

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

8th May 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We hope you all have a wonderful day on Sunday, whatever you may be doing! This year, because of the cross country, we are not having a special breakfast at school. We have decided to have a special breakfast in July, half way between mother's day and father's day as a special family day event. We will have more details of this at a later date.

EISTEDDFOD

We have many students practising for their items in the Mildura Eisteddfod. Our recorder groups are sounding great and we will be organising our dance group shortly. Students who would like to participate in the dance group should see Trish Jones as soon as possible.

STAFFING

Mrs Slade is currently taking some leave. We are lucky to have Miss Kristy Dearman taking 1/2S during her absence.

We will also be hosting two pre-service teachers in the coming weeks. Mrs Stacey Byrnes will be working with Year 6, commencing next Monday and Miss Kylie Rainbow will be working with Kindergarten from next Friday.

RAISED RESPONSIBILITY

I have been very pleased with the efforts of our children in working positively to develop a strong understanding of our behaviour levels. Mrs Hopcroft has included some further information for parents later in this newsletter. There are also web links for you to explore the parenting side of our welfare

MAY/JUNE 2013

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
5/5	6/5 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	6/5	8/5 AASC 3.45-4.45pm	9/5 Rugby Clinic 4/5H AASC	10/5 School Cross Country	11/5
12/5	13/5 Kids Club 3.30-5.00pm	14/5 NAPLAN	15/5 NAPLAN Book club Due back AASC	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 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	8/6

strategies. Please take the time to read the article and, if you can, have a look at the website.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN testing next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This test is just one tool that is used to assist teachers in providing for your child's needs at school. We ask that children arrive at school on time and try to ensure they are well rested! Some changes to our school routines will have to occur to accommodate testing, but we will try to keep disruption to a minimum.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

CROSS COUNTRY

The students are excited about the cross country this Friday. Each class has been training hard for this event. All students will need to at school by **9.25am** as once rolls are marked they will be walking down to the McLeod Oval, Wentworth. Students will begin walking the track at **10am**. All age groups will be finishing at the McLeod Oval. The program of events will be as follows:

- Infants 1 km
- 8/9 year old Boys and Girls 2km
- 10 year old Boys and Girls 2km
- 11 year old Boys and Girls 3km
- 12/13 year old Boys and Girls 3km

All the students in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 will receive a ribbon to acknowledge their achievement. It is important that all children wear appropriate running shoes, a hat and bring a water bottle with their name clearly labelled. Permission forms went out in last week's newsletter. Please sign and return by tomorrow.

I have a number of parents who have said they can assist on the day. Miss Marziano will be at the finish line and will grab any wonderful volunteers to hand out the raffle tickets at the finish line. Thank you for your support. Jordana Shields

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.

The school will send a letter home to parents when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

group activities as far as possible.

BOOK CLUB is due back by next Wednesday 15th May.

SRC NEWS - STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Each year 1,800 public school children go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. Each year we are lucky enough to send two students from Wentworth Public to Stewart House in Sydney. During their stay, children are presented with a balanced health and educational program and out of school activities to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations.

Starting tomorrow SRC students will be selling Stewart House High Bounce Handballs for \$3.00 each. This will continue for the next few weeks. These popular High Bounce Handballs are perfect for fun in the playground while supporting Stewart House at the same time.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Active Afters begins today, with rugby and netball being conducted on Wednesday afternoons and Golf on Thursdays (3:45pm - 4:45pm). It was great to see all the kids that joined toward the end of last term and I look forward to another great term of after school fun!

Cheers,

Brian

RAISED RESPONSIBILITY SYSTEM

Over the next few weeks I will be placing small articles of information in the newsletter explaining the Raised Responsibility System and how it is used at our school.

Please ask any questions to help clarify meaning and take the opportunity to discuss the information with your family. All students went through some workshops last week to help develop their understanding of what the system is about.

The following information comes from the website Cath mentioned in last week's newsletter.

<http://www.marvinmarshall.com/the-raise-responsibility-system/>

The discipline system is called the ***Raise Responsibility System*** because it promotes responsible behavior—as opposed to promoting obedience.

Obedience does not promote desire. However, when you promote responsibility, you receive obedience as a natural by-product.

