

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

29th May 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SORRY DAY ASSEMBLY

I would like to commend Kiara and Jet on the way they presented our special assembly on Monday. They did a fantastic job in presenting information about this issue and the importance of reconciliation. Well done!

OUR FLAG STAND

Thanks to Vince, we have a special stand for our three flags in the assembly hall. Vince has done a great job of utilising some wood from our school oval to fashion the stand and it is the start of some ideas that we have for developing our hall displays.

ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN

It has been pleasing to see most children arriving at school on time. It is also important that children remain at school for the whole day if possible. While we understand that, on occasion, it is unavoidable and children may have to leave early, we appreciate it when they are at school for the whole day.

We also ask that parents remain in the playground area when collecting children in the afternoon, rather than waiting on the walkway. This can be very distracting for your child during packing up time. We do welcome all parents and carers to visit our classrooms, so please feel free to arrange some time to assist in your child's class.

MAY/JUNE 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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 Buddy Day—wear purple.	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
23/6	24/6 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	25/6	26/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	27/6 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	28/6	29/6

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

All teachers are currently working on reports for your children. These will be distributed at the start of Term 3 and will provide a basis for our second semester goal setting interviews. Children in years K-2 will receive a comprehensive report on their literacy and numeracy as well as a general comment for other Key Learning Areas. This is a trial and we will be seeking parent feedback on whether it is helpful information about your child. Year 3-5 reports will not change at this time.

PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

I will be attending a meeting in White Cliffs over the next 2 days. As Mrs Hopcroft is on leave also, Miss Marziano will be acting Principal during my absence.

BARRIER AFL STATE CARNIVAL

Thinking of Caleb Dannatt who is playing with the Barrier AFL Club this week. Good Luck!

Cathy Eddie
Principal

"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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The awesome Active After School Sports program is back again this week. Rugby League is happening today and Golf coaching will be taking place tomorrow (Thursday). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Just a reminder also, that program finishes at 4:45pm, please make sure you are ready to pick up your child at that time!

Cheers,

Brian

NATIONAL BUDDIES DAY

In earlier edition of the school newsletter, Mrs Hopcroft mentioned the Better Buddies Program. The Better Buddies Program was introduced 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. Their mascot is a purple beanie bear, which all students in Kinder and Year 6 who took part in the program took home last term.

As an extension to this program, a National Buddies Day is being held on 7th June, but we at Wentworth will be celebrating it on Thursday 6th June. Every class will be conducting different activities with their buddy class. **We encourage students to wear purple that day.** The Year 6's are very excited about working with their Kinder buddies during the Kitchen Garden Program. Please read your child's classes item in the upcoming week with details of their buddy events.

BOOK CLUB

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Central Council of St Vincent de Paul Society Wilcannia Forbes, is for the second year offering a Tuition Scholarship to a student from Year 6 to attend Red Bend Catholic College Forbes for the term of their High School schooling, Years 7 to 12. The Scholarship will cover the tuition costs only.

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.

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.

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.

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 COMMENCED 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

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

The Kindergarten class had a fantastic day yesterday at the 'Muckheap' performance. Thank you for allowing and paying for your child to attend.

The homework I have sent home this week is based on the performance and is set for the next three weeks. I hope it is something that is a bit of fun to complete.

I am going to be on leave this Thursday and Friday and next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The class will be covered by Mrs Farnsworth this week and Mr Baird next week. I look forward to finding out what adventures the students have when I return. I need to give a big thank you to Cynthia Vines this week, who has assisted all students to make something for the Wentworth Show later in the year. Cynthia has also been clever enough to make a display stand for the work to sit on. Thanks very much Cynthia for your help.

I would also like to thank Mrs Cheryl Vines for making a school uniform for the class teddy bear. The bear's name is Wenty Bear and he is in the process of visiting some families and getting photos taken of his adventures. We will then send him to a school in Sydney to show them what happens in the country. The Sydney school will send us their own class bear and show us what he has been doing in the city.

Congratulations to Noel who is our 'Student of the Week this week'. Also we congratulate Olive and Ellie for being chosen for 'Achievement Certificates'.

Next Thursday 6th June we will be joining the Year 6 class for a session of gardening and cooking. This is to help promote National Buddy day. Any parent helpers that wish to participate will be most welcome. Students are encouraged to wear purple clothing on this day.

If any students have fire helmets in their dress up collections we need to borrow them for our play session next Tuesday afternoon. Have a great week,
Natalie

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to our star student for this week Izzack Dannatt who was chosen by his classmates for his excellent D behaviour and always helping the teachers and his peers. Congratulations also to Kayden and Kaleb who received merit awards this week.

