a small assembly. Please feel free to come along and congratulate our recipients.

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow night is our school swimming carnival. The children are very excited and have been training hard for their events. It is fantastic to see so many students enter races this year and even having a go at new strokes. A reminder that students do not have to wear rashies (swim shirts) at the swim carnival. The carnival will be **starting 6pm sharp**. We will be starting off with the age races, followed by the $\frac{1}{2}$ lap freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 1 lap Backstroke, 1 lap Breaststroke, 1 lap Butterfly, Individual Medley and lastly the relays. We will also be having the staff relay this year so any parents wishing to make up their own relay to compete against us bring down your swimmers. The P&C will have a BBQ running again this year serving up some tasty food throughout the evening. I am looking forward to lots of colour and loud cheering!!

MDPSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 8th March** at the Dareton Pool commencing at 10pm. If your child qualifies they will be given a note with more information next week.

Barrier Trials

It is that time of year again for students who are interested to trial for the Barrier teams. The Murray Darling Trials will be hosted at Wentworth Public on 5th March and are offered to the year 5/6 students. This year the sports are basketball (boys & girls) AFL, soccer (boys & girls), netball and cricket. It is recommended that students who participate are actively involved in a local competition. Any interested students need to collect a note from me this week. Further information is located on the notes.

NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN

Plastic pots and seedling tubes - as many as possible for the children to use.

There will be a box outside the office you can leave them in.

Thanks Vince

EISTEDDFOD FUNDRAISER

This year we will be entering recorder groups into the Mildura Eisteddfod and feel it is important for the students to all wear matching shoes. Year 4/5H has taken on the role of raising the required funds. We have decided to make and sell icy poles. The icy poles will be on sale on Wednesday and Thursday beginning next week the 27th Feb. The icy poles will be \$1.00 each and will only be sold at lunch times.

MONEY COLLECTION

All money dropped into the office. The office staff will either give you your receipt or send it home attached to the newsletter.

BENDIGO BANK

If you wish your child to bank on Wednesdays with the Bendigo Bank and they don't already have an account— the paperwork is available from the School Office.

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

COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS

HOOK INTO HOCKEY PROGRAM

Sunraysia Hockey will be running their 2013 Hook into Hockey Program, for all children who would like to learn to play hockey. This will be a five week program teaching all the skills you need to play hockey. It starts on Wednesday, February 27th from 6-7pm at the Hockey Turf, Aero Ovals, Eleventh Street, Mildura.

The cost is approximately \$50 and includes a pack with a stick, a ball, shin guards, a hockey goal, a shirt and lots more.

What to Bring:

You need to bring your comfortable clothes, runners a water bottle and a smile!

For more information, please contact me by phone 0409835470 or email jmorvell@bigpond.com

Hope to see you there!

Jodie Morvell

Sunraysia Hockey

WENTWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRE SEASON TRAINING

Junior Football Training

Under 16, 14 & 13—Wednesday 20th February 4:30pm at Darton Oval

Under 10 & 12—Wednesday 20th March—4:30pm at Dareton Oval

Junior Netball Training

Under 13 & 15—Wednesday 20th March—4:30pm at Dareton Oval

All existing and new players welcome

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).

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.

Next Donut Day: 12th April 2013. Donuts are \$1 each.

Important Message: Drinks (other than water) will not longer be available at recess.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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	Nelin Spary
22 nd March 2013	Donna Moylan	Sheryl Brown
5 th April 2013	Mandy Bone	Kaye Hyde
12 th April 2013	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird

REMINDERS

HEAD LICE

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

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

"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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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 Louise conducts these lessons during school times at the school on Tuesdays.

KINDER H NEWS

There are a few things to remember this week. I have placed some reminders on the noticeboard outside the classroom and this will be a good place to check every now and then for messages.

All Kindergarten children have the opportunity to take part in the Starlab presentation next week. A permission note and \$6 is required to be allowed to attend. Please return to the front office.

Also book club orders came home last Friday and need to be returned to the front office as soon as possible to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Starting next Monday your child will also be bringing home a sound book with their normal homework. I would like you to spend some time with your child finding pictures of things that match the sounds we have covered in class. The book needs to come back on the following Monday when the other homework is handed in. The sounds for next week are s, a and t.

I have had some feedback about headlice in some the students. Could you please all check your child's hair and treat if necessary?

All children are encouraged to bring a drink bottle with water in it to school. They are encouraged during the day to drink plenty of water. I have put student names on any water bottles that were nameless. Please make sure any items that come to school are labelled.

At the swimming carnival on Thursday there will be about half an hour of activities for the infant grades to have some water fun. This will be in the middle pool while the older students are doing their races in the big pool. Children are only allowed in the pool while these activities are being run.

I attended a training session yesterday for all Kindergarten teachers in this area. It is one of many that will be conducted during the year involving learning about a literacy program called L3.

Please ask me if you would like to know more about it. This week's homework involved learning the school song. The school song and national anthem are both sung at our Monday morning assembly and it is important that the Kindergarten children learn both of these important songs. Next Monday will be our first assembly where Students of the Week and achievement certificates are handed out.

