

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

13th March 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I am currently in Dubbo at a principal's meeting. Hopefully, I will have more information about what will be happening in the coming year in our schools when I return.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the swimming carnival last Friday. You were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

I would also like to draw your attention to a wonderful article in the current "Mildura Living" magazine about our school garden. It is a wonderful promotion of our school and the hard work that is done in our garden by staff and students.

On a more serious note, the school will occasionally have to implement a "lock down" across the school. This is a procedure we use if students need to be removed from the playground for any reason, usually if there is a safety concern. This, along with evacuations, is practised on occasion, so that students know what to do. It is a standard, routine procedure to support a safe school environment.

That is it for this week. I will be back in the school tomorrow.

Cathy Eddie
Principal

MARCH/APRIL 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				14/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	15/3 Barrier Sports Trials—BH Book Club due	16/3
17/3	18/3 Kids Club 3.30pm-5pm Jnr Soccer Training 3:30-5:30pm	19/3 Money due for School Photos	20/3 School Pho- tos AASC 3:45— 4:45pm	21/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm Harmony Day	22/3	23/3
24/3	25/3 Kids Club 3.30pm-5pm Easter 'E' Day	26/3	27/3 AASC 3:45— 4:45pm	28/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	29/3 Good Friday	30/3
31/3	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4 AASC 3:45- 4:45pm	4/4 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	5/4	6/4
7/4	8/4 UNSW Comp Entries Close	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Donut Day Last Day of Term 1	13/4

ABORIGINAL STUDENT MEETING

In our meetings, we have been talking about '*Identity*', knowing who you are and where you come from. Students in Primary classes will be putting together an Identity poster which will be displayed in the school. The students will be given some homework for this small project which needs to be handed in by Thursday 14th March. If you have any questions regarding this project or would like to help, please contact me at the school .

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLP)

PLPs are apart of the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy, which states that every Aboriginal student in the school will develop one as part of the two way learning (home to school and school to home). 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.

HARMONY DAY

Is the importance of all Australians respecting one another regardless of Cultural, Racial or Religious differences and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The colour orange was selected for Harmony Day because it is an active colour that implies celebration.

Year 6 students will be cooking damper, making sandwiches, cutting fruit and lemon drinks will be available to celebrate this special day. Families are invited to join us for morning tea at 11.30am.

Please support Harmony Day by wearing orange on Thursday 21st March.

EASTER 'E' DAY

Our first 'E' (Extravaganza) day for 2013 will have an Easter theme and be held Monday 25th March. The day will involve a special assembly, Easter hat parade and rotation activities.

We will allow some time first thing in the morning for creating Easter hats.

If you have any spare craft supplies suitable for this activity they would be greatly appreciated.

The days timetable will be in next week's newsletter.

BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

Thank you to Dawn and Donna for weeding our Garden on Tuesday and sharing your ideas.

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

EISTEDDFOD FUNDRAISER

This week will be the last week we will be selling icy poles for our Eisteddfod group as we have now made enough money to cover the purchase of shoes. I would like to thank everyone who supported 4/5H in their fundraising efforts.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AGE CHAMPIONS

After the excitement of the MDPSSA Carnival I forgot to hand out the Age Champions. My apologies. I will definitely hand out the age champion medallions this Monday morning assembly. The following students will be receiving a medal; Olivia Daymond, Tyrone Jones, Bronte Rix, Jackson McDermott, Shyann Wellard and Dexta Watson-Kiely. Sorry again.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Chanelle Ricardi, who came 4th in her age group in the SA Little Aths North East Region Pentathlon Day at Loxton on 10/2/2013.

REMINDERS

Bookclub (Issue 2): Orders & Money extended to 15th March.

School Photographs—Wednesday 20th March (envelopes to be returned on Tuesday 19th March)

UNSW Competitions—Entries Close on Monday 8th April

Kids Club is held every Monday 3:30pm to 5pm

School Banking—Wednesday Morning

CLASS LIBRARY SESSIONS

Kinder - Friday

1/2S - Tuesday

2/3G - Thursday

3/4M - Wednesday

4/5H - Friday

6M - Wednesday

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

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.

VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS

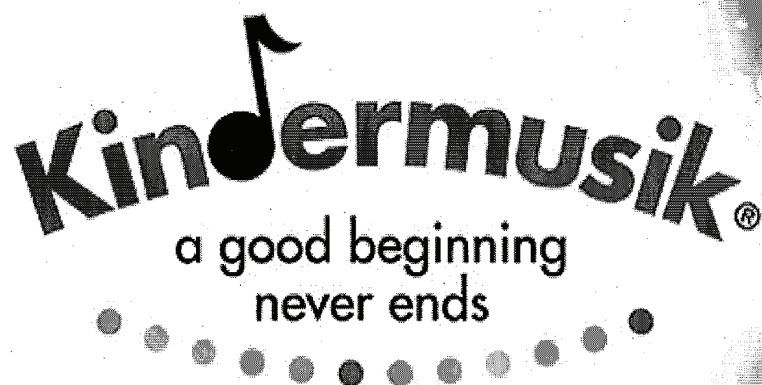
Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday. Please phone her for more details on: 50248370 or 0408596944. Louise can also teach Clarinet and Saxophone but students have to have their own instruments. Louise conducts these lessons during school times at the school on Tuesdays.

