



Newsletter for 19th February 2014

## **YEAR 3-6 ENJOYING THE HOCKEY ROADSHOW CLINICS**

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# ***FEBURARY/MARCH 2014***

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sat</b>
16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2 Primary Swimming	20/2 Last day for Bookclub orders and money	21/2 School Swimming Carnival 10am	22/2
23/2	24/2	25/2 Family Fun Night — Wentworth Pool	26/2	27/2	28/2 MDPSSA Swimming Carnival - Dareton	1/3
2/3	3/3	4/3 Y3-6 Footy & Netball Clinic 12:40-2pm	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3
9/3	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3 Barrier Swimming Carnival (Night)	14/3 Barrier Trials	15/3
16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3 School Photos	20/3 9:30 Philip Green— Aboriginal Survival Tech Performance	21/3	22/3

## **PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

### **GETTING ALONG**

This week, classes have been investigating the concept of "Tolerance". Discussions have been really positive and the students have produced some excellent work to support their understanding. Our class awards at Monday's assembly will recognize children who have demonstrated this in their classrooms.

In the coming week, our focus is on "Building Self Esteem and Setting Goals". The children will participate in activities and reflect on their goals for our three way interviews. These are scheduled for the coming weeks.

### **SCHOOL TIMES**

At our P&C meeting last Wednesday, the proposed changes were accepted on a trial basis. Please note that recess and lunch breaks will change from Monday.

Our morning session run from 9:25am until 11:50am, including a fruit break at 9:50am. This will be followed by our long lunch break, which will end at 12:40pm. The middle session will end at 2:00pm and our short recess will then run until 2:25pm, with the afternoon session as normal.

I am sure that our students will adjust to this fairly quickly.

### **FRUIT BREAK**

Thank you to all families who have contributed fruit this week. The children have had a great variety. Please keep sending along a small amount each week for the children to share.

### **HELPING HANDS**

All classes appreciate parents and community members supporting the school by helping in some way. We need helpers in the kitchen garden, supporting reading, covering library books and helping in the canteen. Please consider helping us out!

## **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

Our program started yesterday and will run one day per week during first semester. This will be Tuesdays from 3:45pm - 4:45pm. We have been fortunate to secure the services of Angela Morvell as our community coach. Children must be registered to participate and forms are available at the school office, so please register as soon as possible.

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This year, we will be having a daytime swimming carnival on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**, commencing at 10:00am. We will have a BBQ lunch available, with sausages and rissoles in bread available for \$2 each. The children will be able to purchase items from the kiosk at the pool during recess and lunch breaks.

Because of the length of the day, it has been decided that our Kindergarten students will come to school first and join the carnival at recess time, walking to the pool at 11:00am. They will join the rest of the school for recess, then participate in their infant events. After the lunch break, they will return to school.

## **FAMILY FUN POOL PARTY**

This event will be held on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February** from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at the Wentworth Pool. Families are invited to come along and have a social get together, with some fun activities and novelty events for everyone. A BBQ tea will be available at a cost and the pool entry will be \$2 per person or \$6 per family. There will also be a raffle held and drawn on the night. All children need to be accompanied by parents or caregivers and the children will remain their responsibility throughout the evening. Come in summer fancy dress and take the opportunity to chat with staff members in an informal and fun setting. An invitation with RSVP was sent home last Thursday. Please let us know if you are coming to assist with catering.

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING**

It is wonderful to see the progress of all of our students in their swimming. Congratulations to Miss Shields for her organization and to our instructors, Patrick, Anita and Alison for ensuring the program ran so well.

## **CLOTHES!!**

Please make sure your child's hat and other clothing items are clearly labeled. Refresh the writing regularly so that lost items can be returned to their owners.

## **STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

We will be continuing this program for primary students this year. It will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and we are asking for volunteers to ensure the program runs correctly. If you can help, please contact Jodie or your child's teacher to find out which day they will be participating. Looking forward to seeing you in our kitchen and garden!

## **ASSEMBLIES**

Our school assembly will be held at 9:30am next Monday morning. See you there!

## **CHOIR AND RECORDER**

We have many children who have indicated that they would like to participate in our musical performance in Wentworth for the Art Festival on **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Please return permission notes as soon as possible, as our time frame is really tight!

## **HELPERS PLEASE!**

We have some students and teachers visiting our school from Hunters Hill Public School on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**. They will be flying into Mildura at 2:30pm on the Monday afternoon. I would like to be able to provide them with a welcome at the airport and transport out to Wentworth, where they will be staying at the Junction Motel. There are 8 students and 3 teachers. If you would be able to assist with transport on the day, could you please let me know?