Natalie Hopcroft

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

1-2S class is settling in well into school and swimming is going really well. We have been developing class routines, team work and revising our school values. This week we are voting in our SRC representatives.

Thank you to all those who have returned the parent surveys - they provide really valuable information for us. Just a reminder, our first homework is due back next Friday the 1st of March as we are going to use these in class for our "Getting to know you" unit. The second lot of homework will go home in a scrap book.

Home readers have gone home and we are going to send two books home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. The home readers are aimed at a level that is familiar and fun for each child to practice with you at home.

Please send in an old large shirt or apron for painting. There are a number of smocks from Mrs Larwood's room already.

Some students have brought in a water bottle to keep in the classroom and there is a fridge available in Trish Jones' office to keep lunches cool. Please remember to bring hats in this hot weather and some students are bringing in fruit and veg for our fruit break each day- thank you, please keep it coming.

Our goal setting interviews are coming up in week 6 and a note detailing times available will be going home shortly and don't forget that active after school sports is available for your school age children. Looking forward to seeing you at the swimming carnival this Thursday night.

Trish Slade

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

We have all really enjoyed the intensive swimming program that has been running over the last two weeks. It has been wonderful to watch the students embracing the program and having a great time. As we move back in to a regular morning session, our routines will begin to settle and I am looking forward to seeing how the students have progressed from last year.

I have started assessing each student's reading levels and appropriately levelled readers will be sent home on a daily basis. Homework has also started going home this week. It will be handed out on a Monday and I ask that it is returned on each Friday morning.

In literacy this fortnight, we will continue looking at the text *Why Can't I Play* as well as other multi-modal texts to support our learning. Our mathematics focus for the whole term will remain on numerical strategies.

Thanks to all of the families who have been sending in fruit each day. Our fruit and veggie break is getting more and more exciting each time we look!

I have been really pleased with the start to the year from class,
LETS KEEP IT UP!!

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

3-4M have had another busy week getting to know new routines. We have been working hard at following our classroom rules and enjoying getting to know each other a little better. Swimming has made our timetables very full the last couple of weeks, so are all looking forward to next week when we will begin following our term timetable.

We have been learning about Data this week in maths, collecting information and presenting this on graphs, we have been finding out a lot of interesting information.

Yesterday we have a great afternoon in our kitchen/garden programme. Just a reminder to parents, that we need extra helpers from 12-1:30pm each Tuesday to help with the cooking, please let me know if you able to assist in any way.

If you have not already done so, can you please send along an art smock with your child asap.

Homework will begin next week, this will consist of Morning Programme, Reading, Spelling and Maths, please don't hesitate to let me know if your child is having difficulty with this.

Don't forget about the swimming carnival tomorrow night, I'm looking forward to seeing you all there dressed in house colours.

Bridgit

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome everyone to week 4 of term. I am very pleased with how everything is going in the classroom. All the kids are trying hard and more importantly having a go at everything.

This week we have a hockey clinic on Thursday and library will be on Friday. Homework will official begin next week with a spelling list and some timetables work. A reminder that the mini timeline projects are due this Friday the 22nd of Feb.

If anyone has some time to spare on a Wednesday to assist with cooking it would be much appreciated. Cooking runs from 12noon through to 1.30pm.

I hope to catch up with everyone at the swimming carnival and at our goal setting interviews over the next couple of weeks.

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

Year 6 has been lucky enough already to have a sneak peek at a pre-design of their Year 6 Polo Shirt. They had a few suggestions for the font style and were very happy with how the illustration looks. If you wish to have a view, please call into the Year 6 room.

Last Thursday the class had their first lesson for the year in the Kitchen. They worked extremely well as a group and produced some wonderful dishes. Please feel free to come in and assist in the garden and/or kitchen segment of the Kitchen Garden program we have every Thursday. Vince already has some wonderful ideas for the Year 6 to work on as part of their departing gift to the school.

It is important that all the Year 6 have an art smock asap. An old shirt would be fine. Throughout the year they will be using a number of materials that can easily stain their uniform. The class also needs a number of empty, rinsed milk cartons for one of their art sessions. Preferably a 600ml or 1L carton. If you have any could you please rinse them out and send them in.

Reminders:

- * Swimming Carnival @ 6pm tomorrow evening.
- * Please send in some fruit & vegies for our daily Crunch 'n' Sip program (fruit break).
- * Year 6 polo shirts orders were due back today. If you have forgotten, please send them tomorrow.
- * The first of the Coomealla High School newsletters is attached.
- * 'Information Guide and Expression of Interest' form for parents and carers to read and complete need to be returned to the office no later than **Friday, 22nd March**. Thank you to those who have already sent them in.

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow evening at the swimming carnival,

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School Leaders 2013

Front Row: Dexta Watson-Kiely & Chloe Hyde (Vice-Captains)

Back Row: Dominik Robinson (Prefect), Murphy Baird & Mitchell Bysouth (School Captains), Amber Thompson (Prefect)