Our "Muckheap" performance was absolutely fabulous, everyone really enjoyed themselves and our students were D and C students who represented our school really well. There is a production coming to our school next Monday for all of K-6 to enjoy.

Homework is due back this Friday the 31st of May and new homework will go out next Monday 3rd June. 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.

This Friday we are very sad to say farewell to Charli McCabe and her family. We are having a little class party in our room on Friday afternoon at 3pm. Please send in a small item to share with the class, keeping in mind the nut ban at our school, as we have students with severe nut allergies.

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

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2/3G NEWS

Congratulations to Hamish Baird for being chosen as this week's student of the week. Well done also to Olivia and Drew for being nominated to receive our class's achievement awards.

Yesterday we participated in an excursion to the Mildura Arts Centre to see the 'Muckland' performance. We will be following up this performance with lessons targeting several of the key messages from the play regarding caring for the environment.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

After being away for the majority of last week, I have come back to school and it has been really pleasing to see all the children ready to learn and get back into our usual classroom routines.

We are now finished with our topic maths, (where we were learning about shape) and are moving onto learning new addition and subtraction strategies. This week we will also be looking at the History of Wentworth. As I am from 'over the ditch', any information/resources etc that anyone has would be greatly appreciated.

Our homework goes home on a Monday, and needs to be returned to school on a Friday. It is important that children are completing this as it assists with their growth in learning. A reminder that if you are bringing in a pet for morning programme, please check with me for times before doing so.

Any old newspapers that you have lying around at home would be very useful in our classroom so please send them in.

Congratulations to Tobias who was our Student of the Week last week, and also to Jesse and Claire who both received achievement awards.

Have a great week everyone,
Bridgit.

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

Welcome to this cold, chilly week. A big thank you to all the students who attended the Rugby Gala Day last week, as they all represented themselves well. They showed great sportsmanship and I believe had a great time.

Library this week will be held on Friday as normal. Please encourage your children to engage in reading and into becoming regular borrowers. Both Mrs Farley and I have been reading with students and are impressed by the growth that some students have displayed. As they say 'Good Readers, Read'.

Next week on Monday students will be taking part in a performance at the school called 'Buddies2' and will then have another art lesson on Tuesday with local artist Steve Hederics.

A reminder that homework is due on a Friday if possible as it allows me time to mark the work over the weekend.

Congratulations to Emma Smith, Kirra-Lee Bride and Jackson McDermott for receiving the class awards this week and to Karly Elliott for being selected '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

Congratulations to all the Year 6 who took part in the GRIP Leadership Conference yesterday in Mildura. They represented our school wonderfully.

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, 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 from 7 - 10pm. Those students wishing to attend will need a ticket to enter the disco, therefore it is important that the attached slip is returned by Monday, 10th June.

Coomealla High have also invited the Year 6 class to take part in their NAIDOC celebrations on Wednesday 12th June. Although the date does clash with Eisteddfod, we are working out how to have those students participating in the Eisteddfod attend Coomealla High after their performance and take part in the remainder of the NAIDOC activities. More information regarding this will be attached to next weeks newsletter.

As part of the National Buddies Day, Year 6 are inviting their Kinder buddies to join them down in the garden, followed by the kitchen to complete a session together on the 6th June. If you are able to assist, please come along. Remember to wear something purple on the day.

A few reminders:

- Homework Due Friday
- Spelling Test Friday
- Please return the Coomealla Social note if attending.
- Art Smock
- Fruit for Crunch & Sip

Ciao

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Olive Watson-Kiely & Ellie Vines

