



Newsletter for 16th July 2014

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Term 3 is up and running. The staff had a very productive day on Monday looking at the whole school assessment data collected at the end of last term. From this we were able to have some great discussions about future focus areas.

Staff Development Days like this are a valuable opportunity for all staff to access training and work on planning for the upcoming term.

You will probably have noticed that we have completed Stage 2 of the interactive playground in front of the 1/2S classroom. Only one more stage to go before this area is completed. Thanks to the Cullinan's, Hancock's and Ms Byrnes for assisting with this phase of the development.

REPORTS

Semester One reports will be coming home with today's newsletter. There is a slight change to the wording in the English section this year to fit in with the new Australian Curriculum. You will notice that the terms used are Objective A, Objective B, Objective C, Objective D, Objective E. This is instead of Talking/Listening, Writing and Reading. Please ask your child's teacher to explain this further if needed.

You will also receive an interview note. It is really important that you return this note to your child's teacher as soon as possible and make a time to come and discuss your child's learning journey.

NAIDOC

Today we held our annual NAIDOC event. It was a great success and we thank Trish Jones and her helpers for organising such a wonderful day. I am especially proud of a group of students who offered to assist with some of the rotation groups. This is a very impressive act and shows great leadership.

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JULY-AUGUST 2014

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				17/7	18/7	19/7
20/7	21/7	22/7 School Athletics Carnival	23/7	24/7	25/7	26/7
27/7	28/7 Education Week	29/7 UNSW English	30/7	31/7 School Disco 6-8pm	1/8	2/8
3/8	4/8	5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8	9/8
10/8	11/8	12/8 UNSW Maths	13/8	14/8 MDPSSA Athletics Carnival	15/8	16/8
17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8

WELCOME

This term we have welcomed some extra staff and students.

In staffing we have added Kacey Pohlner to the K/1/2 support staff and Sarah Crisp to support Mr Gray's Literacy group. We have been lucky to get some additional funding to allow this much needed assistance possible. Welcome Kacey and Sarah.

We have also welcomed back to our school Mekhi Smith in Grade 5 and two new students. Shamontay is in Year 3 and Monique in Grade 2.

We also farewell Miss Tomlinson who has finished her prac with the 1/2S Class. Thanks for everything you have done while you were here and welcomed Miss Hancock, completing her 3 week practicum with Mr Gray.

We also have a new music teacher starting. Mr Donald Robinson will be here on Fridays operating the music program.

OVAL FENCE

With the tireless efforts of the P&C and especially Tammy Taylor Fordham, the new oval fence should soon be erected.

This has been an ongoing issue for a number of years and it will be a real achievement to see it finalised. Well done!

Miss Marzie will be commencing long service leave at the start of next week. We hope she has a fabulous holiday and returns to us with some great Gold Coast stories.

Mr Baird will be taking care of Miss Marzie's teaching duties while she is away.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft

Principal.

MAD DRESS-UPS DISCO

We will be holding a disco for all students on Thursday the 31st July. The disco will be held between 6pm and 8pm. Students are invited to bust out their favourite dress up costume from the toy box and come on down and boogie. We will have games and plenty of fun with glow sticks available for sale on the night. There will be more information to follow in next week's newsletter

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3, 2014**DONUT DAY THIS FRIDAY**

Please keep a check on the canteen roster each week in the newsletter, it will let you know the dates that the canteen will be closed, If your name isn't already on the roster and you could spare just one FRIDAY per term, we would have enough volunteers to keep the canteen open every week! It's not difficult and students enjoy having family members in the canteen. You can pick the date(s) you're available, bring a friend to be rostered on with. We are very flexible.

18th July	Kathryn Baird	
25th July	Kelli Saunders	Kaye Hyde
1st August	NO CANTEEN	
8th August	Shannon Mitchell	Sheryl Brown
15th August	Nelin Spary	Kathryn Baird
22nd August	No CANTEEN	
29th August	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
5th September	Kelli Saunders	Amanda Trewin
12th September	Fiona Cullinan	Cheryl Vines
19th September	Kathryn Baird	Kylie Heywood

- DONUT DAYS for Term 2 will be on the 18th July and 19th September
- 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, Kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com

Thanks

Kathryn

Phone: 0407 847 717

REMINDERS

SCHOOL FEES AND KITCHEN GARDEN FEES ARE NOW DUE

School Fees are \$20 per child or \$50 per family

Kitchen Garden Fees are \$15 per term

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.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET

A copy of the newsletter is on the School's Web page:

www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

UNIFORMS— HATS

Hats and Uniform items available from the office.

This Week's Newsletter Attachments

- Receipts
- Wentworth Public School Athletics Carnival permission note
- Program of Events. For Athletics Carnival
- Mid Year Report
- Interview note

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Who will be the house champion of 2014? Murray or Darling?

On Tuesday 22nd July we have our School Athletics Carnival down at the McLeod Oval starting at 10am. A program of events is attached to the newsletter as well as a permission note.

