

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

15th May 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

It was great to see so many families watching the cross country on Friday, as our children competed so enthusiastically. It was also wonderful to see the students who had finished, cheering on their classmates as they crossed the finish line. I look forward to the children continuing their training so they can compete at the Murray-Darling/Barrier carnival in 5 weeks time.

RAISED RESPONSIBILITY

Our focus this week is on getting to class on time. I have been really pleased to see so many students trying so hard to be cooperative and even taking it upon themselves to make informed decisions on their own. Keep up the great work!

REVIEW MEETINGS

There will be some interruptions to normal class routines this week, as teachers participate in special review meetings for some students. All classes will be covered during the meetings.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been completing their NAPLAN tests and I congratulate them on having a go at all activities. Tomorrow, they will be doing their numeracy tests and this will complete the process.

MAY/JUNE 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
12/5	13/5 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	14/5 NAPLAN	15/5 NAPLAN Book club Due back AASC P&C 7.00pm	16/5 NAPLAN AASC 3.45-4.45pm	17/5 Rugby Clinic 4/5H & 6M	18/5
19/5	20/5 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	21/5 UNSW Computer Skills Comp	22/5 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	23/5 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	24/5 Rugby Gala Day	25/5
26/5	27/5 National Sorry Day Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	28/5 Muckheap Excursion K-2 <i>Year 6 GRIP</i> <i>Leadership</i> <i>Conference</i>	29/5 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	30/5 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	31/5	1/6
2/6	3/6 Buddies2 Performance \$5 per child Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	4/6	5/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	6/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	7/6	8/6
9/6	10/6 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	11/6	12/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	13/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	14/6	15/6

P&C MEETING

I look forward to seeing you at this evening's meeting at 7:00pm.

Cathy Eddie

Principal.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

We had a great start to Active After School Sports this term, with lots of kids joining up to play rugby and golf! It is fantastic to see so many new faces in the program. For those who haven't yet joined up for this free after school skills coaching program, there are permission forms in the front office.

Please remember that the program runs on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45pm. If parents can please make sure that they are ready to pick their child up at 4:45pm, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Wednesday program focuses on both rugby and netball skills (alternate weeks for each sport) and the Thursday program will focus on golf.

Cheers,

Brian

"BUDDIES2" PERFORMANCE

On the 3rd June 2013 at 2.00pm Brainstorm Productions will be presenting "Buddies" an exciting adventure that gives clear strategies for maintaining friendships and being safe on the internet. In this adventure the characters learn to control themselves, express their feelings in a safe way, seek help, use kind words, listen, tell the truth and never give their details or talk to strangers online. Brainstorm Productions have won the NSW Performing Arts Frater Award—"Best Feedback from Schools" category for 10 consecutive Years.

Permission slip attached to this Newsletter.

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday we had our school Cross Country. We were very lucky to have such beautiful weather and all the children worked hard to compete in level D. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped hand out tickets at the finish line or directed competitors on the track. Attached are the results from the day. The top six students in each age group qualify for the MDPSSA Cross Country carnival. The next carnival is being hosted by Small Schools on the 14th June and is combined with the Barrier Cross Country Carnival. Notes will be going out at a later date when I have received further information about the event.

The students who have qualified are welcome to join me at the school oval every Monday and Thursday morning 9am for any extra training. The first session will be at 9am this Thursday 16th May.

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

A big thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets in the year 4/5H Mother's Day Raffle. It has been a very successful fundraiser for the class.

The winners of the raffle were:

1st Tania & Brian

2nd Tesha Young

3rd Michael McDermott

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.

FOR SALE

Blood Plum Jam in The Front Office—\$4

REMINDERS

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

School Banking—Wednesday Morning

CLASS LIBRARY SESSIONS

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

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

NUTBAN

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.

RAISED RESPONSIBILITY SYSTEM

The hierarchy has four levels (concepts). As with any hierarchy, the most advanced or highest level is placed at the top. **NOTE:** After the concepts have been taught, reference is made only to the LETTER. For example, the highest level is referred to as Level D.

LEVEL D - Democracy (highest level)

Develops self-discipline

Demonstrates **initiative**

Displays responsibility

Does good because it is the right thing to do

The motivation is INTERNAL.

The term "Democracy" is used because *democracy and responsibility are inseparable.*

Motivation at this level brings the most satisfaction and is the major contributor to healthy self-esteem.

LEVEL C - Cooperation/Conformity

Considerate

Cooperates

Complies

Conforms

The motivation is EXTERNAL.