This will be a wonderful experience for all of the children.

Cathy Eddie

Principal

## **P&C NEWS**

Hello and welcome back for another great year for 2014.

First up we have our school swimming carnival this Friday and the P&C will be cooking sausages and hamburgers for lunch and I have had a couple of mums offer help with this so thank you .

We will be also cooking a BBQ tea next Tuesday night for the family fun night but I am going to be away and I would really like to see a couple of helpers for the night put their hand up and cook the BBQ for me. It is not a hard job and many hands make light work. If I have no helpers offer then there will no BBQ cooked on the night. If you think you can help, let me know by phoning or text me on 0427602838

Regards

Tammy Fordham

P&C President

### This Weeks Newsletter Attachments

- **Money Envelopes (At any time you need more contact the office)**
  - **Receipts**
  - **Head Lice Letter**
  - **3-4H Class Letter**
- **Year 6—Coomealla High School Newsletters**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### TENNIS TENNIS TENNIS

Wentworth Junior Tennis practice will commence the 2014 season on **Friday 7 March**. No experience necessary, free coaching given to beginners. To be eligible for junior tennis at Wentworth children must turn 8 by 31 December 2014 and no older than 17.

Practice for beginners is from 3.45pm to 4.15pm, previous players practice is from 4.15 to 5.30, all on Fridays. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and the season commences on **May 3**. Annual membership is only \$30.00, payable after season has commenced.

For more information contact Cheryl Vines on 50276286 or 0428522969.

**GIRL GUIDES** have resumed meetings for 2014, and have vacancies for girls aged 5 - 18 years. Guiding offers activities designed to meet personal challenges, to learn team building and leadership skills, and to make new friends. For more information of units in your area contact District Manager Vivien Hunt 5023 6135

## CANTEEN NEWS

### **\*HELP NEEDED!!**

Parents / Grandparents, we are very short on volunteers to run the canteen. Could you spare one Friday (8.45-2.30pm) per term to help out? Without some new names on the roster, our canteen will be closed on days that volunteers are not available. Please contact Kathryn if you are available; [kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com](mailto:kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com) or 040 784 7717.

### **CANTEEN ORDERING:**

Please ensure you supply a separate lunch bag for recess and lunch orders. On each bag please remember to put the students name and class. Hot food is not available at recess. Juice and milk drinks are not available at recess, only water. Please remember to keep your lunch bags if you have ordered an ice-cream, these must be taken to the canteen to collect your ice-cream.

## **CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1, 2014**

<b>21st Feb</b>	<b>Swimming Carnival</b>	
28th Feb	Kelli Saunders	Kaye Hyde
7th March	Nelin Spary	Sheryl Brown
14th March		
21st March	Roslyn Watters-Behsmann	Mandy Bone?
28th March	Kelli Saunders	Fiona Cullinan
4th April		
<b>11th April *</b>	Kathryn Baird	Kylie Heywood

If you are unavailable to do canteen on your rostered day, please call Kathryn (ph: 0407 847 717) as soon as possible, or we will have No canteen for that Friday. This is due to a shortage of volunteers



## **DENTAL VANS NEWS**

Dental Staff will commence appointments at the Dental Van as of Wednesday the 19th Feb. We would like to introduce a new member of our team, Sarah Dudley. Sarah is an Oral Health Therapist who is new to our area and we hope that you are able to meet her during our stay at the School.

Families who have received a letter from Medicare regarding the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule will be able to utilise this program if they choose to by bringing their letter to the dental van at their appointment to confirm their eligibility. This program covers children from 2yrs to 17 yrs of age. Dental Van Phone number: 0419 990 264

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## **FOR SALE BY TENDER**

1 Jacobsen Textron Turfcut—T528D (28HP)

Mower with a 1800mm (72") deck and

1 Victa Ride on mower—4616XT (16HP) Hydro Drive

Available for inspection at Wentworth Public School (Tuesday to Thursday during school hours).

Tenders should be submitted to the school office by Wednesday 26th February 2014. (Reserve price applies).

## **REMINDERS**

### **HEAD LICE**

Please check your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

### **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. Thank you.

### **STUDENT BANKING**

The School has Student Banking through the **Bendigo Bank** on **Wednesday mornings**. Children bring their bank books and money to the School office before school and the Bendigo Bank staff collect them and return the books the following day.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### **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**

Bucket Hats and Legionnaire Hats — \$5.50

Wide Brim Hats—Pixie and Cricket — \$7.50

## KH NEWS

The Kinder/1 students will be learning the following sounds this week; s, a, t. They learn these sounds first so that we can start making words fairly early in the year. We have already started learning how to read and I am emphasising with the children to use crisp pointing and make sure that they point to each word as they say a word. This has been going really well. Year 2 students have been involved in doing lots of comprehension tasks following a shared reading and they also go with Mrs Larwood on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for writing.

