

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

3rd April 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I trust that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. With only a week and a half left until the end of term, it was certainly an added bonus! This term has gone by very quickly, with most students making a positive start to the year. It has been exciting to see the high standard of work produced across all classes. Most families have attended interviews with class teachers and the children have set the goals that they are working towards. It is important that these remain a focus for future development. Students are most successful when there is a positive partnership between the school and the home, so please support your child by hearing them read, playing simple maths games and getting them to assist in everyday activities, like cooking and cleaning. These are all valuable learning experiences!

ASSEMBLY

I must apologise for the late notice for the change of assembly time this week. We had a clash of activities that demanded the change that was not noticed until after last week's newsletter was published. We did not want the students to miss out on their awards.

ATTENDANCE

I would like to thank all of the parents who have been so helpful in completing absence notes in a timely manner. It is much easier for us when they are kept up to date. Please remember to complete a note when your child has been away. Also, it is possible to gain an exemption from the school for attendance when special circumstances dictate.

APRIL/MAY 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				4/4 AASC 3:45—4:45pm	5/4 Yr 4/5H & 6M River Excursion	6/4
7/4	8/4 UNSW Comp Entries Close Kids Club	9/4	10/4 3:45pm P&C Meetings	11/4	12/4 Donut Day Last Day of Term 1	13/4
	29/4 Staff Development Day	30/4 Staff Development Day	1/5 Students return for Term 2	2/5	3/5 Rugby Clinic—4/5 & 6M	4/5
5/5	6/5 Kids Club	6/5	8/5	9/5 Rugby Clinic — 4/5H	10/5 School Cross Country	11/5
12/5	13/5 Kids Club	14/5 NAPLAN	15/5 NAPLAN	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 Rugby Clinic 4/5H & 6M	18/5
19/5	20/5 Kids Club	21/5 UNSW Computer Skills Comp	22/5	23/5	24/5 Rugby Gala Day	25/5

This may be a planned holiday, attendance at a family function, or even some doctor's appointments. You may ask at the office for an exemption form, but they must be completed before the child is away.

FRUIT

Please remember to bring in a couple of pieces of fruit each week to share. There are fruit bowls in each classroom for collection of fruit.

Principal

Cathy Eddie.

ABORIGINAL STUDENT MEETING

In our weekly 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. We have also been talking about RESPECT, and the students needed to find out a symbol or picture, from their family, which represents Respect.

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.

NAIDOC PACKS

Once again the NAIDOC packs are ready to order. The items are: NAIDOC pack- \$2.50, Respect bands \$2.00, Beanie- \$3.00, Silicone wrist watch- \$3.50 and Polo shirts- \$8.50. Orders need to be in by 17th May, 2013. A sample pack has been ordered and will be sent out to the school soon.

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

The last meeting will be held Tuesday 9th April, 9.30am at school.

Trish Jones AEO

REMINDERS

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

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.

HEAD LICE

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

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.

POONCARIE FIELD DAY -SATURDAY MAY 4th

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Colouring Competition

Age Categories - Preschool, Kinder to Grade 2, Grades 3 - 6

Entry forms available at www.pooncariefieldday.com.au Entries to be received/delivered to Pooncarie Telecentre by Thursday 2nd

MayBoot Art Competition

Junior Category - under 16 (& Open Event)

Entries to be received by 10.00am on Saturday 4th May

Well Worn Bush Hat (no caps)

Junior Category - under 16 (& Open Event)

Entries on the day

Mothers Day Competition

Cup Cake Decorating - win a prize for Mum for Mother's day

Age Categories - Up to Grade 2, Grades 3 - 6

Entries to be received by 10.00am on Saturday 4th May

Whip Cracking

Age Categories - 10 & under, 11 -16yrs, open Entries on the day

Bush Photo Competition

Subject - My Pet

Age Categories - Under 10yrs, 11 -16yrs.

Entries to be received/delivered to Pooncarie Telecentre by Thursday 2nd May

Photos to be no larger than A5 size

*** Colouring, Boot Art, Photo & Mothers Day entries require name, age, class, school name or home address and contact phone number attached to each entry.**

www.pooncariefieldday.com.au

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)

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS

1. Some children are not handing their lunch order in the morning before school and then bringing their lunch order up at lunch time and expecting hot food. The canteen only prepared enough hot food for the amount ordered in the morning. In future the children who forget to put in their order will be given a sandwich
2. The only drinks available at recess time will be bottled water.

CANTEEN ROSTER

5 th April 2013	Mandy Bone	Kaye Hyde
12 th April 2013	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird

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

Wentworth Junior Soccer Team

When: Every Monday

Place: Wentworth Public School Oval

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Age Group: Between 8yrs to 17 yrs

Please come along and join up

**For Further information please contact: Aaron Taylor—Mallee Family Care
on 50277600 to register**

KH NEWS

Thanks to Easter we have another short week. I haven't sent home any homework but the students did bring home a new reader to share on Tuesday. It is called "Outside". A new homework activity will come home next Monday. Could you please make sure your child brings their homework bag to school on Monday?

