

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

6th March 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I would like to thank the parents who came to our P&C AGM last Wednesday evening. I would also like to congratulate the new executive on their commitment to our school.

CRUNCH AND SIP

It has been wonderful to see so much great fruit coming in. We can probably hold off until next week now. Thank you to all of the families who have contributed.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

I would like to remind families that students should not arrive at school before 9:00am, unless prior arrangements have been made. While staff members are on hand to supervise the students who arrive on the early bus, other students should stay at home until the teacher is on duty at 9:00am. We understand that there are occasions when children need to be dropped off early, but this should not be assumed as being acceptable.

MDPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Best of luck to the students participating in the carnival at Dareton on Friday. Miss Shields, Mrs Halls, Trish Jones and I will be accompanying the students. We are in need of a couple of parents to assist as timekeepers please!

MARCH/APRIL 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				7/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	8/3 MDPSSA Swim Carnival	9/3
10/3	11/3 Kids Club 3:30pm—5pm Jnr Soccer Training 3:30-5:30pm	12/3	13/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm Book Club or- ders and money due	14/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	15/3 Barrier Sports Trials— BH	16/3
17/3	18/3 Kids Club 3.30pm-5pm Jnr Soccer Training 3:30-5:30pm	19/3	20/3 School Photos AASC 3:45— 4:45pm	21/3 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	22/3	23/3
24/3	25/3 Kids Club 3.30pm-5pm	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

GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

All class teachers have begun to meet with parents and students to discuss goals for students for the year and how the school and the home can support them. These meetings are extremely valuable, so if you haven't already done so, please organise a time to meet with your child's teacher.

ATTENDANCE

Could I please remind families to let the school know if your child is going to be absent or to send a note if they have been away?

Absence notes are regularly printed in the newsletter and are available from the school office. A written explanation is appreciated for our records and should be sent to the school as soon as possible. Absences for family holidays or known events may be eligible for exemption, but applications need to be made before the absence for these cases.

ABSENT AGAIN!

I will be attending a meeting in Sydney on Monday and a principal's meeting in Dubbo next Tuesday and Wednesday. Once again, Mrs Hopcroft will be in charge during my absence. Please remember that she is on class and to keep any non-urgent matters until my return.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

CLASS LIBRARY SESSIONS

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

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Any class book club orders and money for issue 2 need to be returned to the front office by Wednesday 13th March.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Each year children from Year 3 to Year 6 choose to enter these competitions in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing and Computer Skills. These competitions will take place in Term 2 and Term 3 but entries close on **Monday, April 8th**. If your child is interested in entering any of the competitions, please send in the forms attached to this week's newsletter and money, back to the school by **Monday, April 8th**. (If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to 'Wentworth Public School'). No late entries can be accepted.

SRC MEETINGS

Last Friday the students held their first Student Representative Council (SRC) meeting. Ideas that are discussed in class meetings concerning the whole school are then taken to SRC for further consideration. The School Captains, Mitchell Bysouth and Murphy Baird chair the meeting and then meet with Mrs. Eddie to inform her of what's been discussed and any special events that need to be arranged.

Each term two new students from Year 1/2S to 4/5H are chosen to represent their class at the meetings, with Kinders joining SRC in Term 4.

The SRC usually run two fundraiser events each year. Although a great deal of foundations seek assistance for fundraising, students will be made aware of the 'special days' and will only be asked for money donations of some kind for the two chosen by the SRC.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Catholic students will have separate lessons each Friday morning. These commenced last Friday morning March 1st. If you do not wish your child to be included in these sessions, you must send a letter of exemption or if are unsure whether you included your child's religion on their enrolment forms and wish them to do Catholic Scripture please contact the School Office. Year 3-4M will have Cheryl Vines doing their Religious Education Lessons, with the remainder being taken by class teachers, teaching a school ethics program.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 20th March**. All children should have received on last weeks newsletter:

- 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

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Carnival Age Champions

The age champion medallions will be handed out at 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.

MDPSSA Swimming Carnival

The Murray Darling carnival is on this Friday. The bus will be leaving at **9.25am sharp** and returning before the end of school. Students must bring their swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and money (if they wish to purchase their lunch on the day). School uniform must be worn but I have said to the children that extra green and gold is welcome! Due to the hot weather forecast on Friday please make sure your children has plenty of water for the day. A lunch order form went out on Monday to show the students what is available from the Buronga P&C. Students must bring their order form and money on the day and hand it in early to the P&C.

Barrier Trials

Yesterday we hosted the Murray Darling trials and number of students from Wentworth Public School trialled in their respective sports. The students chosen will now travel to Broken Hill next Friday 15th March to try out for the Barrier teams. Congratulations to Zachary Hyde (football and cricket), Mitchell Bysouth, Caleb Dannatt, Harley Jones (football), Amber Thompson and Chloe Hyde (netball) for making it to the next level. Well done to the other students who trialled yesterday. I hear you all showed great sportsmanship and congratulated your fellow athletes.

Aboriginal Parent Meeting

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

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 next 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 a part 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.

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

Trish Jones

WENTWORTH JUNIOR TENNIS practice will commenced 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.

**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

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.

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.

The program is sponsored by the Murray River Baptist Church Buronga. Any enquiries please phone Steven Maldoff 50211643.

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!.**

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

KINDER H NEWS

Hello again. Thankfully my information won't be as long this week. I look forward to catching up with all parents/guardians this week at goal setting interviews. This will give us a chance to go over the Best Start Assessment information and discuss your child's start to the school year. Please bring any questions you may have and I will hopefully be able to answer them. Your child does not have to attend the interview but they are welcome if they would like to come. Starlab was certainly enjoyed by the students. We have a sentence and photo on display in the classroom about this great experience. Feel free to come and have a look. It was great that 100% of the class were able to attend. Thank you for supporting this event.