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

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please let the office ladies know your email address and they will organise this to happen.



Kindermusik Classes are here in Mildura!



Listen and move. Play and grow. This is Kindermusik, the most trusted music and movement program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and young children.

Enrolments for classes close 25th March 2013
Check out our website for more details

Enrol Now

Contact Alissa:

Mobile : 0422 849 045

Email : alissa_tucker@hotmail.com

**Come along for a trial class Saturday 16th March 11am or
Monday 18th March 11am. Secure your place at
www.kindermusikwithalissa.weebly.com**

Mallee Family Care

Mildura Rural City Council

Kid's Stuff

'Fun support groups for kids aged between 5 and 12 years from separated/divorced families'

Mallee Family Care will be running Kid's Stuff groups in 2013 - the goal of these groups is to support children through their parent's separation and/or divorce. In the sessions children will experience fun activities, discussions and games all aimed at focusing on strengths and coping strategies.

The groups run for 6 weeks, 2 hours per week from 4pm to 6pm at 105 Lemon Avenue Mildura - Term 2 dates are;

Monday nights - April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3.

Total Cost \$30, conc apply, no child will be excluded due to inability to pay. It does not matter how long parents have been separated for. An interview time will be arranged with parents to discuss each child referral to the groups.

Groups will run each Term and school holiday options will be available.

The group weekly sessions cover these topics:

- * What's happened to my family? * Things are different now.
- * Sad days, bad days and glad days. * I am not alone.
- * I am an amazing person. * Adjusting to a new life.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Kid's Stuff groups or to register, call Lisa-Maree or Tania on 50 217400 or email; lmstevens@malleefamilycare.com.au or (Made possible by Mildura Rural City Council Community Project Grant)

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

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

LOWER ANABRANCH SPORTING & LANDCARE GROUP INC.

are holding their **Annual Picnic and Sports Day** on **Saturday 20th April 2013** at 1pm sharp.

Starting with the kids running races. Entry free, Raffle and Lolly guess held.

Afternoon tea supplied including cordial for the kids. BYO drinks, Shared evening BBQ, please bring meat and a salad. Evening entertainment provided. Coin roll. **A great family day!**

All welcome.

THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB REGISTRAION AND MULTICULTURAL DAY -17TH MARCH—SOCCER PARK—FLORA AVENUE

Leading Community club Three Colours SC today announced its Multicultural and Registration Day will be held on **Sunday 17 March** at Mildura's Aerodrome Ovals Complex. Three Colours SC is a family orientated inclusive sporting Club, which has a thirty year history of encouraging participation in the World game. The Multicultural day will see the club provide a variety of free food from many diverse cultures as well as other activities which encourage people to play sport and develop a healthy lifestyle.

IRYMPLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION—MINIBALL— REGISTRATION 2013 www.ibabasketball@sportingpulse.net.au

MINIBALL is an introduction and skills based Basketball Program for primary school aged children. The program is player-centred, fun-focused and affordable to all. It provides opportunities to learn, play with your friends and to develop important social skills in a convenient safe and friendly environment. Miniball caters for ALL, Girls and Boys who are currently attending a primary school from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Date: Saturday 20th April. (Registration Day)

Where: Mildura Basketball Stadium in 8th Street (hothouse).

Time: 9:30am Kinder - Grade 1 10:30am Grade 2 - 6

Cost: \$45 per player - Registration & \$5 each week

How to Register?

Attending on registration day. No online registrations

For more information contact: Nicole 0434331731

Kel 50233897

KINDER H NEWS

Thank you for attending the parent teacher meetings last week. From all of the feedback we are on the right track and the students have already made some great progress. I would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who have offered their assistance either in the classroom, taking resources home to make or making items for us to use. This has really been a huge support.

I have another little request. One of the requirements for our Perceptual Motor Program is to take off student's shoes and socks before participating in the activities. While most children are able to do this independently there are a few who just sit there and wait for someone else to do it for them. Could you please check if your child is able to take their own shoes and socks off and put them back on? If not it would be really good if they could get in the habit of doing it for themselves.

Homework came home on Monday. The accompanying explanation sheet should explain what we are up to. We didn't quite get through 'e' and 'h' last week so are continuing with them this week. The topic for news this week is 'Pets'. The students who brought props in last week found it much easier to talk. (Although I would prefer not to have living props this week for the topic, Pets!) Please make sure you know which day your child is on and that they are prepared. There is a copy of the roster near the front door of the classroom.

A few of the students have had difficulty understanding the concept of the icy pole selling by the Year 4/5 students on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have had many tears when they see other students eating icy poles and they haven't got any money to buy one. I have started collecting and recording money for the students who wish to buy one. I am happy to do this if it makes it easier. (Although this is the last week they are being sold).

Congratulations to Max Baird, our Student of the Week and also to Charlie Baird and Kiara Webb for receiving Achievements for Active Listening.