Phase I of the discipline system refers to ***teaching*** four concepts of the ***Hierarchy of Social Development***. Being *proactive* by teaching these concepts *before* discipline problems occur is the foundation of the discipline system because it *establishes expectations at the outset*.

Phase II, *Checking for Understanding (asking)*, is used when a student creates a discipline problem or demonstrates irresponsible behavior, poor impulse control, or victimhood thinking. Teaching the *Hierarchy of Social Development* and then *Checking for Understanding* handles the vast majority of discipline problems.

Phase III, *Guided Choices (eliciting)*, is employed if irresponsible behaviors or discipline problems continue. When people identify their chosen level on the *Hierarchy of Social Development* and you have prompted them to reflect by *Checking for Understanding*, **eliciting a consequence or procedure** resolves the problem and eliminates future similar discipline occurrences.

Next week I will explain the Hierarchy of Social Development further.

Kind Regards,

Natalie Hopcroft

Assistant Principal

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

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.

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

The little Geckos Playgroup is going mobile please contact Maralea, Kylie or Sabana at Mallee Family Care, phone 50277600 for more information.

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

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.

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 DAYS WILL BE THIS FRIDAY 10 MAY AND 28 JUNE 2013.

CANTEEN ROSTER— TERM 2 2013

3rd May 2013	Kellie Ricardi	Kelli Saunders
10th May 2013	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
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

KH NEWS

This week's 'Student of the Week' was awarded to Jacob. The two students that were nominated for achievement certificates were Mavis and Zandi. The Kindergarten class enjoyed working with the Year 6 students last Friday and learning more about our school's Raised Responsibility System. We thank the Year 6 class and Miss Marzie for organising and running the workshops and helping us understanding more about the levels of behaviour and what extrinsic and intrinsic rewards mean.

A permission note is attached to this newsletter for our excursion to the Mildura Art Centre on May 28th. Please return as soon as possible with payment of \$10.

This term our library borrowing has changed to Thursdays. Please send along a bag for borrowing library books on Thursdays.

This week we continue to learn about graphs and telling the time in maths. We have completed a science experiment using food colouring and celery. The sight words we have covered are for, this and went. We have made giraffes, octopus and hungry caterpillar necklaces. The students really enjoyed working with some playdough that was coloured in autumn colours and smelt nice. An activity that has been particularly popular this week is copying the names of friends and matching names with photo cards.

Homework came home on Monday. It contained a math worksheet, I spy with my little eye activity and a reader based on the Mrs Wishy Washy story. Homework is given on a Monday and due the following Monday. I also like to look at reader journals on Mondays and check who is ready for reading certificates.

All Kinder students will be involved in the cross country on Friday. We will be running 1km. Thankfully we have been in training for this event and should find the actual run a breeze! Students will be encouraged to take a water bottle with them. Please make sure they have one at school and it is labelled.

Please make sure your child is at school every day, unless they are

KH NEWS CONT...

unwell. Attendance at school, especially during this first year at school is vital. Every day counts!

The roster and topics for news is located on the noticeboard on the verandah.

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to you all.

Have a great week,

Natalie

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Readers will be going out as usual this week. We are looking forward to the Cross Country on Friday.

Have a great week,

Kristy Dearman

YEAR 2-3G NEWS

What a great start back to the term! I have been really impressed with how eager everyone has been to get back to learning. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Meike, who joined our class this week.

Congratulations to Jemma Clifford for being chosen as our Student of the Week. Awesome work Heath, Drew and Jasmine also, for being chosen to receive this week's Achievement Awards.

NAPLAN will start next week with Writing and Language Conventions happening on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. To help students prepare we will be continuing to revise strategies and techniques for approaching the different tests.

The homework program has started again, with work being sent home on Monday. Please remember that homework is collected on Friday mornings.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. It has been great to get back into things again, and it's great to see that all the children have come back ready to learn and are focussing hard on working at Level D.

Homework went out this week, spelling will begin next week. Please ensure that this comes back on a Friday for marking. Morning programme items have also changed for this term, so be sure to check them out.

Our Library day for this term is Thursday. Kitchen Garden day is still on a Tuesday. If you are able to help out in the Kitchen from 10.30am -11.30am on Tuesdays, please let me know.