Congratulations to our Student of the Week; Ellie Vines. She was elected due to her following of school values and giving everything a go. The two students chosen for Achievement Certificates were Max Baird and Jacob Poth, for being helpful. Well done!

Homework only came home yesterday this week, due to me being in Broken Hill on Monday. It is due back next Monday. The sound book, reader journal and homework book need to be returned then and the reader booklet can be kept at home. Try and get the reader booklet read as much as possible, remembering to focus on crisp finger pointing. You need to fill in the reader journal each time the book is read. I will have a look at the reader journals on the Monday when they come back to school. This week's sounds to put in the sound book are i, p and n. In class we are doing c,k , e and h. We do the sounds in class one week and then you revise them at home the following week while I introduce new ones at school.

We have also introduced three sight words to the vocabulary, they are; the, can and my.

Better Buddies Program-This year we have introduced the Better Buddies program to the Kindergarten-Year 6 buddy sessions. The program is from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, which has the vision that every child will live in a safe and supportive environment. Their key prevention program is the Better Buddies Framework, a whole school initiative designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where bullying is reduced. Kinder and Year 6 have started with the program and are following a unit of work provided by the foundation. I will put information in the newsletter about the program in the coming weeks. Their mascot is a purple beanie bear, which all students in the program will bring home this week. It is theirs to keep.

Things are certainly busy in the Kindergarten room.

Looking forward to hearing from any adults who may be able to help out in the classroom.

Kind Regards,

Natalie Hopcroft

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Kayden Robinson who was chosen by his classmates for his excellent active listening and for being a great role model for his class mates. Our school value -active listening has been a huge focus in our class and Libby, Izzack and Jamaya received an award for fantastic active listening.

The star lab planetarium visit last week was really exciting- there was so much to see and learn. Today we have a soccer clinic from 10:30 to 11:30am.

Yesterday a note went home about 1-2s news days and in next week's newsletter I will be allocating topics for news... we are still getting the hang of my news format and expectations. Also the second lot of homework will go home in a scrap book today.

We will be sending the home readers home every day if we can. The home readers are aimed at a level that is familiar and fun for each child to practice with you at home. Please encourage your child to put the home readers into our tub each morning.

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.

Our goal setting interviews have commenced and an orange slip went home on Monday with your allocated day and time on it. If you haven't yet returned your note I will allocate you a day and time.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

Thanks to all the parents who have returned goal setting interview booking slip. It has been great to catch up with everyone so far. This interview is also a wonderful opportunity to ensure that we are all working toward the same goals. If you have not returned a booking slip, or have not received one yet, please drop in to the class and I will be happy to work out a time that suits.

Congratulations to Jane Cullinan for being chosen as this week's Student of the Week. Well done also, to Olivia and Jasmine who were selected by their peers to receive 'active listening' achievement awards.

In maths this week we will be looking at different strategies from solving multiplication and division problems. Any extra work on times tables at home will support what we are doing in the classroom. In literacy we will be re-writing and adapting the text that we have been studying this term.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Wow, Term 1 is just flying by! It has been lovely to meet those of you who have been in the last couple of days for goal setting interviews, those who have not already brought their forms back to school with their requested times, can you please do so ASAP.

Big thank you to those parents who have been helping out with our kitchen/garden programme - if there are any other parents out there who would be keen to come in and help from 12-1.30 on a Tuesday, please let me know, we would love some more helpers.

We are into week 2 of homework, please make a really big effort to get this done each week, reading and spelling words need to be practiced every night, and homework books returned to school each Friday for marking.

Well done to Sarah who was our Student of the Week for week 5, also congratulations to Montana and Karly who both received achievement certificates.

Thanks to all the parents who have been sending in fruit and vegetables, both the students and I have been enjoying the large selection we have been receiving.

Have a great week everyone.

Bridgit Milne

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome to week 6. I have had goal setting interviews this week and it has been great to catch up with most of you. The class has settled well and are getting a lot of work done. Our Naplan focus begins next week. We will be looking at Persuasive writing and the format of the Naplan tests so the children become familiar with what they will be a part of in term 2.

Congratulations to our award winners this week. The class awards were received by Olivia Hopfner and Harley Jones, while the 'Student of the Week' goes to Lotte Tukutau.

On Friday I will be at the swimming carnival with our team of swimmers. Any students remaining at school will be split amongst the other classes. Good luck to all of those students swimming on the day.

Have a great week

Cheers Jen

YEAR 6M NEWS

Another busy week we have had this week already with some students participating in the Barrier Trials yesterday and the Murray Darling Swimming Carnival this Friday. We have also been busy with Goal Setting Interviews. If you were unable to attend this week, I will be contacting you in the near future for alternative arrangements.

It was great to see most of the homework tasks completed last week. Every Monday we discuss the homework task as a class and work through some similar scenarios together. If your child is away when homework or any other information is sent home, they will be able to find it in their tote tray upon their return to school.

Due to some student taking part in the swimming carnival this Friday, the spelling test will be held tomorrow, Thursday 7th March.

If you have already sold your Easter raffle booklet, please return it with the money. There are also more available from the office.

Please note that you will find two notes regarding the Year 6 Canberra Excursion attached to this week's newsletter. Please ensure you read them carefully before completing and returning them to school by Friday 5th April.

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).

- High School form returned to the office no later than

- Friday, 22nd March.**

Ciao,

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: Max Baird & Jacob Poth

1/2S: Libby Saunders, Izzack Danatt & Jamaya Kennedy

2/3G: Chloe Nash & Jasmine McDermott

3/4M: Montana Norris & Karly Russell

4/5H: Harley Jones & Olivia Hopfner

6M: Dexta Watson-Kiely & Caleb Dannatt

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Student of the Week

