

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

14th August 2013



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

EVERY STUDENT, WENTWORTH SCHOOL.

A message from our teaching staff.

We thank all of the parents and community members who attended the information session last Wednesday evening. We congratulate you on your commitment to the education of your children and the values of public education. We know that one of the best predictors of student outcomes is parental involvement. Your interest is a sound indicator of the strength of our school community. It is important that all community members feel that their opinions are heard and responded to.

We are very pleased to announce that the school has secured \$30000 in transition funding under the "National Partnership - Every Student, Every School" initiative to allow for further opportunities for professional learning, extra support for students who require additional help to access the curriculum and to allow opportunities to develop policies, programs and plans to support all students in our school community.

This supports the National Disability Standards act. This will include collaboration with the school community. Let's work together to improve the learning and social outcomes for all students at Wentworth Public School!

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Monday	Tues-	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				15/8 Oral Health Survey AASC	16/8	17/8
18/8	19/8 Kids Club 3:30pm- 5pm	20/8	21/8 AASC	22/8 MD PSSA Aths Carnival AASC	23/8 Daffodil Day	24/8 <i>Wenty Show</i>
25/8 <i>Wenty Show</i>	26/8 Kids Club 3:30pm- 5pm	27/8	28/8 AASC	29/8 AASC	30/8 Barrier Aths Carnival	31/8
1/9	2/9 Bookclub Due Kids Club 3:30pm-5pm	3/9	4/9 AASC	5/9 AASC	6/9	7/9 Federal Election
8/9	9/9 Kids Club 3:30pm-5pm	10/9	11/9 AASC	12/9 AASC School Concert	13/9	14/9
15/9 Camberra Excursion commences	16/9 Kids Club 3:30pm-5pm	17/9	18/9 Mungo Excursion Year 4/5	19/9 Mungo Excursion Year 4/5	20/9 Mungo Excursion Year 4/5 Term 3 ends	21/9

MURDOCH CHILDRENS RESEARCH INSTITUTE—STEP-A-THON FOR KIDS

One of our students—Dylan Wellard is participating the Step-a-thon in September to raise funds for the Murdochs Children's Research Institute who do research to help solve the biggest health problems affecting kids today.

If you would like to make a donation to the Step-a-thon we are collecting money in the school office to assist Dylan.

WENTWORTH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wentworth Athletics Age Champion Medallions will be presented on Monday at the Assembly.

WENTWORTH SHOW SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST 2013

We are singing the National Anthem at the Wentworth Show opening on Saturday, 24th August.

We would like to see as many children there as possible. Children are to meet me at the stage at 2.10pm. Uniform is not necessary. Please let me know if you are coming.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

WENTWORTH SHOW CHOIR

Name _____ will be there.

Signed _____.

SRC NEWS

To celebrate Daffodil Day on Friday 23rd August, SRC have organised a yellow theme day. Students can come to school dressed in appropriate yellow clothing and then a disco will be run at lunch time in the hall with a gold coin donation being raised for cancer awareness.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 6 of book club went home today. Any orders are to be returned by the 2nd of September. Thank you .

COMPLETE LEARNING INITIATIVE—HUGE SAVINGS OF EDALIVE SOFTWARE BUNDLES

EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI)

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from \$19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child.

We have distributed the CLI leaflets to school families. Please return your orders to the school by Friday 30th August, 2013

CANTEEN NEWS

URGENT: WE NEED YOU!

As you would all be aware, Canteen was cancelled last week due to the lack of parents/carers coming forward to offer assistance in the Canteen. We have an amazing group of Canteen Assistants now, but they can't do it alone. We need more parents/carers/grandparents coming forward to offer assistance. We do not expect you to assist more than once per term - that is only 4 Fridays a year, from 8:45am - 2:30pm.

We will roster you on with an experienced Canteen Assistant, so you don't need to be nervous! If you have difficulties counting money don't let that deter you from offering Assistance, as this is only a small part of the role of Canteen Assistant - and a Grade 6 student comes in every morning to assist with that. You can concentrate on food preparation instead. Grade 6 students also assist with order distribution and the handing out of Icy poles at lunchtime.

There is a step-by-step guide on everything you're required to do in the Canteen which is not difficult to follow, so while the idea of working in the Canteen may be a little daunting - after your first time assisting you will realise that it is not difficult.