We have been busy training for our Cross Country this Friday. Hopefully we will see you all there cheering on our runners. If you have not already brought back in your permission slip, please do so ASAP.

A big welcome to Sherri who has joined 3-4M this term. Congratulations to Jesse who is our Student of the Week and also to Sherri, Tobias and Lyle who all received achievement awards for getting off to such a great start to Term 2.

Enjoy your week everyone.

Thanks,
Bridgit

YEAR 4/5H NEWS

A big thank you to the people who have donated items for our Mother's Day raffle, there is still time to donate appropriate items. The tickets that the children took home from school on Friday are due back at school this Friday prior to cross country. The winners will be drawn during recess at the completion of the cross country.

In Year 4/5 children are allowed to read books of their choice. At this level students do not have readers as such; however I have noticed a few students are not filling in their diaries nor reading at home. I would like to encourage you to check that your children are reading nightly and recording this in their diaries. Our homework load is minimal and therefore reading should be completed.

This week the students have voted for new SRC representatives. I would like to congratulate Zac Hyde and Olivia Hopfner on their new roles and thank Josh and Bronte for a wonderful job representing the class last Term.

Well done to Jake Irrgang who is our 'Student of the Week' and to Karly Elliot and Taj O'Brien for being selected to receive the class awards.

Cheers Jen

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Year 4/5H are selling raffle tickets for a Mother's Day hamper. The tickets are 50cents each and can be purchased from any Year 5 student, the office or at the oval prior to the cross country on Friday. The raffle will be drawn at recess on Friday after the cross country.

SPECIAL YEAR 4/5H & 6M NEWS

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.

Just like the previous time, we will be leaving school at 9:30am and returning at approximately 1:00pm. In conjunction with taking samples from the Darling River behind the Wentworth Services Club, we will also be setting up for part of the day near the wharf.

We encourage students to bring in a fishing rod/line and tackle 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.

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

YEAR 6M

Last Thursday all of the Year 3 to 6 students combined to participate in a Raised Responsibility refresher workshop. From this the Year 6 organised and ran a number of workshops for the Kinders to Year 2 students the following day. Well done Year 6 for demonstrating great leadership and how intrinsically rewarding it is to assist others without receiving a physical reward.

The students have been busy trying to improve their personal best with their cross country training. A reminder this is being held this Friday. Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle and asthma medication if required to take down to the cross country. It's recommended that if possible the 3km runners carry a bottle of water with them on the day. The forecast predicts around 27–29°C on the day.

A few reminders:

- Please return the following notes if they haven't been already-
 - 1.School Cross Country
 - 2.GRIP Leadership Conference in Mildura
- Art Smock
- Fruit for Crunch & Sip
- Homework Due Friday

Due to Cross Country the spelling test is tomorrow.

Hope to see you down at the Cross Country and wishing all mum's a Happy Mother's Day,

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder H: Zandi Elliott & Mavis Clark

