



Newsletter for 8th October 2014

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### CANBERRA EXCURSION

### TERM 4 BEGINS

Thankfully there were only a few scrapes and breaks on students upon return after the holidays (we won't mention the fractured arm on a certain student!).

It was lovely to have an extra day on Monday thanks to the NSW Public Holiday.

We have welcomed two new families to our school this term. Natasha is in Year 4, Shanay in Year 3 and Kye in Year 2. Thank you for joining our great school.

### CAMPS

Both camps were a great success last term. Thanks Mr Gray for chaperoning the Year 6 students to Canberra and Miss Marzie and Mrs Halls for organising and taking the 4/5 students to Swan Hill. Also thanks to Bec Bysouth, Anthony Baird and Craig Russell for helping out on the Swan Hill Trip.

# October 2014

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	Public Holiday in NSW	7/10 Term 4 commences For Staff & Students	8/10	9/10	10/10	11/10
12/10	13/10	14/10 Active After School Sports recommences 3:45-4:45pm	15/10	16/10	17/10	18/10
19/10	20/10	21/10 Whole School Excursion to Nindethana Station Active After School Sports 3:45-4:45pm	22/10	23/10	24/10 Camp quality Puppet Show	25/10
26/10	27/10	28/10 Active After School Sports 3:45-4:45pm	29/10	30/10	31/10	1/11

## This Week's Newsletter

### Attachments

- Receipts
- Drug Education Talk Permission note Yrs 3-6
- 2015 Kindergarten Information evening assistance Yr 5
- Coomealla High School Newsletter Yr 6

## Graduate Profile

When I leave Wentworth Public School, I want to love to learn new things and be able to complete reading, writing and numeracy tasks confidently. I want to be respectful of myself and others and have good communication skills.

## **SCHOOL PLANNING**

Following our work last term evaluating current school practice and future directions we have established some clear programs that we need to continue in our school including music, kitchen/garden, art workshops, literacy groups, lunch time activities and community involvement/volunteer program. Another area that was highly commended was the partnerships between home and school. This has been a focus area for our school following evaluations at the end of last year and it is pleasing to see this is now in the positive. Areas that were identified as needing future focus included the playground (more equipment), maths groupings, Aboriginal Education (including art, dance, history, food, language).

We will now look at putting these areas into 3 Strategic Directions as outlined by the Department of Education. This will then be our point of reference for the school community.

## **HUNTER'S HILL TEACHER VISIT**

Next week we will be hosting two beginning teachers from Hunter's Hill Public School in Sydney. This is another component to our sister school alliance and will provide professional learning opportunities not only for the Sydney teachers but also for staff at Wentworth.

Thanks to Miss Marzie for assisting in the organisation of this experience.

## **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

The program will start for Term 4 next Tuesday at 3.45pm and finish at 4.45pm. Later in the term the program will move to the Wentworth Pool for some swimming activities.

If you want your child to take part and they are new to the program enrolment forms are available from the office.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft

Principal

## **ONLINE SAFETY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at 4pm, Wentworth Public School are offering to Parents, Grandparents and Carers the opportunity to take part in an information session about online safety.

The presentation goes for around 1 hour and has been developed by the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia. The session aims to develop your basic knowledge of youth online safety and is completely free of charge.

I hope to see you there.

### **NEW UNIFORM ITEM**

We have available to order a new item for girls. This is an A line sports skirt with short (can be worn every day). They will cost \$15. Samples sizes are available to try on. An order will be placed on the last day of each month.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **HEAD LICE**

Check your child's hair regularly.

#### **NUT BAN**

No nuts or nut products at school

#### **STUDENT BANKING**

Bendigo Bank Student Banking on Wednesday morning.

#### **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)**

\$15 per term

#### **UNIFORMS— HATS**

Hats and Uniform items available from the office.

#### **KITCHEN GARDEN**

Vince would like some corrugated iron sheets to extend the chook house, so if anyone has any that you could donate to the school could you please

contact the office, Thank you.

## DONUT DAY THIS FRIDAY

### CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4, 2014

<b>10th October</b>	Kathryn Baird	
17th October	Kelli Saunders	Kaye Hyde
24th October	Shannon Mitchell	Sheryl Brown
31st October	Nelin Spary	Mandy Bone
7th November	Cherie Milner	Kathryn Baird
14th November	Donna Follet	Beryl
21st November	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
28th November	Kelli Saunders	Amanda Trewin
5th December	Fiona Cullinan	Cheryl Vines
<b>12th December</b>	Kathryn Baird	Kylie Heywood

***\* Donut Days for Term 4 will be on the 10th October and 12th December***

If you are unavailable to do canteen on your rostered day, please call me as soon as possible. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the canteen, if you can spare one Friday a Term, please give me a call, text or email.

Thanks, Kathryn

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Wentworth Public School

Early Learning Group and Information Evening

*\*For families wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten at Wentworth Public School in 2015.*

There will be an Information evening, with tea provided, tours of the school, greet and meet staff, games with Year 5 buddies and question time on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 starting at 6pm.