We are flexible with the Roster, so if you have a preferred date to assist, we can work around that with the Roster. Likewise, if there's someone you'd prefer to work with at the Canteen, we can work around that with the Roster too.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE MORE VOLUNTEERS COMING FORWARD TO OFFER ASSISTANCE, WE MAY HAVE TO LOOK AT SCHEDULING CANTEEN ONLY ONCE PER FORTNIGHT.

Funds raised by Canteen directly benefit your children at the School. Halving Canteen dates will halve the funds raised by P&C for the benefit of your children.

PLEASE HELP!

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2013.

16 th August 2013	Mandy Bone	Nelin Spary
23 rd August 2013	Kellie Ricardi	Kellie Ricardi
30 th August 2013	Larni Baird	Kaye Hyde
6 th September 2013	Amanda Trewin	Kelli Saunders
13 th September 2013	Sheryl Brown	Fiona Cullinan
20 th September 2013	Kathryn Baird	Amber Baird

The next Donut Day for Term 3 will be 20th September.

KITCHEN GARDEN FEES—YEARS 3-6

\$15 per Term (Term 2, 3 & 4)

SCHOOL FEES

Fees are for the whole year so if you paid them already please disregard this reminder

\$20 per child per year or for a family of 3 or more \$50.

KITCHEN GARDEN

Vince would like 1.25 and 2 litre recyclable soft drink bottles. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off at the front office. Thank you.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Vince has established strawberry plants in pots for sale they are \$1.50 each. If interested please contact the office on: 50273146.

P and C NEWS

BINGO

We are in need of helpers for Bingo on a Thursday each week from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Please, if you can help out let the school know and they can pass your name on. Bingo is a great fundraiser for the year and it would be sad if we lost it through lack of helpers.

Tammy.

P & C President.

LIBRARY

The Term 3 borrowing times are:

Tuesday - 2/3G and 4/5H

Wednesday - Kinder and 1/2S

Thursday - 3/4M

Friday - 6M

BOOKS4SCHOOLS

We have been sent this promotion where the school can win \$5000 (worth a try)

To be in with a chance to win simply;

1. Visit books4schools.com.au
2. Click on register to win and enter your details

The more people that register the more chance we have to win.

WHK MILDURA JUNIOR HEAT TRYOUTS @ THE TOYOTA HOTHOUSE

Saturday August 24th, 31st and Saturday September 7th

Under 12 & Under 14 Boys & Girls 1pm-3pm

Under 16 & Under 18 Boys & Girls 3pm-5pm

More details available on 50232241

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.

KH NEWS

The Kindergarten class were thrilled to receive 'Buster' the teddy from West Pennant Hills Primary School in Sydney last week. I have heard that 'Wenty' Bear also safely made it to their school. Buster will be taking turns visiting each child's home and hopefully you and your child will be able to write some sentences about what he does while staying with you and if possible include a photo or picture of him doing the activities.

This week we congratulate Allan Mitchell who was chosen as 'Student of the Week'.

Due to my absence last week homework only came home on Monday. It will still be due this Friday.

This week we have continued to explore the topic of Space. We are also still looking at addition in maths. During writing sessions the focus will be on making sure the writing looks good on the page. This includes how mistakes are corrected, letter formation and size, as well as the care taken with the page as a whole.

Please keep in mind the request to hear some reading in the mornings before school starts. The aim is to have all students reading 4-5 familiar books a day. If we can get one done before school each day this is an achievable target. You do not have to be available on a regular basis just whenever you can fit it in. This is greatly appreciated.

Our class will be visiting the town library next Wednesday 21st August. We will be going with our Year 6 buddies. I am also hoping to arrange a visit to Murray House while we are there as well. Please return the permission note attached to this newsletter as soon as possible. There is no cost for this excursion.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft

YEAR 1-2S NEWS

Congratulations to Zac Pearce who is our star student for this week for trying very hard to complete his work and staying in level D and to Haylee and Kaleb who received merit awards for respecting others and doing some awesome work.

We will be working on our show craft again on Thursday and Friday after lunch. Parents/ carers who are able to come in and help please let me know. All help gratefully accepted. Thank you to Brett and Kelli for helping out last Friday, it was really appreciated.

Our concert practice is happening each day and note with details about the costumes we will need to collect or make will come out on Monday.