Action at this level is often prompted by *motivation* to please others, receive a reward, or to avoid a negative consequence. Most of us live our lives at this level. A danger exists at this level, however, when the young conform and comply to peer influence that may not be in society's or in the person's best interests.

The difference between the two is in the **motivation**—rather than in the **behavior**. For example, a youngster is asked (Level C - *external motivation*) to pick up trash. However, if the person sees the trash and takes the *initiative* to pick it up **WITHOUT BEING ASKED**, the *motivation* would be Level D. The action of *disposing the trash is identical* in both C and D; the difference is in the

motivation. NOTE: Level C is expected. Level D is voluntary.

*The objective is for young people to reflect on their motivation:
EXternal vs. INternal.*

These two higher levels of *MOTIVATION* are BOTH acceptable.

The two lower levels of *BEHAVIOR* are NOT acceptable.

LEVEL B – Bullying/Bossing

Bosses others

Bothers others

Bullies others

Breaks laws and makes own standards

Must be bossed to behave

This level is characterized by a **lack of impulse control**, a lack of consideration for others, and by displaying inappropriate behaviors. When behaving at this level the young are sending the message, "Control us because we are not capable of controlling ourselves."

LEVEL A – Anarchy (lowest level)

Absence of order

Aimless and chaotic

Absence of government

This level is characterized by chaos, being out of control, or unsafe.

Anarchy is the fundamental enemy of civilization.

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 21st May, 2013.

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting on Monday 27th May, 1pm at the Crown.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY ASSEMBLY

The Assembly will be part of the normal Monday morning assembly on the 27th May.

Thankyou
Trish Jones AEO

SRC NEWS - STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER

The Stewart House bouncing balls are still being sold in the next few weeks for \$3.00 each.

**WDJFNC AUSKICK 2013
WENTWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB
AUSKICK WILL
COMMENCE WEDNESDAY THE 8th May 2013
4:30PM AT THE GEORGE GORDON OVAL DARETON
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT THE GROUND
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
SCOTT ON 0419 505 678 OR GLEN ON 0427 770 050**

Below is the Roster for this Term. If your name is in the Roster but the date is not suitable, or you are unavailable this Term, please contact Kellie Ricardi at kelliericardi@bigpond.com, or on 50278131. If your name is not on the list in the Roster and you'd like to assist in the canteen, please contact Kellie also. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

DONUT DAY WILL BE 28 JUNE 2013.

CANTEEN ROSTER— TERM 2 2013

17th May 2013	Larni Baird	Sheryl Brown
24th May 2013	Kellie Ricardi	
31st May 2013	Mandy Bone	Nelin Spary
7th June 2013	Fiona Cullinan	Rachel Watson
14th June 2013	Kelli Saunders	Amanda Trewin
21st June 2013	Donna Moylan	Kaye Hyde
28th June 2013	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird

We urgently need fruit for all classes for fruit break. Please if you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

KH NEWS

Last Wednesday I attended another training session for L3. L3 is the Language, Learning and Literacy program used in the Kindergarten room. L3 focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful readers and writers. It occurs as part of the daily literacy lesson within the Kindergarten classroom.

During the literacy session your child is taught in small groups of three. While each group is being given short, explicit lessons in reading and writing, the rest of the class complete carefully selected activities to extend their literacy learning. My next training session is at the end of the term.

This week's homework is made up of a language activity. It is important for your child to be involved in discussions that help their vocabulary and extend their ability to be able to describe objects. They may or may not need more prompting when working through the activity. You will need to write their responses for them. This is a talking/listening activity, not writing. The other sheet is a copy of the actions used for the Jolly Phonics program. This may be helpful for your reference when your child is trying to show you the sounds they have learned. They have also brought home the reader Does it rhyme? Please remember to return the homework next Monday, along with the reader journal. The reader journal is the little yellow book that you record the night's reading in.

Congratulations Michael McDermott, who is our Student of the Week this week. We also had Ryan Jolley and Saxon Wellard receive Achievement certificates. Well done!

Yesterday Jayne O'Shannessy (Early Intervention Dareton Health) and Kathy Stidwell (Speech Pathologist Robinvale Health) started implementing a Play based program into the Kinder classroom. This program will operate once a week and encourages the development of language and social skills. We are very thankful to Jayne and Kathy for setting aside the time to assist us.

Starting this Friday, the Kinder class will have a Practicum Teacher working with the class. Her name is Kylie Rainbow and we look forward to spending some time with her and getting to know her. Please remember to return the blue excursion permission form as soon as possible. \$10 is also required for this activity.