Early Learning Group will start the following day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 9am-11am in the Kindergarten room. This fabulous program will run for the remainder of Term 4.

*This is a great way for your child to get familiar with school and the teacher they will have next year. They only need to bring a hat and water bottle. Morning tea will be provided for the first few weeks.*

*Please contact the school and let us know you are coming.*

*You can ring us on 50273146 or email [wentworth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wentworth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)*

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Ms Byrnes-Kinder teacher and some of our 2014 Kinder students



P&C Catering 18th October 2014

Every year P&C cater for the Royal Flying Doctor Rowathon, this is a major fundraiser for us and profits over \$1500. This year it falls on the **18<sup>th</sup> of October**. We would love to hear from you if you could assist on the day with setting up, cleaning up or making of yummy slices/ cakes, before hand and deliver on the day, every little bit helps. We also need donations of oranges and eggs. Please contact Becky Bysouth if you can help on 0428273009.

**YEAR K/1/2B**

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed the break and are refreshed and ready to start the new term.

Our literacy groups continue this term on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Home readers need to be brought to school on these days to be changed. On alternate Mondays this term K/1/2B and 1/2S will be attending Kitchen Garden. We will be looking for volunteers to assist us on these days so if you are able to spare us an hour or two it would be much appreciated.

Our maths focus this week is 'patterns and algebra'; students will be recognising and describing, and also creating and continuing patterns with numbers, shapes, pictures, objects and colours.

Our COG's unit for term four is Our Place/Local Places; students will be observing and exploring their relationship with different environments in the local area and understanding that our environment needs to be safe, appreciated, respected and cared for.

Homework will begin in Week two. This will be in the same format as last term. Library borrowing is on Thursdays, and music lessons are on Fridays.

I will be taking the Early Learning Group on Friday mornings commencing in week 2. Mrs Garraway will take the class while these sessions run.

Please call in to see me either before or after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Keep on smiling.

Leanne Byrnes

**YEAR 1/2S NEWS**

Welcome back for Term 4! It is hard to believe how quick this year is flying by.

This term the infant classes are participating in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Program. 1/2S will be starting this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October with gardening at 10am and cooking at 10.30am. 1/2S will continue to have cooking and gardening on the Mondays falling on the even weeks of this term eg. Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8. We are looking for any volunteers who can come along and help out the children. Please contact the school if you are available to assist.

Homework will start going out next Monday. If your child has not already handed their homework book in can you please encourage them to do so?

Literacy groups started yesterday and readers will continue to go out on the following days for each literacy group:

*Scooby Doo and Hulk - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday*

*Harry Potter and The Lone Ranger - Tuesday and Thursday*

It was great to see so many children keep up with the reading over the holidays. Well done!!

Hope you all have a lovely week.

Jordana Shields

### **YEAR 3/4H NEWS**

Welcome back to the first week of the final term for this year. I hope everyone had a wonderful break, I certainly did. It is great to see the warmer weather creeping back.

Students who wish to borrow from the library are welcome to do so on a Thursday as students visit the library in their literacy groups. I have sent home overdue notices from the library with some students today. If there are any questions about these notices please contact me.

This term in Mathematics we will be focusing heavily on times tables along with other strands including position, volume and capacity and mass.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Cheers

Jenny Halls

### **YEAR 3/4/5M NEWS**

Fourth term already! Where has the year gone? This term will once again be a busy one. We will be travelling to Nindethana Station for a whole school shared experience, Mrs Farley has a guest speaker coming to discuss with the students drug education, the Year 5's will be assisting with the Early Learning Group and this is all happening at the start of the term.

Please make sure you keep checking the newsletter for any important information which is relevant for your child.

Take Care,

Sandra Marziano

### **SPECIAL YEAR 4/5 CAMP NEWS**

We wish to thank Bec Bysouth, Craig Russell and Anthony Baird who assisted with the Year 4/5 Swan Hill Camp. The students had a wonderful time and represented our school beautifully. It was great to hear the positive feedback we received regarding the students mannerism.

Jenny Halls & Sandra Marziano

### **SPECIAL YEAR 5 NEWS**

Please find attached to all Year 5 students' newsletter a note regarding the 2015 Kindergarten Information Evening Assistance. As next years school leaders, it is important that this years Year 5 students get to know our future Kinders. A starting point being the Early Learning Group program. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, a special information evening is being held for these Kinders families; and Year 5's are being asked to attend and assist. Please read, complete and return the attached form by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

For art this term the students will use a great deal of wool. If you have any spare wool, can you please send it in throughout the next couple of weeks?

Thank You

Sandra Marziano



## 5/6G News

Welcome back to term 4 everyone. I hope that you all had safe and enjoyable holidays! Term 4 is a busy time in the 5/6 room; with Year 6's getting ready for high school and Year 5's getting ready to be school leaders next year. Information regarding this period of transition will be sent home shortly.