Let's keep up the great work with home reading and please send the home readers in each day. Home work will go out next Monday, please return books this week. Students are receiving a token for each fruit they bring in for our fruit break, so keep sending in fruit and veges.

Well done to all of my lovely class who try hard to do the best they can do, and thank you for the support I receive from every parent/ carer in my classroom. I know that we are working to do the very best we can together for your child. Wentworth is a fantastic school and we have so many fantastic achievements to celebrate. Together we can make a difference for each and every child.

Have a great week,

Trish Slade.

YEAR 2/3G NEWS

Congratulations to Jayden Miller for being nominated as this week's Student of the Week. Amelia, Dylan B and Dylan W have also done a great job last week creating positive learning environments in class and have been recognised by the class in our Achievement Awards.

Thank you very much to Mrs Vines and Mrs Baird for coming in to class and helping us complete our Wenty Show items. Thank you also to all of the helpers who have come in for our kitchen and garden program on Fridays. It has been wonderful to have so many families coming in and enjoying our class atmosphere together! If you are interested in assisting with gardening or cooking on a Friday, the times are 9:45 - 10:30 in the garden and 10:30 - 11:30 in the kitchen.

Cheers,

Brian

YEAR 3/4M NEWS

Well, we are now well underway with our dance practice for the concert! Remember if you get a chance, squeeze in some extra practice at home!

Those who have not already brought in their costume, please do so ASAP.

Congratulations to our Student of the Week who was Tom Stokes for having a go at all his work. Also congratulations to Lyle, Callan and Tom S who all received achievement awards.

Keep up the fantastic work with Morning Programme and homework - I just love listening to all the exciting things you bring in to share!

This term we are learning different strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. Please encourage your child to practice their skip counting at home any spare minute they may get.

We still need parents/grandparents to help out in the kitchen each Tuesday from 10.30-11.30. If you are able to help out, please let me know.

Later in the term, we will be making rockets out of recycled materials. If you have any boxes or useful materials for rocket making lying around at home, we would love to have them.

Have a great week everyone!

Bridgit Milne

YEAR 6M NEWS

What a terrific opportunity Year 6 had last Friday connecting up with Space Center Houston- NASA Museum via video conferencing and learning more about our Solar System. This was followed by viewing Mrs Eddie's NASA photos taken at the Kennedy Space Centre during her trip last year. The class have been lucky enough to participate in a number of VC's throughout the year and will continue to do so; therefore please discuss with your child what they have seen, heard and learnt from these VC's.

This Friday we will be linking up with the Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch. Author Dawn Meredith will be talking about her books and writing. Her latest book is about the Australian hero, Donald Bradman. They will be listening to a discussion on the shortlisted books for 2013 Children's Book Council Book of the Year for Younger Readers. The VC ends with the announcement of the CBCA judges' list of winning and honour books.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the final cost for this years Canberra excursion is \$580, final payment required by Friday 6th September. Attached are final payment amounts as from 9.8.13. Also attached is a note listing items required and extra information regarding the excursion.

Reminders:

- Canberra Medical and zoo forms that were attached to last week's newsletter are to be completed and returned to school by this Friday 16th August.
- Antarctic Special VC 19th August - Two guest speakers, Jen McGhee who has spent the past five summers and a full year at Antarctic stations remote camps. She has visited all Australian Antarctic stations also the US station at McMurdo and the NZ Scott Base. Also Jock McGhee who has spent two years at the Wilkes and Mawson Stations.

Ciao,

Sandra Marziano

REMINDERS

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

School Banking—Wednesday Morning

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.

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.

***** * Achievement Certificates * *****

* Kinder H: Zandi Elliott & Michael McDermott *

* 1/2S: Kaleb Bride & Haylee Darby *

* 2/3G: Amelia Paech, Dylan Wellard & Dylan Bagnall *

* 3/4M: Lyle Thorne, Callan McInnes & Thomas Stokes *

* 4/5H: Bronte Rix & Josh Vertappen *

* 6M: Murphy Baird & Mitch Bysouth *

Principal Awards

* Briley Etrich, Claire Follett,, Murphy Baird, Adam Edwards, *

* Travis Witte, Jade Andrews, Connor McKay & Amber Shaw *

Music Award

* Claire Follett & Brianna Bagnall *

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Student of the Week

