



Newsletter for 20th August 2014

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

"If you can dream it — You can do it"

Walt Disney

This was the theme of my report at Monday Mornings Assembly this week. I gave the story of an Australian man who told his primary school teacher he wanted to be an astronaut. She told him he would be better to focus on getting a job. The man has now been chosen to go on a space mission. His primary school teacher is very sorry for being so negative about his dreams.

To the students of Wentworth Public School, my message is clear **"anything is possible"**.

Welcome

We have welcomed Colin to the K-1-2B class this week. Colin is in Year1 and is originally from Cairns.

Well done!

A fantastic effort from staff, students and parents at last Thursday's Murray Darling Athletics Carnival. A special mention to Miss Shields for her excellent organisation and running of the carnival and to the P&C for their excellent catering efforts.

Slow Food Grant

We have received a \$250 grant for our Kitchen/Garden program for Mildura Slow Food Group. Thanks to Jodie Morgan for applying for this grant.

Hunters Hill Visit

Next week eight of our Year 6 students will be flying to Sydney with Mr Gray and two mums to visit our sister school 'Hunters Hill'. We look forward to getting feedback on their experiences. A final note will come home with today's newsletter to the students attending this excursion.

Bookweek

A reminder that our school will be taking part in a whole School dress up parade on Friday morning at 9:30am.

All are welcome. More information is included further in the newsletter.

School Planning

At the end of last week I attended Principal meetings in Broken Hill to discuss the changes being made to School Planning processes. The Department of Education has made it quite clear that the process is to involve a great deal more community input. During the rest of this term and early next term I plan to facilitate fact finding and goal setting opportunities to allow all school community members to have input into our school's future directions.

For those who took part and remember the work we did with Jane Kovak from Quality Learning Australia late last year you will find the strategies I use similar to what we did then.

Assistance Needed

If anyone could assist in the mornings with chopping up fruit/vegetables for crunch 'n' sip break I would greatly appreciate it. It takes about 20 minutes and just needs to be done before class starts.

Have a great week.

Natalie

August-September-October 2014

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				21/8	22/8 Book Week Parade 9.30am	23/8
24/8	25/8	26/8 Active After School Sports 3:45-4:45pm	27/8 Leigh Hobbs Workshop K-6 Book Club Orders Due Back	28/8	29/8 Rugby Gala Year 6	30/8 Wenty Show Show
31/8 Wenty Show	1/9 Canberra Excursion Final Payment	2/9 Active After School Sports 3:45-4:45pm	3/9	4/9	5/9 Barrier Athletics Carnival	6/9
7/9	8/9	9/9 Active After School Sports 3:45-4:45pm (Last Week)	10/9	11/9	12/9 Cricket Clinics for whole school	13/9
14/9 Canberra Excursion Leaves	15/9	16/9	17/9 Year 4/5 Excursion Leaves	18/9	19/9 Canberra & Swan Hill Excursion Return <u>Term 3 Ends</u>	20/9
	Public Holiday in NSW	7/10 Term 4 commences	8/10	9/10	11/10	12/10

This Week's Newsletter Attachments

- Receipts
- Year 5 & 6 Murray-Darling Rugby League Tag Carnival Permission Note

BOOK WEEK PARADE

This Friday, 22nd August we will be holding our 2014 Book Week Parade at 9:30am. The theme for this years Children's Book Week is 'Connect to Reading'. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. There will be two awards for each class. 'Best Costume' will receive a book and certificate and an 'Honorary Mention' will get a certificate.

The day will run as follows:

9:30am: Costume Parade (held in quadrangle outside office)

10:10am: Students return to their classroom for de-costuming if necessary and group number allocation.

10:20am: Book Week Rotation Groups Activities.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and Community Members are most welcomed to come along and join in on the activities

Looking forward to seeing you all here,

Sandra Marziano

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 6 of the Scholastic Book Club order forms have been sent home. Please return any completed order forms and money to the office by Wednesday 27th August.

Please note: Star Book Club, item #402 is unavailable for purchasing.

LEIGH HOBBS WORKSHOP/DEMONSTRATION (This is for all students K-6)

Leigh Hobbs is an Artist and Author who works across a wide range of mediums. He is certainly best known though both in Australia and overseas, for the extremely popular children's books he has written and illustrated featuring his characters **Old Tom, Horrible Harriet, Fiona the Pig, The Freaks in 4F, Mr Chicken** and most recently **Mr Badger**. At workshops Leigh explains and demonstrates **character development**, leading the students through the stages of drawing Old Tom, Horrible Harriet and maybe Mr Chicken, to gain confidence and then, onto creating their own characters.

Students of all ages not only gain confidence through experiencing these sessions but will leave Leigh Hobbs workshops/demonstrations full of excitement, with their imaginations in full flight.

The workshop/demonstration will be held on **Wednesday 27th August, 2014**. Cost is **\$4.00** per student. To be paid to the office by **Monday 25th August 2014**.

