

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

27th February 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the carnival last Thursday evening. Thanks also to the teachers and community members who came along to help. Despite the lack of PA system, we managed to get through the evening well. Any students who should have received a participation ribbon, but have not yet done so should see me. I would like to thank Miss Shields for her efforts in organising the carnival and wish good luck to the children who will be competing at the district carnival next week.

P&C AGM

This meeting will be held at the school this evening at 7:00pm in the technology room. I hope to see you there.

PRINCIPAL'S MEETINGS

I am in Broken Hill this Thursday and Friday. While Mrs Hopcroft is in charge during my absence, please be aware that she is on class. All non-urgent issues should be arranged for follow-up when I return.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sa
24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2 Starlab Planetarium & Space Exploration Performance P&C AGM 7pm in Tech Room <i>AASC</i> <i>3:45—4:45pm</i>	28/2 <i>AASC</i> 3:45—4:45pm	1/3	2/3
3/3	4/3 Kids Club 3:30pm- 5pm Jnr Soccer Training 3:30-5:30pm	5/3 Barrier Teams Trials—2pm Wentworth	6/3 <i>AASC</i> <i>3:45—4:45pm</i>	7/3 <i>AASC</i> 3:45—4:45pm	8/3 MDPSS A Swim Carnival	9/3
10/3	11/3 Kids Club 3:30pm—5pm Jnr Soccer Training 3:30-5:30pm	12/3	13/3 <i>AASC</i> <i>3:45—4:45pm</i>	14/3 <i>AASC</i> 3:45—4:45pm	15/3 Barrier Sports Trials— BH	16/ 3
17/3	18/3 KidsClub 3.30pm-5pm Jnr Soccer Training 3:30-5:30pm	19/3	20/3 <i>School Photos</i> <i>AASC 3:45—4:45pm</i>	21/3 <i>AASC</i> 3:45—4:45pm	22/3	23/ 3

PROTOCOLS AT SCHOOL

It is vitally important that if you have an issue at school that you first contact the school office to arrange an interview. If you need to come into the school during the school day, please come to the office first, whether it be to collect children or drop of lunches.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

All children have issues at school from time to time. Most can be dealt with a minimum of fuss. Sometimes, the issue is more complex and need extra support. The teachers and support staff do their best to ensure all concerns are met and followed up, both at school and at home if necessary.

This week, we are concentrating on following teachers' instructions and ensuring we speak politely to others.

Cathy Eddie
Principal

P&C NEWS

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

COMMUNITY KID'S CLUB PROGRAM

The Community Kids Club program will be held every Monday after school (3:30-5:00pm) in the School Hall. The program recommenced on Monday 25th February. Consent forms are available from the School office. This is a free program and children are provided with a healthy snack and fun activities.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 20th March**. All children receiving a newsletter should bring home:

- ◇ An envelope with the student's name & one for each sibling

Envelopes are available from the office for:

- * Family photo (for students attending this school only) and School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects
- * Sports Captains photos

The school **does not** open these envelopes so please ensure that you have the correct money in them or have enclosed a cheque written out to '*Studio Image Master School Portraits*'. Envelopes should be returned to the school by **Tuesday 19th March**.

We will hand them to photographers on **Wednesday** morning.

CLASS LIBRARY SESSIONS

All children are encouraged to borrow books from the library. Below are the class sessions where they get an opportunity return and borrow.

Kinder - Friday	1/2S - Tuesday
2/3G - Thursday	3/4M - Wednesday
4/5H - Friday	6M - Wednesday

Each time the students borrow they get an opportunity to go into a class raffle which will be drawn at the end of each term. So keep up the borrowing!

Jordana Shields

Librarian

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

All students who participated in the Intensive Swimming program are receiving their level certificates today. All the children's effort and practice definitely showed at the swimming carnival. Super job!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed at the swimming carnival last Thursday. I was very proud of all the children. I nearly lost my voice cheering for them all. Although we did not have an amplifier we were able to get through the night. Thank you to the parents who helped time keep I greatly appreciated your support. Also, thank you to the staff for helping with all the big jobs around the pool, as well as Mr Gray and Mrs Slade for running the infants games in the medium pool. One Kinder student even described it as 'the best night ever'. The sports captains did a wonderful job helping to set up the pool and hand out programs, thank you. Well done everyone!

