

Wentworth Public School

Newsletter

5th February 2014



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.

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.

FEBURARY 2014

| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wed | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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| | | | 5/2 | 6/2 | 7/2 Primary Swimming | 8/2 |
| 9/2 | 10/2 School Swimming Lessons Commence until 20/2 | 11/2 Hockey Clinics Year 2 to 4 | 12/2 Primary Swimming P&C Meeting 7pm | 13/2 | 14/2 Primary Swimming | 15/2 |
| 16/2 | 17/2 | 18/2 | 19/2 Primary Swimming | 20/2 | 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 | 5/3 | 6/3 | 7/3 | 8/3 |

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

WELCOME!

We welcome you to the 2014 school year! Already, it is shaping up to be a busy one! The staff has been busy looking at ways to continue to improve the way we provide for your children each day. We will be trying some new processes throughout the school and hope that these will see our student's results continue to improve.

Today, your children were placed into classes. It is not unusual for children to feel a little uncertain in new classes, with new teachers and with some different students. On most occasions, this uncertainty goes away after a couple of weeks, as they settle into class routines and begin to understand the way their new teacher works. We have worked as a team to produce a unit of work entitled, "Getting Along" to support all students in the first weeks of school and we are looking forward to continuing to improve our whole school approach to student well being. If your child is still experiencing difficulties after the first couple of weeks, please make an appointment to discuss this with the teacher or me. However, going on past experience, the children will happily settle into their new classes quite quickly.

YOUR INPUT PLEASE!

One idea that we have proposed for the school is to vary our school recess and lunch times and we would like to put this into place when swimming lessons are completed.

The proposal is to have 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.

We have many reasons for suggesting this, especially with Kitchen Garden running in the morning session. It will give more time to complete this session fully.

If you have any objections to this change, please come to the first P&C meeting next Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, where this proposal will be discussed.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

As organized at the end of last year, swimming lessons are a little different this year. Only students who cannot swim 25 metres are attending intensive swimming.

All children turning 8 years or older will also take part in some afternoon swimming and water safety activities. The first of these is scheduled for this Friday. However, if the day is far too hot to walk to the pool, the session will be postponed. For this reason, it is important that the children bring their swimming gear to school each day, in case we have to organize a swap! The children will participate in 4 afternoon sessions.

Children will need to bring their bathers, towel and a swimming top.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year, we will be having a daytime swimming carnival on Friday, 21st 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.

FAMILY FUN POOL PARTY

This event will be held on Tuesday, 25th 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 will be sent home shortly.

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

School assemblies will usually be held on Monday mornings. These will commence after swimming. For the next two weeks, we will hold assemblies at 3:00pm. Next Monday, we will be introducing our new Kindergarten students.

P&C MEETING

Wednesday, 12th December at 7:00pm.

SCHOOL PURPOSE AND GRADUATE PROFILE STATEMENTS

You will have noticed these on the front of our newsletter. The students developed these statements, with the assistance of staff and parents as a part of our Quality Improvement process begun last year. They have been placed in all classrooms and will complement the work that classes do on our school values and well-being. Our school values have also been re-vamped by the students.

I am sure that this is enough for one week! Once again, welcome back and I look forward to a successful and happy school year!

Cathy Eddie

WPS ORDER FORM FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**21ST FEBRUARY 2014, 10.00AM WENTWORTH POOL**

The P&C are providing a barbeque for the Carnival

Name: _____

Number required

\$2.00 for a sausage in bread

\$2.00 for a hamburger in bread

Amount enclosed:

VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS

Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday. Please phone her for more details on: 50248370 or 0408 596944. Louise can teach singing, piano and clarinet but students have to have their own clarinet. Louise conducts these lessons during school times at school on Tuesdays.

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Year 6 Farewell 2013



Year 6, 2013 singing a farewell song to Miss Marzie.

The cutting of the cake.