Have a great week,
Natalie

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Miss Dearman has been keeping the students very busy while Mrs Slade has been away. The students have completed some excellent work. Mrs Slade will return on Friday. In the meantime, the children need to continue to read at home!

Have a great week.

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

Congratulations to a class of champions, who tried their hardest at the cross country last Friday. It was wonderful to see all the hard work that has gone in to training, paying off.

Good luck to all of the Year 3 students who started their first NAPLAN assessments this week!! The Year 2 students are lucky enough to have extended buddy programs this week with the Year 4 students from 3/4M while NAPLAN is going on.

Year 3 students will not have homework sent home this week, so that they can rest their brains during this big week of assessments.

Well done to Mieke Dwyer for being chosen as our Student of the Week this week! Bravo also to Hamish, Jemma and Dylan W for being nominated to receive Achievement Awards this week for going out of their way to make somebody's day.

Cheers,
Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Naplan testing has begun this week. Our year 3's will be completing these beginning Tuesday, finishing up with Maths on Thursday. The students are encouraged to do their best with these. They take up a lot of energy, therefore the remainders of the testing days will be low key.

Good luck to all the students, I'm sure you will all give it your best shot.

Homework went home on Monday, please return this on Friday ready to be marked. A reminder that our library day is Thursday, so if you are wishing to borrow books please remember your library bag.

Congratulations to all those students who ran in the Cross Country last Friday. It was a beautiful day to be outside running, and all that hard training definitely paid off.

If you have any spare newspapers, old magazines or egg cartons lying around at home, we would love to have them.

Congratulations to Chanelle who was our Student of the Week, and well done to Tom S and Clare T for receiving achievement awards. We have been focussing really hard in 3-4M at working at Level D - hopefully we can continue the good work in the coming weeks.

Have a good week everyone.

Bridgit

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

This week year 3 and 5 students are sitting their Naplan Assessments, so during the remainder of each day we have been taking it easy and completing activities that do not require a lot of energy. Naplan certainly takes a lot of concentration. We will finish off with Mathematics on Thursday. I am very proud of all of the children for having a go and doing their very best.

Homework will begin next week with spelling, times tables and reading being the focus. A big reminder that Friday is library day and that is when students select books for their nightly reading. Please ensure students have a library bag with them so they are able to borrow.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Mother's Day raffle and to those who sold tickets. We raised a good amount of money and now if we can have a successful Father's Day raffle our fundraising efforts will be complete.

Congratulations to Bailey Heywood who is our Student of the Week and to Bronte Rix and Thomas Baird for being selected to receive our class awards.

Have a great week

Cheers Jenny

SPECIAL YEAR 4/5H & 6M NEWS

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, our second venture down to the river for the Murray Darling Basin Authority project will be on Friday May 31st. We are again incorporating the 'Get Hooked It's Fun to Fish' program.

Please feel free to join us for the event. Everyone had a fantastic time last term.

YEAR 6M

Congratulations to all who tried their hardest at last Friday's cross country.

It is extremely important that by Year 6 students have started to have some organisation skills in preparation for all the requirements that are expected of them at high school. Therefore please encourage and ensure your child completes and returns the weekly homework, reads and records daily reading data and practises weekly spelling lists.

On Tuesday the 21st May Coomealla High School will be holding a Year 6 Parent Information Evening. It starts at 6:30pm with a BBQ and will feature tours of the school and meeting the teachers.

A few reminders:

Please return the GRIP Leadership Conference in Mildura permission

- note if you haven't already.
- Art Smock
- Fruit for Crunch & Sip
- Homework Due Friday
- Spelling Test Friday

Ciao

Sandra Marziano



YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

21st MAY 2013

- ◆ BBQ from 6PM
- ◆ School Tour
- ◆ Meet Coomie Staff

Coomealla High School welcomes parents and family members to visit our school. You will discover how we provide our students with a secondary education that allows all to achieve to their potential. We recognise the importance of the first year of high school, as students plan for academic success and build lifelong friendships.

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Ryan Jolley & Saxon Wellard

1/2S: Izzack Dannatt, Ben Follett & Joshua Poth

2/3G: Dylan Wellard & Hamish Baird

3/4M: 4/5H: Thomas Baird & Bronte Rix

6M: Kiara Kneebone & Dexta Watson-Kiely

Special Principal Mention:

Congratulations to a all of the Year 1/2S students for working so well whilst Mrs Slade is away.

Music Awards

Jackson McDermott & Sarah Watters-Behsmann

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Student of the Week