Notes went out last Monday to the students who qualified for the MDPSSA carnival being held at the Dareton pool on **Friday 8th March**. All permission forms need to be returned to the office by this Friday with \$2 for the bus.

BARRIER TRIALS

The Murray Darling Barrier trials are being held at Wentworth on Tuesday 5th March. All notes need to be returned by this Friday.

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

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 . The icy poles will be \$1.00 each and will only be sold at lunch times.

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting held on **Thursday 7th March at Wentworth Public School, 10am.**

ABORIGINAL STUDENT MEETING

There will be a meeting held on the Thursday 28th March, 3pm at school.

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLP)

PLPs will be discussed and developed at interviews in partnership with teacher, parents and student. If you have any questions regarding PLPs, please contact me at the school.

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

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 Tennis practice will commence the 2013 season on Friday 1 March. No experience necessary, free coaching given to beginners. To be eligible for junior tennis at Wentworth children must turn 8 by 31 December 2013 and no older then 17. Practice is from 4.00pm to 5.30pm on Fridays. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and the season commences on May 4.

Annual membership is only \$30.00, payable after season has commenced.

For more information contact Cheryl Vines on 50276286 or 0428522969.

2013 BIG V BASKETBALL

Home Opener—Saturday March 16th @ the Toyota Hothouse.

6PM: Lockstar Homes Lady Heat vs Whittlesea

8pm: Hydraulic Solutions Mildura Heat vs Whittlesea

For more details please call 50232241

WENTWORTH DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT

Registration for the 2013 season will be held at the Dareton oval on Friday 1st March from 6:30pm

Please come along for BBQ tea and activities, meet the coaches and register for your team. All registrations include a training singlet.

For more information contact Scott on 0419505678 or Maritta (Netball Coordinator) on 0428210902.

A Great Family Club

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Important Message: Drinks (other than water) will no longer be available at recess.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

PLEASE NOTE: OVALTEENIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

VOICE AND 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.

REMINDERS

NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN

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

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



FREE fun program for kids 7 - 13 years old to become healthier, fitter and happier!

The Go4Fun Program is an established, evidence based healthy lifestyle program to improve **health, fitness, self esteem and confidence** in children 7 - 13 years old.

All programs are funded by the NSW Department of Health and are **FREE of charge** to attend. The **next programs** will be running in **School Term 2, 2013**.

Places on the Program are being given away on a first come, first served basis.

Contact Anita Cowlshaw - Health Promotion on 08 8080 1500 or email ACowlshaw@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

You can also visit www.mendprogramme.org and click on 'Join a MEND Program'.

****Please note a parent or carer must accompany each child to every session****

FIRST WENTWORTH GIRL GUIDES

Starts for 2013: Wednesday 27th February

Time: 4:30 to 6pm—every Wednesday

Place: Wentworth Guide Hall

For: Girls 7 years old to 15 years old

More information available from:

Norma Cox Phone: 50273548 or 0438714599

Darlene Belleville Phone: 0458583548

KINDER H NEWS

Hello. The Kindergarten students are continuing to learn school routines and are adapting very well to the daily rigors of school life. Once again homework was sent home on Monday. This week contained a rhyming words worksheet, sound book and little reader booklet.

Thankyou to Stacey Cullinan and Fiona Cullinan who have both volunteered in the classroom recently. This has been greatly appreciated. I welcome any help that may be offered.

There are a few programs running with the class that would be a lot easier if we had other adult help. Our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) which operates Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 -10.00am is one program that needs assistance. The students are involved in fitness type activities, motor skills, balance and coordination. Helpers would be asked to monitor a small group during the session and follow a task card explaining the activity. Group rotations are another time where assistance would be a benefit. Rotations are Monday-Thursday 10.30-11.30 and again in the afternoons 2.45-3.30.

There are also a number of jobs that involve laminating, cutting and making resources for class use. These can be done at school or taken home and completed. Basically I have jobs for anyone who may have some time to offer and I can even adapt tasks to suit what people are able to offer.

