

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

22nd May 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

NAPLAN

I would like to congratulate all of the Year 3 and Year 5 students who took part in the Naplan test last week. I thank you all for your cooperation and efforts. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who ensured the testing went so smoothly.

EXCURSIONS

Over the next few weeks, classes are involved in several excursions and incursions! We are also taking children to the Mildura eisteddfod. These are costly exercises, but important opportunities for your children to participate in some wonderful educational experiences. Please try to send in payment for these activities promptly, or if you need assistance, contact the school.

I would like to acknowledge the P&C who have pledged support to offset the costs of some of these buses to ensure costs are kept to an affordable level. Thank you for your support!

RAISED RESPONSIBILITY

This week, our focus is on "being ready to learn". Class teachers are checking that children are showing they are ready by coming into class and settling quickly, showing active listening and using their manners.

Cathy Eddie
Principal.

MAY/JUNE 2013

| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wed | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
|------|--|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| 19/5 | 20/5 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm | 21/5 UNSW Computer Skills Comp | 22/5 | 23/5 | 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 Leadership 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 Yr 4/5H & 6M Excursion | 8/6 |
| 9/6 | 10/6 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm | 11/6 | 12/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm Book Club due | 13/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm | 14/6 | 15/6 |
| 16/6 | 17/6 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm | 18/6 | 19/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm | 20/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm | 21/6 | 22/6 |

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

There will be **NO** Active After School Sports this week.

Active After School Sports will be back on next week (week 5) with Rugby on Wednesday and Golf on Thursday.

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.

BOOK CLUB

The new book club booklets went home today and any orders are due back by Wednesday 12th June.

SPORTS NEWS

Next week the whole school is starting the NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often!

Over a ten week period (last five weeks of this term and first five weeks in Term 3), all classes will be monitoring physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What we do outside school hours will also count towards to the Challenge awards. Each student will be issued with a Challenge log card to record their physical activity. Each student completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of New South Wales. Good luck everybody!

Our School Cross Country medallions and ribbons will be handed out at next Monday morning's assembly. A reminder that all combined Barrier/MDPSSA Cross Country notes need to be returned by this Friday with the \$3 bus money.

Best of luck to our Year 5 and 6 students who are attending the Rugby League Gala day this Friday.

Jordana Shields

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.

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.

FRUIT BREAK

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

HEAD LICE INFESTATIONS

Are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. About 23% of primary students have had head lice at any one time

Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is.

- Head lice move from one person's head to another via hair.
- Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- Head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

TREATMENT

Daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

TIPS FOR PARENTS IN REDUCING THE SPREAD OF HEAD LICE

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- Regularly check your children's hair,
- Teach older children to check their own hair,
- Tie back and braid long hair

Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR SCHOOL

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.

Wentworth Public School Cross Country Results

2013

| Age | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 8/9 | Girls | Chanelle Ricardi | Chloe Nash | Jemma Clifford | Olivia Baird | Amelia Paech | Jane Cullinan |
| | Boys | Dylan Wellard | Hamish Baird | Drew Thompson | Heath Jones | Bailey Heywood | Thomas Stokes |
| 10 | Girls | Piper Nash | Montana Norris | Summer Halls | Karly Russell | Clare Temby | Olivia Hopfner |
| | Boys | Jake Irrgang | Jaxon McInnes | Dean Bone | Matthew Hancock | Tyrone Jones | Thomas Baird |
| 11 | Girls | Bronte Rix | Murphy Baird | Jameika Kennedy | Amber Thompson | Chloe Trewin | Alannah Wellard |
| | Boys | Zachary Hyde | Joshua Versteppen | Jackson McDermott | | | |
| 12/ 13 | Girls | Shyann Wellard | Amber Shaw | Chloe Hyde | Shanae Webb | Jade Andrews | |
| | Boys | Caleb Dannatt | Aden Taylor -Tate | Connor McKay | Travis Witte | Mitchell Bysouth | Dexta Watson -Kiely |

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**

CANTEEN NEWS - URGENT:

We have lost a number of Canteen Helpers in the last 12 months due to them either commencing full-time employment or leaving the School.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF MORE CANTEEN ASSISTANTS.

Whether you are a Parent, Grandparent or Carer and could spare just one Friday a Term from 8:45am - 2:30pm, your help in the Canteen would be greatly appreciated. We will roster you on with an experienced Canteen Assistant, so you don't need to be nervous! Please consider helping.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 2 2013

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 24th May 2013 | Kellie Ricardi | |
| 31st May 2013 | Donna Moylan | Nelin Spary |
| 7th June 2013 | Kathryn Baird | Brenda |
| 14th June 2013 | Kelli Saunders | Amanda Trewin |
| 21st June 2013 | Donna Moylan | Kaye Hyde |
| 28th June 2013 | Kathryn Baird | Amber Baird |

The 2nd DONUT DAY for TERM 2 will be on 28th June 2013

KH NEWS

This week the student's decided that Michael should get another week at 'Student of the Week' due to his absence last week from illness. They felt that he could have a turn with this week's chosen student-Ryan Jolley. The two students chosen for Achievement Certificates were Hugh and Janay. Congratulations to all of these children.

Please remember that we will be going on our Mildura Art Centre excursion next Tuesday. Students need to bring a cut lunch and snack in a disposable bag that is clearly labelled. They will also need a water bottle.

This week we have learned the sound 'f'. During the next week we will be covering 'b' and then looking at the 'ai' blend. Every day students are involved in activities that help them learn the sounds taught this year and practice writing them. It is important that they also spend some time learning them at home. We also spend time saying words slowly and recording the sounds heard. When asking the students what they hear it is important to emphasise what can you hear at the Beginning? Middle? End? On Tuesday mornings we are fortunate to have a Speech Pathology student work with the students on their phonemic awareness.