There will be a canteen operating on the day, thanks to the P&C, so students will be able to purchase their recess and lunch. Items and prices are below:

Hot Dogs \$2.00	Sausages \$2.00	Fruitboxes \$1.00
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Recess will be available too.

The P & C are looking for some parent volunteers to help out on the day. If you are available please contact the school or Tammy Fordham on : 5027 2146 or mobile: 0427 602838

HIGH JUMP

Over the next week high jump will be conducted at school for all students 8 years and above. It would be great if the students can come to school ready to compete each day, as due to the weather forecast over the next week I cannot predict which age groups will compete when. Students will be advised during morning assemblies whether they will be participating in high jump on that day. The Senior Boys and Girls are first, followed by 11 Year Olds and lastly the Junior Boys and Girls. Sorry for any inconvenience, hopefully the rain stays away!

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

K/1/2B NEWS

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 infants' literacy groups have begun. These will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 11.50am. On Mondays and Fridays when K/1/2 B are all together for literacy we will be focussing on grammar and punctuation, fine motor activities and handwriting, shared and independent writing tasks, as well as drama and role play. We will also be doing an author study - Pamela Allen, and looking at different text types throughout the term. Students will continue the Jolly Phonics program with the first few weeks consolidating sounds previously learnt.

In maths this week we are looking at whole numbers; counting, ordering, reading and representing numbers. In HSIE we will begin our topic 'This Is Me', and Science; our topic is 'A Place in Time! Weather and how it changes our surroundings. Music lessons are Friday. Library borrowing day is Thursday.

Homework will begin next week. Years 1 & 2 will continue with the same format as last term, returning homework books every Friday. Kinders homework is a little different, they have 2 weeks to complete their tasks. Readers need to be returned daily for changing. I would like to see more students doing home reading this term so if you have lost your reading log please let me know so we can organise a new one.

Goal Setting Interviews will take place next week. Notes regarding times have been sent home today for you to choose a time/preference. Please return these as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a very productive and busy term. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to see me either before or after school. Have a great week.

Leanne Byrnes

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Welcome back for Term 3! I hope you all had a lovely break and ready for another term.

On Tuesday 22nd July we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival. A program of events is attached to the newsletter as well as a permission note. If anyone is available to help out on the day please contact the school.

Going home with this week's newsletter is your child's mid year report and mid-year interview note. During interviews we will be able to discuss your child's report more explicitly as well as revisit the children's goals.

The Wentworth Show is coming around very fast and I am looking for any volunteers who can come in next Friday 25th July, from 10am onwards, to help with the 1/2S show item. We will be entering a felt item this year and I would greatly appreciate any help with the sewing component. Please contact me if you are available.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 3/4H NEWS

Welcome back to the beginning of Semester 2. We all had a wonderful day today taking part in NAIDOC celebrations. There was lots of fun to be had and a yummy BBQ lunch to finish off. Thank you to Trish for all her organisation of the event.

Reports go home today with a note for goal setting interviews which is to be returned by Friday. If the times I have offered do not suit you please contact me and I will attempt to offer more suitable timeslots.

This term is again another busy one. I will list some calendar dates that you may wish to begin thinking about.

- 22nd July - Athletics carnival
- Week commencing 28th July is Education Week, which will involve showcasing some of the interesting subjects we offer at school

- 31st July - Disco 6pm till 8pm

Another reminder is for students to please bring in fruit or vegetables for our Crunch 'n' Sip program.

In mathematics we will be learning about 'Time' and as a class we will be reading 'The Key to Rondo' as part of our talking and listening activities.

Have a sensational start to the semester. I am looking forward to catching up with you all at our interviews.

Cheers,

Jenny Halls

YEAR 4/5M NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a wonderful and restful two week break and are ready for another busy term.

Year 4/5M's main theme this term will be Local History, Swan Hill and Government.

Some of our weekly routines remain the same with diaries collected Friday with Reading Data up to date. Math homework will be sent home every Monday and due back completed by Friday. This will commence when I return from my LSL. This semester the students will have Mrs. Rees every Tuesday for science, Mrs. Farley on Thursday for drama/dance and PD. Health and we welcome Mr. Robinson on Friday for music.

On Tuesday 22nd July we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival. If you are able to assist in anyway, timekeeping, etc, please let us know.

Accompanying this week's newsletter is your child's mid year report and mid-year interview note. Please read reports carefully so that we will be able to discuss them more explicitly during interviews being held before and after my long service leave.

If you have any questions whilst I'm away on long service leave and school business, please see Mr Baird or Mrs Hopcroft.

Wishing you a safe week,

Sandra Marziano

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MILDURA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Term 3 Aussie Hoops Basketball Program at the Toyota Hothouse

Open to Boys and Girls Aged 5-6.

Commences Friday August 1st at 4:15pm

For more details please call the MBA on 50232241

Mildura Junior Heat Tryouts

Will commence from Saturday August 23rd at the Toyota Hothouse for the 2014/2015 representative season.

Age Groups Under 12 to Under 18 Boys and Girls.

For more details please call the MBA on 50232241