The timetable for students to share news is:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Charlie	Jacob	Lucy	Mitch	Olive
Ellie	Janay	Max	Noah	Riley
Saxon	Kiara	Michael	Noel	Ryan
Hugh	Shauna	Tyson		

The list of topics:

Week starting

Monday 4th March-Family

Monday 11th March-Pets

Monday 18th March-Toys

Monday 25th March-Books (Friday's group will be on Thursday due to Good Friday holiday)

Monday 1st April-No news this week due to Easter

Monday 8th April-Holidays

Please make sure your child is prepared with some sentences to tell the class about the set topic. They are also welcome to bring in 1 or 2 props to assist with their talk.

Each day the Kindergarten students are taught a new sound/letter. It is vital that your child attend school every day. I understand if they are unwell this is not possible but please try and make sure this is the only reason they missing out on school. The sounds learned this week are i, p and n.

Well done to Shauna Lawson our Student of the Week and congratulations to Lucy Cullinan and Noel Doidge for receiving achievement certificates for their kindness towards others.

I will be holding goal setting interviews next week. Attached to this newsletter is your child's Best Start letter containing information gained during the interview I held with your child before they started school. During the goal setting time we can discuss this further and make sure everything is being done to make sure your child's first year at school is the best it can be. Please return the time sheet with your time preferences as soon as possible.

I will be in Broken Hill next Monday attending a training session based on using the Best Start information to guide teaching lessons. Mr Baird will be taking the class this day.

Kind Regards,
Natalie Hopcroft

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Steven Clark who was chosen for his excellent active listening and for being a great role model for his class mates. Our school value -active listening has been a focus in our class and a number of people received an award for fantastic active listening including our four new students Libby, Izzack, Josh and Tom- also Charli, Kayden, Haylee, Jarrah, Jamaya and well done to all those students. Also well done to Jamaya and Angus -our new SRC students elected last Friday.

What a great night we had at the swimming carnival last Thursday night, and it was great to see so many people there and all of our students trying so hard! Miss Shields did an awesome job organising and running it all.

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 this 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.

We will be sending the home readers home every day if we can, rather than Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The home readers are aimed at a level that is familiar and fun for each child to practice with you at home.

Some students have brought in a water bottle to keep in 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.

A note about our goal setting interviews coming up in week 6 is also going home today. Please nominate three preferences and return it ASAP and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

Swimming has now ended and we are starting to get in to the rhythm of the morning literacy session. If there are any parents or guardians out there who would like to come in to assist in our morning reading program, please let me know. Any help with reading is always greatly appreciated!

A note for goal setting meetings has gone home with this week's newsletter. Please fill in what time works best for you and I will do my best to accommodate everyone. I see this goal setting process as a wonderful opportunity for everybody to get on the same page and really set out what direction we would like your child's learning to take this year.

Just a reminder, that homework this year will be completed on a weekly basis. I will send the work out on a Monday and it will be collected on a Friday morning. Home readers can be changed every day of the week.

Our literacy program this week will remain focused around the text *Why Can't I Play?* And we will be using it as a scaffold for developing rich grammar usage in our own writing. In Maths we will continue building on numerical strategies.

Thanks again to all the parents who have been sending in fruit and vegetables, both the students and I have really enjoyed the variety this year.

And finally, a big congratulations to Drew Thompson, for being selected as our Student of the Week. Drew has consistently remained in level 'D' behaviour all year and he has had a very positive effect on the class. Well done also to Kurt, Olivia and Jane, who were nominated by their classmates to receive achievement awards this week!

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Year 3-4M are excited to be getting into and learning about our new class routines. We have started our reading taskboard rotation this week, and are loving all the activities we get to do.

Last week was our first week getting into the garden, it was so much fun harvesting the vegies needed to cook our dishes in the kitchen. A reminder to parents, that if you are able to help on Tuesdays between 12-12.30pm, please let me know. On Monday afternoon's we will be learning to play the recorder. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in a display folder to put all your music in. Homework went out on Monday, please be sure to let me know if you are having difficulty with this, I am more than happy to help and answer questions.

Last week we voted for our SRC representatives, we are excited to have Nellie Baird and Karly Russell representing 3-4M for the year. Goal setting interviews are coming up in Week 6. A note will be going home in today's newsletter, please return the form to school stating which time would suit to meet with me.

Congratulations to all those students who competed in the Swimming Carnival last Thursday, we got some great results and everyone had a fantastic evening.