Some things to remember over the next week are;

- \*art smocks

- \*library borrowing is on Thursday morning

- \*Brag and Workbooks need to come back to school covered as soon as possible

- \*homework bags and books need to be at school next Monday

- \*all students will be involved in the swimming carnival on Friday. Kinder and non-confident swimmers will be with me in the middle pool for some fun activities and then come back to school. We will leave school at 11.00am and return to school straight after lunch. This means we will not be at the carnival for the whole time.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft

## 1/2S NEWS

The children are doing a wonderful job coping with our disrupted timetable for intensive swimming. I am so proud of the children's behaviour and attitudes. We are all looking forward to the School Swimming Carnival this Friday to show off what we have learnt this past fortnight. There will be games and novelty events for those students who are not confident swimmers so don't forget your bathers!

Congratulations to Max Baird and Ellie Vines who were voted in as our 1/2S SRC reps for term one. Both students are enthusiastic about taking forward our class ideas to the SRC meetings

Literacy sessions will be beginning this Monday. Please send in your child's reader bags as familiar readers will be changed every Tuesday and Thursday.

Just a few more reminders:

- Family Fun Night RSVP's are due
- School Swimming Carnival this Friday
- Art smocks and classroom drink bottles need to be brought in
- Library borrowing on Fridays (must have a library bag)

Hope you have a super week.

Jordana Shields

### 3/4H NEWS

Welcome everyone to another busy week that will end with the swimming carnival on Friday. This week will also be the end of swimming lessons which allows a more normal timetable next week with literacy groups beginning. Each student has been informed of the literacy group they will be part of and who is teaching them. They have written this information in their diaries.

In Mathematics this week our subject focus is on 2D Shape along with a basic numeracy focus.

Kitchen Garden will commence next week also with the children attending in their literacy groups. If anyone is able to assist at any time in the kitchen it would be much appreciated.

Have a great week.

Cheers Jen

## YEAR 4/5M NEWS

Year 4/5M has been working hard as a team to make the start of the year a successful one. I am very proud of how they're all going. Congratulations to Callan and Bailey who were voted in as this terms Year 4/5M student reps for SRC. We are all guaranteed for some positive representation during student meetings.

Next week sees the start of our formal Literacy sessions, therefore the beginning of the Kitchen Garden program. Please make sure you ask your child which is their allocated day. Feel free to come in and assist in the garden and/or kitchen segment of the Kitchen Garden program if you are available.

Reminders:

- \* Water bottle and art smock.
- \* Swimming Carnival this Friday.
- \* All About Me project due tomorrow.
- \* Donation of any fruit and vegies for our daily Crunch & Sip.
- \* Daily return of diaries for any addition information to be added.
- \* Library book borrowing Thursday's.
- \* Family Pool Fun Night RSVP's due.

Hope you are enjoying the change in weather,  
Sandra Marziano.

## 5/6G NEWS

It has been a great week here in 5/6! It has been lovely to see the older kids really stepping up and being wonderful buddies and mentors to our new Kindies. Well done everyone!!

A note for the Year 6 shirts went home on Monday. If you have not received one, please come in and see me. All the kids have had an opportunity to try on some sample sizes and should have highlighted on the note the size they preferred.

Invitations for the family fun night at the pool went home last week. If you could please fill in your RSVP slip and return it to school, it would be much appreciated. I look forward to catching up with everyone on the night.

*Please note also, that the 'All About Me' homework task is due back in tomorrow.*

Cheers,

Brian

### **Achievement Certificates**

**Kinder/1/2H:** Haylee Darby & Talyia Andrews

**1/2S:** Charlie Baird & Libby Saunders

**3/4H:** Olivia Baird & Steven Clark

**4/5M:** Nellie Baird & Holly Bysouth

**5/6G:** Zac Hyde & Piper Nash

### 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

### 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.

## Student of the Week

What I did that was special in the holidays.....

Mavis Clarke: Pop took me to the pool in Merbein and I had a swim and an ice-cream.

Max Baird: Riding my motorbike on my motorbike track with little jumps.

Robbie Watters-Behsmann: Going to Dylan W's house and playing at the Junction and outside.

Amos Byers: I went to Mildura and at Kmart I bought clothes. When I went home I watched a movie and played games.

Sarah Watters-Behsmann: Playing at Tobias' place. We played the x-box and on the swings.