1/2S: Tamzin Elliott & Charli McCabe

2/3G: Heath Jones, Drew Thompson & Jasmine McDermott

3/4M: Lyle Thorne, Tabias Watson-Kiely & Sherri Elliott

4/5H: Taj O'Brien & Karly Elliott

6M: Dominik Robinson & Shyann Wellard

Principal's Awards

Year 6M

Music Awards

Zac Hyde & Shanae Webb

Darling Street Wentworth

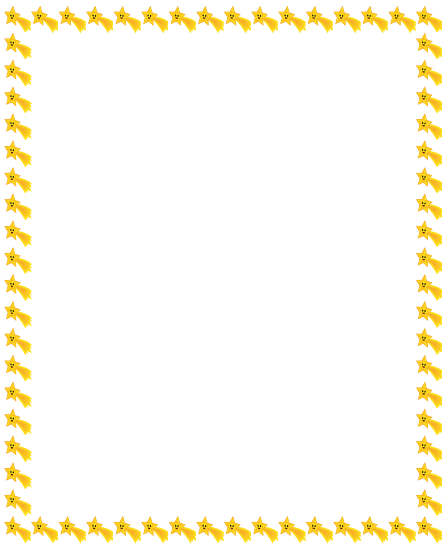
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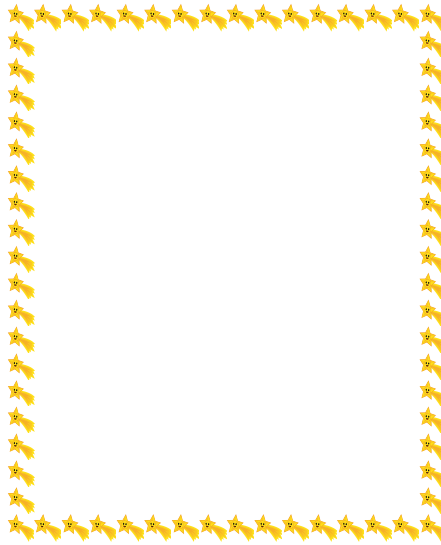
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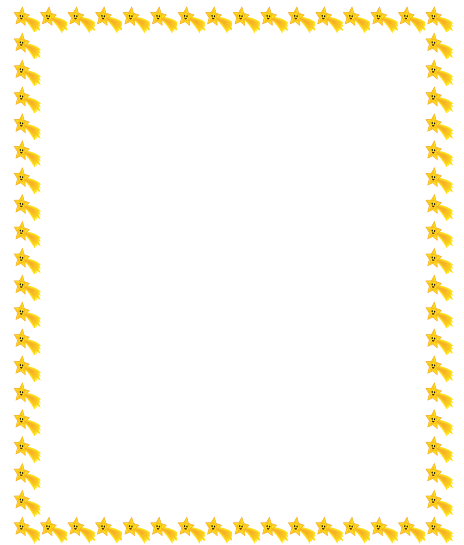
Student of the Week



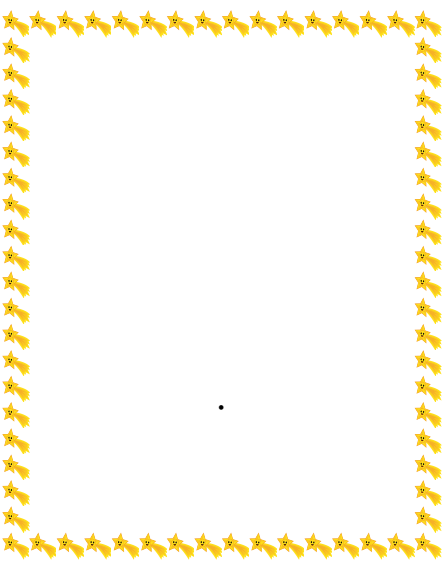
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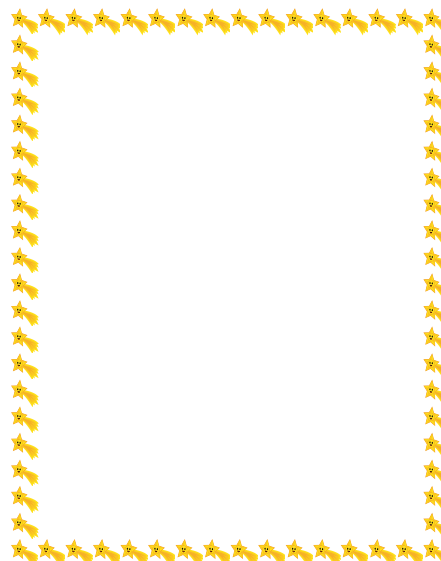
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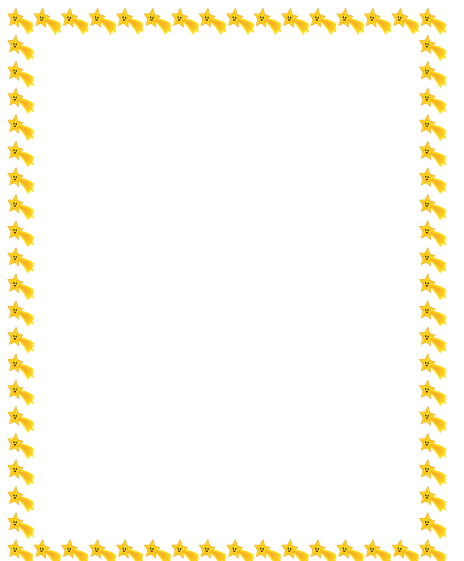
Jemma Clifford



Jesse Crisp



Jake Irrgang



Nell McKenzie