Congratulations to our Student of the Week- Lucy Cullinan. The two students chosen for achievement certificates were Shauna Lawson and Riley Bride. We also started the first of many 25 night reading awards this week. They went to Lucy Cullinan and Ellie Vines. Keep up the great effort reading at home. I like to look at the reader journals on the Monday that homework is handed in.

Our Better Buddies program has been going really well. Some of the activities we have worked on with our Year 6 Better Buddies are Buddy cubes, powerpoint presentations on what I like, retelling story posters, school value posters and Easter craft. Next Term we will change the buddy combinations around to allow students to get to know some other people.

We will continue revising all sounds taught this term over the next week and consolidating our recognition of sight words covered. Next week your child will bring home their Brag book to share at home some of the fabulous learning that has occurred during the term. Please make the time to look through this book with your child, they are very proud of their achievements and it is nice to make a fuss. The Brag book needs to be returned the first day back for Term 2.

Have a great week,

Natalie

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Charli McCabe who was chosen by her classmates for her excellent active listening and always following our school values. This week Josh, Izzack and Kayden also received awards for trying hard, great writing and going straight to work.

Next Wednesday we have our cooking and gardening day. We will be in the garden from 9:45am until 10:30am. We will then be cooking from 10:30am until 11:30am. If any parents/ carers could help with the cooking that would be fantastic- Please let me know. Just a reminder that I have allocated some topics for news and this week it is **favourite sports**. Please try to prepare your child for this topic rather than bringing in toys. All of the parents and carers who I met with at goal setting interviews were given a slip of paper to fill in and return back to school to add to your child's goalfish- thank you to those who have already done so, if you need another slip please let me know.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

Hoppy Easter to everyone. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and pleasant long weekend.

Congratulations to Dylan Bagnall for being chosen as this week's Student of the Week! Well done also to Chloe and Nehemiah for receiving our class achievement awards.

After a week's rest from homework, we are back in the swing of things this week. I have been really impressed with the amount of students completing homework every week. Well done and keep it up!

With just 8 school days left until holidays, we are looking to end Term One off with a bang! With lots of fun activities planned, I am sure we will have a wonderful lead up to the autumn break.

Cheers,
Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing long weekend. All the children have come back relaxed and ready for the last 9 days of term.

A couple of reminders:

- Paint shirts need to be brought in ASAP.
- We also desperately need parent helpers for during our kitchen time on a Tuesday between 10.30-11.30. If you are able to help out, please let me know.

To ensure that children continue to make progress, it is important that reading is completed each night. A reader is sent home with the children, but extra reading is always a bonus!

Congratulations to Montana who was our Student of the Week for week 9, also well done to Skye and Hannah for receiving achievement awards.

I am taking off back to New Zealand on Friday and won't be back until Term 2. I hope you all have fantastic holidays and enjoy the last week of term.

Bridgit Milne

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

I hope everyone had a great extended weekend and Easter break. I certainly enjoyed camping with my family and friends on the river.

This Friday 4/5H and 6M have a river trip of our own. We are going fishing and taking water samples as part of our Murray Darling Basin project. Students will need to bring their fishing rods, tackle, recess, a drink and a hat. We will be out of the school until lunch.

Due to our fishing trip library day will be held on Thursday for 4/5H. Wednesday is our final video conference for T-Rex versus Naplan. The experience has been wonderful, with the students developing their knowledge of different ways of writing persuasive text.

Congratulations to Matthew Hancock who is our 'Student of the Week'. While Jameika, Bailey and Emma are all receiving class awards for following the school values and trying hard in all areas of classroom work.

Have a great week

Cheers Jen

SPECIAL YEAR 4/5H & 6M NEWS

A reminder that our first venture down to the river for the Murray Darling Basin Authority project will be on this **Friday April 5th**; departing school at 9:30am and returning at approximately 1:00pm.

We encourage students to bring in a fishing rod/line and bait to take part in the fishing section of the day; along with a picnic rug and their recess. They will not be back at school for a canteen recess order.

Thank You

Sandra Marziano & Jenny Halls

YEAR 6M

I hope you all had a restful four day weekend. Before the wee break the Year 6's made us very proud with their performance on the recorders last Wednesday in front of the U3A recorder guests. A special mention to Dexta, Mitch, Travis and Connor who played an extra private tune afterwards.

Last week's homework was due back yesterday and the students have taken home a new lot of homework that's due back next Tuesday, 9th April. No homework will be going home next week. Well done to those students to complete the weekly tasks and have a go at the mathematical problems.

Due to Friday's excursion, this week's spelling test will be held on Thursday.

Reminders:

Year 6 Canberra Excursion notes returned by Friday 5th April

Enter daily home reading data into diaries.

Happy fishing,

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: Shauna Lawson and Riley Bride.

1/2S: Josh Poth, Izzack Dannatt and Kayden Robinson.

2/3G: Chloe Nash and Nehemiah Spary.

3/4M: Skye Jones and Hannah Darby.

4/5H: Jameika Kennedy, Bailey Heywood and Emma Smith.

6M: Nell McKenzie and Jet Rodgers.

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Student of the Week