Well done to all of the Year 6 students who did such a wonderful job representing the school in our nation's capital. It was an absolute pleasure to take the students to Canberra and we all thoroughly enjoyed this valuable learning experience. If you would like a copy of the photos that were taken while on the excursion, please send in a thumb drive with more than 2GB of space on it.

Cheers,

Brian

### Purpose Statement

Wentworth Public School prepares our students for a successful future by providing quality educational opportunities for all, which encourage life-long learning. We emphasize strong reading, writing and maths skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.

**Achievement Certificates: Wearing their school uniforms with pride!**

**Kinder/1/2B: Lavina Dodd & Zac Donohue**

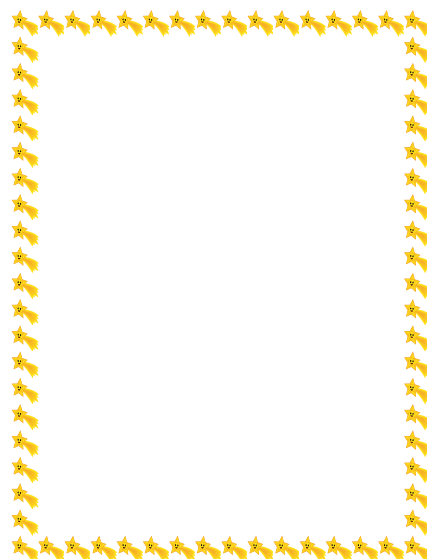
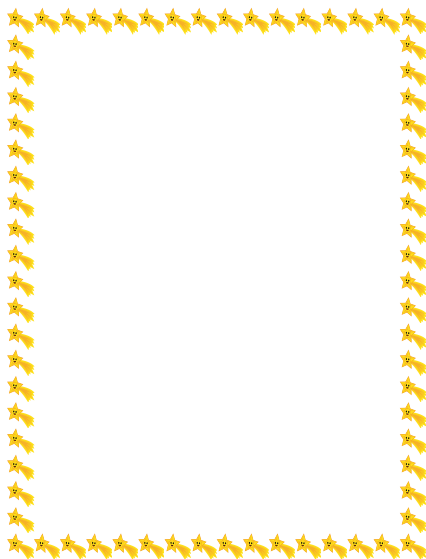
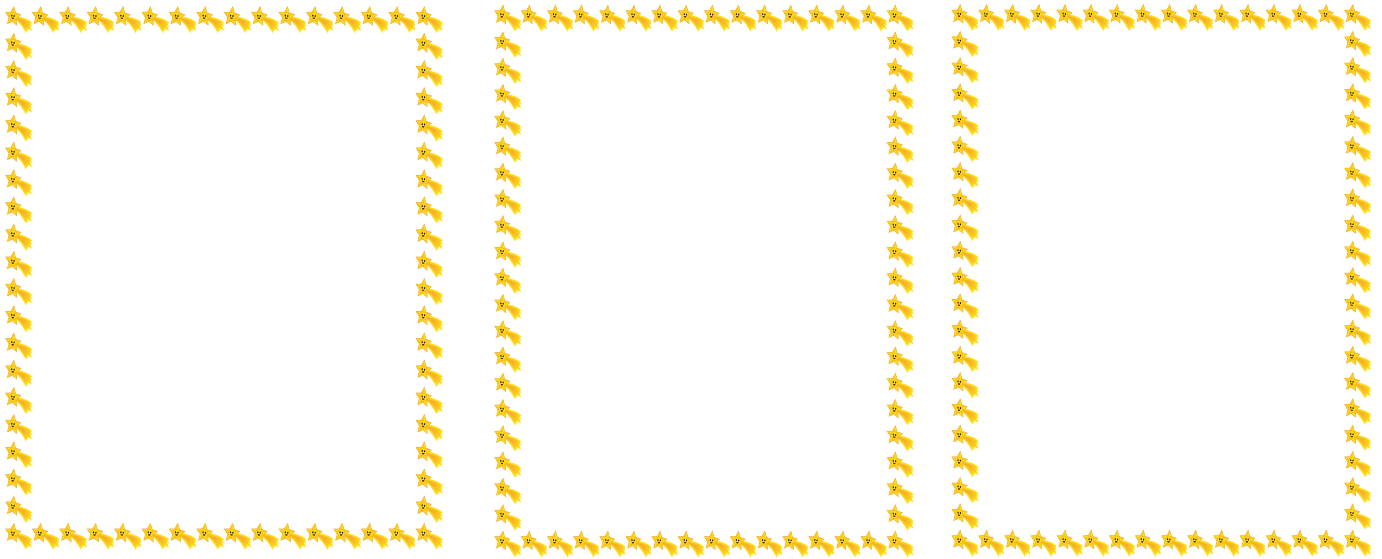
**1/2S: Libby Saunders & Ryan Jolley**

**3/4H: The whole class**

**3/4/5M: Tobias Watson-Kiely, Bailey Heywood & Dylan Wolstenholme**

**5/6G: Sarah Watters-Behsmann**

## Student of the Week for Week 10 Term 3



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