During maths we are continuing to practice counting to 30 and backwards from 20. The students will be involved in placing numbers on a number line, playing number bingo and musical numbers. Every day we have some time to practice writing numbers and answering problem solving questions such as; I have 3 teddies in one hand and 4 in the other hand, how many altogether?

Have a great week,
Natalie

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Kurt Trewin who was chosen by his classmates for his excellent active listening, care and respect for his playground and for generally being awesome. Congratulations to Jacob and Angus who were also star students while I was away.

A note went home about our excursion next Tuesday 28th of May into Mildura for the "Muckheap" performance. Please get those notes and money in as soon as possible. Please remember a packed recess and lunch in a disposable bag and clearly labelled water bottle. It should be a fabulous day out for the children.

Homework went out again yesterday, my apologies for the delay. It is due back next Friday the 31st of May so you have two weeks to complete it- please do not rush. These spelling lists are a part of our topic for the first $\frac{1}{2}$ of this term "workers in our community". Your child is to complete the activities the best they can and if they require more work they can do any activity to help learn the words on the list such as, writing the list out daily, turning the words into rainbows, scrambling the letters, type each word and change the colour size and font etc.

Please remember to bring in fruit and veg for our fruit break each day and please look in our lost property box in our classroom for hats and jumpers.

Our goal setting fish are on their way home this week to remind parents and carers of our goal for your child, please display these where they can be seen each day and discuss it with your child. Turning the sight word list I gave you into card games is a great way to practice these sight words at home. By the end of the year, I hope your child will say and spell all the words from this word list given to each family in term 1.

Have a great week, Trish Slade.

YEAR 2/3G NEWS

Well done to all the Year 3 students who completed their first round of NAPLAN assessments last week! Now that that is done, they don't have to worry about another exam for two whole years!!!

Congratulations to Liv Baird for being chosen as this week's student of the week. Well done also to Briley, Jemma and Amelia for being nominated to receive our class's achievement awards.

I will be away on Thursday and Friday this week, as I am attending a Professional Development course up in Broken Hill. The replacing teacher will still collect homework on Friday.

Now that the colder weather is upon us, can everyone please make sure that their jumpers and trackies are clearly labelled. We have already had a few perplexing moments trying to work out who the owners of the mysteriously abandoned green jumpers are.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Miss Milne will be away on Thursday and Friday this week, she will be attending a Professional Development course in Broken Hill.

Keep up the good reading at home and Miss Milne will see you again next week.

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome to a wet cold Wednesday. Today the class had the pleasure of Willy Hannah's company. As part of an extension activity some of the students are interviewing Willy so they can write a book about him and his role in the community. The whole class certainly enjoyed listening to his stories.

We also had a great art lesson with local artist Steve Hederics. The class will have 2 more lessons with Steve as part of our local history, local artists unit of work. The students used charcoal to create a face and learn about the effects of light and dark when creating a piece of art.

Library will this week be on Thursday due to the Rugby Gala Day on being held on Friday.

Congratulations to Jaxon and Dean on being selected by the class to receive our class awards and to Chloe Trewin for being our 'Student of the Week'

Have a great week

Cheers Jenny

SPECIAL YEAR 4/5H & 6M NEWS

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances our second venture down to the river for the Murray Darling Basin Authority project is being postponed to the following **Friday, the 7th June**. We are again incorporating the 'Get Hooked It's Fun to Fish' program.

YEAR 6M NEWS

We welcome to our class Mrs Stacey Byrnes who is completing her third year teaching practicum in the Year 6 room. The students have made her feel very welcomed.

Tomorrow Year 4/5H and 6M will meet via video conferencing with Dr Katherine Cheshire who is our MDBA Basin Champions mentor. It will be a great opportunity for the students to inform her of how they are travelling with the project and where to access extra assistance.

Both classes yesterday were also lucky enough to take place in one of three artist sessions with Steve Hendrics. We wish to thank Mrs Halls for organising this great experience.

Please ensure your child is at school by **8:25am next Tuesday 28th May** to depart at 8:30am by bus for the GRIP Leadership Conference in Mildura. It is essential that they pack enough food and water for the whole day. We won't be returning to school until around 3:00pm.

They will also need to have plenty of water for this Friday's Rugby Gala Day which is being held at McLeod Oval. (No school canteen orders to be placed this Friday.)

Coomealla High School SRC are organising a Next Step Social and are inviting the Year 6's from around the district to attend as a step towards their transition to secondary education. This is being held on Thursday 20th June at 7pm. More information regarding the social will be in future newsletter.

A few reminders:

- Homework Due Friday
- Spelling Test Thursday due to Rugby Gala Day
- Please return the Rugby Gala Day notes if you haven't already.
- Art Smock
- Fruit for Crunch & Sip

Ciao

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Hugh Temby & Janay Kneebone

1/2S: Libby Saunders & Zac Pearce

2/3G: Amelia Paech, Briley Etrich & Mieke Dwyer

**3/4M: Alex Mitchell, Sarah Watters-Behsmann &
Laurel Andrews**

4/5H: Dean Bone & Jaxon McInnes

6M: Travis Witte & Adam Edwards

Special Principal Mention:

Fantastic effort by Kinder H for being ready for class at the end of every break.. They are leading the way for other classes.

Music Awards

Joshua Verstappen & Matthew Hancock

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Student of the Week