1/2S: Kayden Robinson & Kaleb Bride

2/3G: Drew Thompson & Olivia Baird

3/4M: Jesse Crisp & Claire Follett

4/5H: Jackson McDermott, Kirra-Lee Bride & Emma Smith

**6M: Shyann Wellard, Kiiara Kneebone & Team 3 The Queens
(Rugby)**

Music Awards

Darling Street Wentworth

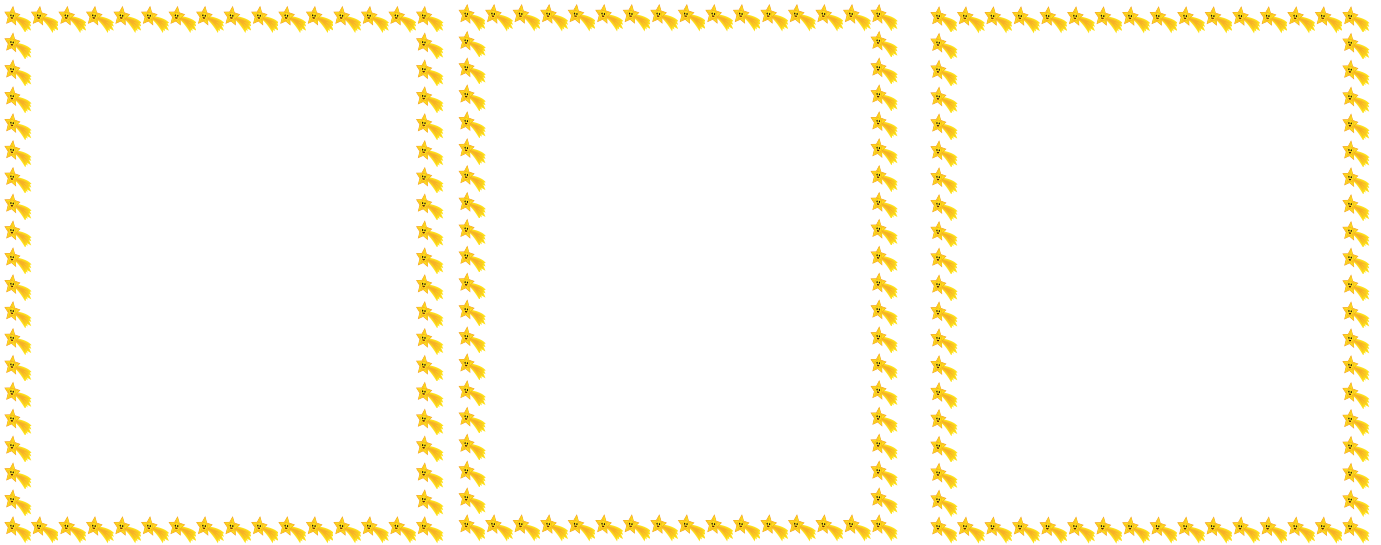
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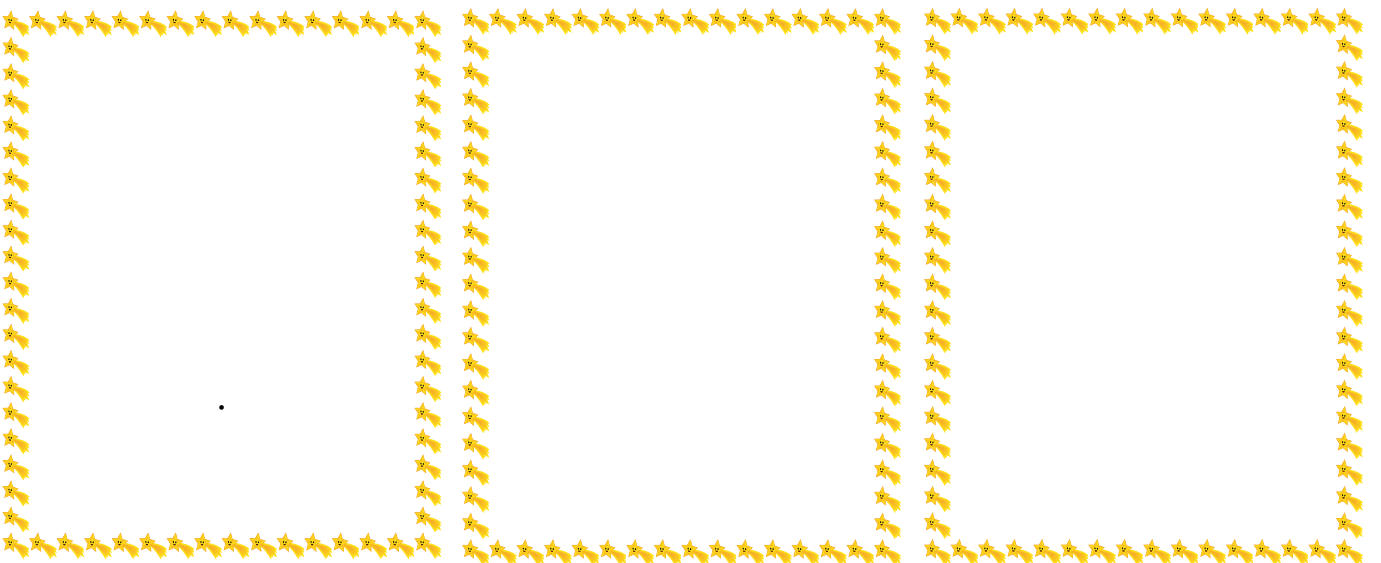
Student of the Week



Noel Doidge

Izzack Dannatt

Hamish Baird



Tobias

Karly Elliott

Murphy Baird

Watson-Kiely