Bridgit Milne

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Now that swimming lessons have finished the weeks are becoming a little more normal in the classroom. We have elected our SRC representatives and I would like to congratulate Josh Verstappen and Bronte Rix who will represent our class this term, with Lotte Tukutau and Zac Hyde assisting them. I believe these students will do a great job and continue to set a fantastic example for the rest of the class and school community.

Just a few reminder dates now:

Library is on Fridays for 4/5H

Cooking and Gardening is Wednesdays

Goal setting notes are due the 1st March

Goal setting week commences 4th March through to the 8th March.

Homework has commenced this week. Please encourage your children to do a little each night. The amount of work is minimal at best so I do expect everyone will have a go. I am particularly focused upon their reading, as the class are taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2013.

Is there a date in the year that you could help out with cooking on a Wednesday? I am looking for parents to volunteer once a term or year to lessen the load for the people who offer all the time. I will fill in dates at goal setting interviews, so please have a think about when you are available.

I hope everyone has a great week

Cheers

Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

What a terrific effort by all the students at last Thursday evenings Swimming Carnival. The Sports Captains demonstrated wonderfully why they deserve that leadership badge.

On Monday the class were given their first lot of homework. The class have discussed each item in their homework with examples given during the discussion. Please ensure these are completed and returned on Friday. The students will also be doing a spelling test every Friday.

Attached to the newsletter today you will find the Goal Setting Interview note. It is very important that you and your child attend these interviews to discuss the goals they have already set out for first semester and any additional goals. Could you please complete and have the notes returned by Friday of this week to insure you and your child have a set time sent home by Friday afternoon.

The Year 6 shirts orders has be sent off. It will take a number of weeks before they are sent to us. Thank you again to Bec Bysouth for organising this.

Some parents have also organised an Easter raffle fundraiser for the Canberra excursion. Accompanying this newsletter is a note regarding this fundraiser and a booklet of tickets to sell. Any support on this venture would be appreciated by all who are attending Canberra this year.

Reminders:

- ◇ Art smock
- ◇ 1L or 600ml milk/juice cartons rinsed out.
- ◇ Please send in some fruit & vegies for our daily Crunch & Sip program (fruit break).
- ◇ '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.

Wishing you a stress free week,

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Lucy Cullinan & Noel Doidge

1/2S: Thomas Hann, Izzack Dannatt, Libby Saunders, Jarrah Thorne, Kayden Robinson, Carli McCabe & Jamaya Kennedy