Have a great week

Kind regards,

Natalie

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Libby Saunders, who was chosen by her classmates for her excellent active listening, for being a great help and always following our school values. Our school value -active listening has been a huge focus in our class and Jarrah and Haylee received an award for fantastic active listening, while Thomas received an award for always having a go and staying on task.

Our AFL clinic last Wednesday was really fun- Thank you goes to Miss Shields who does an absolutely awesome job as sport co- ordinator and works very hard to provide opportunities for us like this one.

Our goal setting interviews have commenced and going really well and if we haven't met yet, you have been allocated a time today or tomorrow.

Last week a note went home about 1-2s news days and below and I have allocated some talking topics for news. **Please only bring in something on your news day.** Some children are still bringing in something every day. While small props are good, you don't have to bring in anything... children can just speak.

Week 8 (18th March-) when I grow up...

Week 9 (25th March-) favourite animals

Week 10 (1st April-) favourite sports

Week 11 (8th April-) holidays

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

Thanks to all the parents who have come in for the goal setting interviews. It has been great to meet and make sure that we are all working toward the same targets for your child. If you have not yet come in for an interview, please drop in to the classroom either before or after school to arrange a time.

Congratulations to Amelia Paech for being chosen as our Student of the Week. She has consistently stayed in Level 'D' behaviour and the class has really enjoyed her leadership. Well done to James, Hannah and Jamowen, who were chosen to receive achievement awards this week.

Our literacy focus this week will remain on grammar and the use of rich language in writing. Mrs Larwood will also be coming in the class in the afternoon to conduct language and vocabulary building activities. In Maths, our attention will shift toward division this week, with Multiplication and Division being our main area of focus for the remainder of the term.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

We have had yet another busy week in 3-4M. Well done to Chanelle, Holly, Nellie, Tom S and Summer for representing the school at the Murrumbidgee/Darling swimming carnival last Friday, sounds like it was a very successful day.

We have been busy with goal setting interviews, those of you have who have not yet seen me, please ring the office to make an appointment.

It is great to see most of the homework tasks being completed. Each Monday, homework will go home with the children, please make sure this is returned on Friday completed.

In maths, we have been learning new strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems, we have also been working hard on improving our recall of basic facts. When reading we are practicing reading with expression - don't forget when reading at home to look at all the punctuation marks.

Well done to Laurel who was our student of the week for week 6, also congratulations to Drew and Callan who both received achievement awards.

Have a great week.

Bridgit Milne

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

A big thankyou to everyone for attending goal setting interviews last week. It was great to get them over within one week rather than dragging them out over 3 weeks.

This week 4/5H has joined with Year 6 in taking part in two video conferences. The first was the introduction to the Murray Darling Basin Champions project we will be undertaking over the next 10 weeks. During those 10 weeks the students will be visiting the river to conduct their investigations. The second video conference is part of our preparation for Naplan. The students will be conferencing with author Paul Stafford where they will learn about persuasive writing techniques. Both of these VC's are wonderful opportunities for our students to be exposed to different ways of learning.

Congratulations to Dean Bone who is this week's 'Student of the Week'. The students selected Darcy Saunders and Jackson McDermott to receive the class awards.

Homework has started and is coming home on Mondays. This week I have included a Naplan style question for the students to have a go at. The homework set is minimal and I do expect that the students will complete this on a weekly basis, returning the work on a Friday (saves working over the weekend).

Please find attached a note regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Authority river studies.

Have a great week.

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

Thank you to those who were able to make it to the Goal Setting Interviews. It's terrific to see how the children can verbalize what they wish to work towards achieving and the importance of the link between school and home can make it possible.

Unfortunately not many homework books were returned last Friday. This could be due to the swimming carnival, but it is essential that homework is returned weekly. Along with the homework books, student diaries are also collected every Friday as a form of correspondence and monitoring the students' weekly home reading progress.

Throughout the year the class will be participating in a number of video conferences. The first was yesterday titled The Basin Champions and today's was T-Rex vs. Naplan. Please make sure you discuss with your child what the VC's are all about.

Please take the time to check Kindergarten's newsletter item in the upcoming weeks for information regarding the Better Buddies Program which we are running with the Kinder and Year 6's. The program is from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, which has the vision that every child will live in a safe and supportive environment.

Please find attached a note regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Authority river studies.

Reminders:

- Art smock (essential)
- 1L or 600ml milk/juice cartons rinsed out.
- Easter raffle booklet returned
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion notes returned by Friday 5th April

Keep Smiling,

Sandra Marziano

FOR SALE

Blood Plum Jam

In

The Front Office

\$4

All proceeds towards the

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Kiara Webb & Charlie Baird

1/2S: Jarrah Thorne, Haylee Darby & Thomas Hann

2/3G: James Vine, Hannah Fordham & Jamowen Kennedy

3/4M: Callan McInnes & Drew Kuzman

4/5H: Darcy Saunders & Jackson McDermott

6M: Jet Rodgers & Chloe Hyde

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Student of the Week