2/3G: Kurt Gooding, Olivia Baird & Jane Cullinan

3/4M: Drew Kuzman, Holly Bysouth & Chanelle Ricardi

4/5H: Joshua Verstappen, Alannah Wellard, Darcy Saunders & Hanako Cavanagh

6M: Shane Webb, Connor McKay & Adam Edwards

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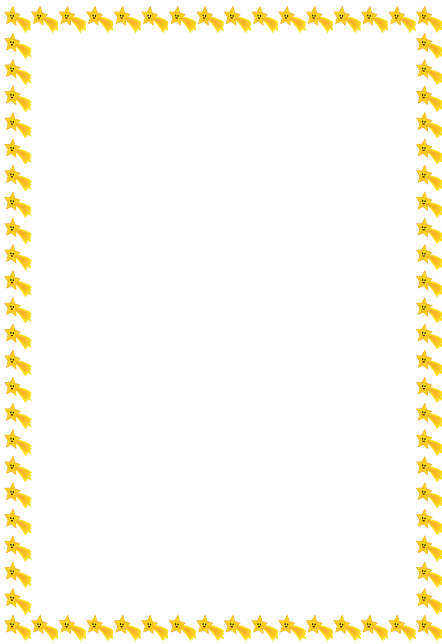
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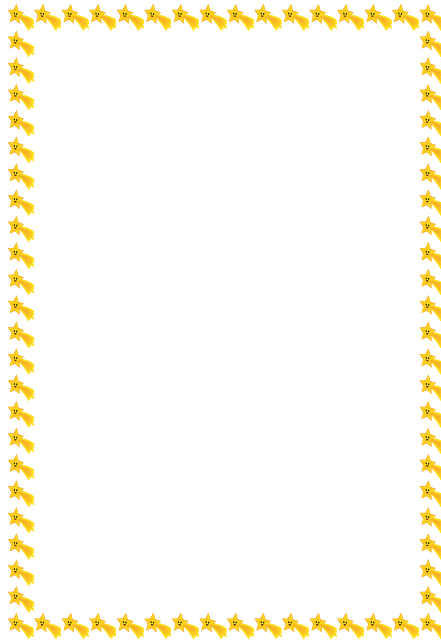
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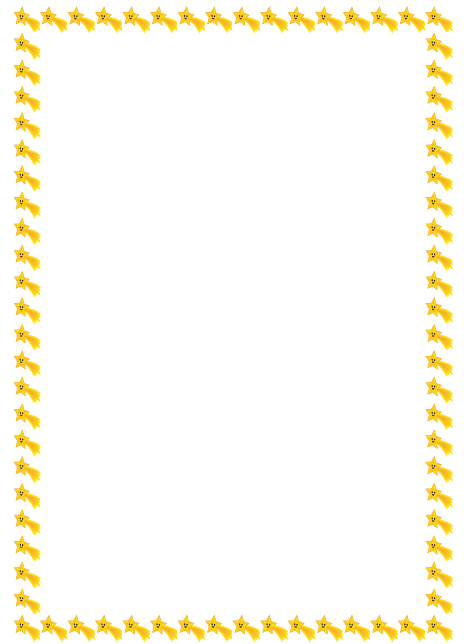
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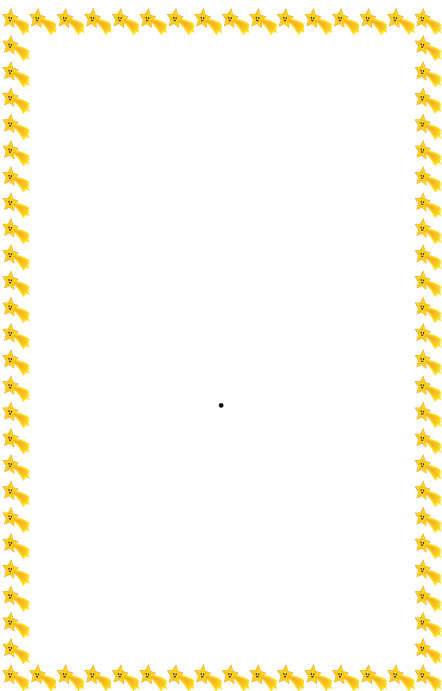
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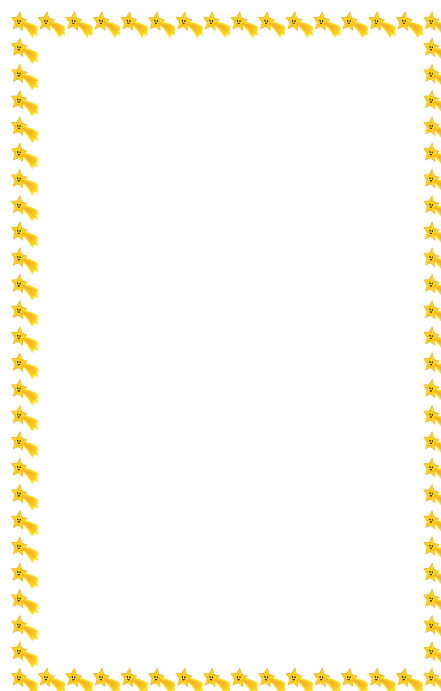
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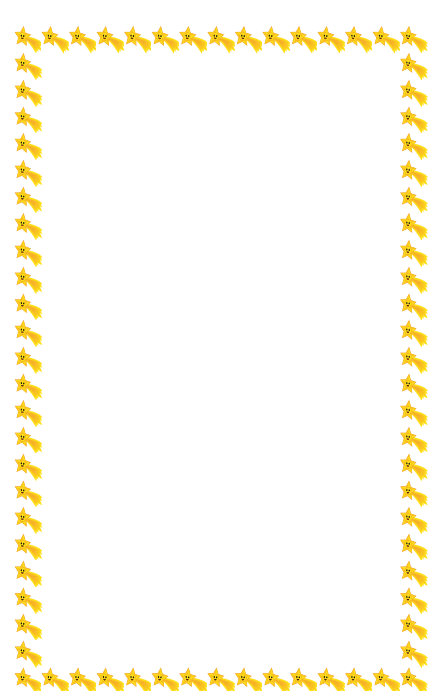
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Tyrone Jones



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