LEIGH HOBBS WORKSHOP/DEMONSTRATION PERMISSION SLIP

I give my child/children _____ permission to attend the Leigh Hobbs workshop/demonstration on **Wednesday 27th August, 2014**.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

I have enclosed \$4.00 Yes/No

FATHER'S DAY

With summer fast approaching, we have decided that the best gift for a dad on Father's Day would be a one-of-a-kind handmade stubby holder... for keeping those cans of soft drink cool in the heat. Classes will be making these gifts for fathers in the next fortnight. If you would like to purchase a foam, stitched stubby holder, **the cost is \$3.00**. Please send the money in to the office by **27th August 2014** to secure your child's wonderful gift for Dad!

Cheers

Brian Gray

My child/ren _____ would like to purchase _____ stubby holder/s and I have enclosed \$_____ Signed _____ Parent/Carer

MURRAY DARLING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, a team of 40 students participated in the Murray Darling Athletic Carnival. All the children competed with an excellent attitude and a number of students achieved a first, second or third placing on the day. An honourable mention must go to two of our students who put in a number of exemplary performances on the day. Firstly to Bronte Rix who received the Senior Girls Age Champion and secondly Drew Thompson for achieving Runner Up in the Juniors Boys Age Champion. As a whole, our school received the Handicap Shield for our efforts. Well done each and every student for your determination. Please note that ribbons for the events will be handed out at next weeks Monday morning assembly.

This year we hosted the carnival with great success. We are so lucky to have an amazing P&C who catered for the event. All who helped in the canteen, your efforts are greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Leanne and Laura Hancock who helped set up and pack up the track and field events. Thank you!

The Barrier Athletics Carnival is the next event on the calendar. The students, who achieved a first, second or third in the individual track and field events, and a top 2 place in a relay team received a permission note, medical note, program of events and a transport note today. I cannot stress enough the importance of getting these notes signed and returned to the front office by this Friday. Wentworth Public School is again hosting the event on Friday, 5th of September at the Mildura Little Athletics Club, Old Aerodrome Ovals.

Jordana Shields

P&C NEWS

Firstly I would like to say a great big thank you to the helpers I had down at our School Athletics Carnival without you ladies I couldn't have done it on my own.

Secondly, I would also like to send out a huge thank you to Kelli Saunders, Mandy Bone, Amanda Trewin, Leanne Hancock, Beccy Bysouth, Amber Baird and Bonnie Thompson, who all gave up some or all of their time to help cater for the Murray Darling Athletics Carnival and once again if I didn't have these helpers I couldn't do it on my own. So thanks again. (All money made goes towards your children and back into the school). We also have the PSSA Barrier Athletics Carnivals coming up on the 5th September. So if anybody is available to help out on the day that would be much appreciated.

Well that's all on the Sports Front, but on another note I would just love to say how great the new school oval fence looks, it's been a long time coming, but finally we have it done; so I would like to thank Luke Stirrat our fencing contractor, Tim Vines has been great with getting the irrigation side of things working again on the oval and to my wonderful husband Nathan Fordham who was my go to man with anything to do with the fence. Any problems Luke would ring Nathan. So thanks to these three blokes again.

Well that's all for now,

Regards

Tammy Fordham

P&C President.

4/5 SWAN HILL CAMP

A new note has been sent home about the Swan Hill camp. The note contained a medical note that needs to be returned to the front office asap and a check list of items students will need for the trip.

I would like to thank all of the parents who have offered to come on the camp and help us out. We have determined numbers and the following parents will be joining us Anthony Baird, Becky Bysouth and Craig Russell.

Full payment for the camp will need to be finalised at the front office by the 7th of September. If anyone is having difficulty meeting this dead line please contact Nathalie Hopcroft.

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3, 2014

22nd August	Cherie Milner	Kathryn Baird
29th August	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
5th September	Kelli Saunders	Amanda Trewin
*12th September	Kathryn Baird	Kylie Heywood
19th September	Fiona Cullinan	Cheryl Vines

* **NEXT DONUT DAY FOR TERM 3 WILL BE ON THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

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 Phone: 0407 847 717 or Email: Kathrynbaire1@bigpond.com

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.

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.

Are you of Primary School age & enjoy swimming?
Would you love to come and try a swim meet?
WE HAVE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

All Schools Swim Meet

Thursday 11th September
Mildura Waves
5:30pm
(warm up from 5:00pm)

EVENTS

25 metre Freestyle	25 metre Backstroke
25 metre Breaststroke	Freestyle Relays

Each school competes for the Alison Curry Perpetual Shield
Participation Ribbon awarded to all entrants

Demonstration swim by Sunraysia Swimming Club
State and Country Squad

**ENTRY IS FREE AND OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM
ALL SUNRAYSIA PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Entries by email to Sunraysia Swimming at entriessunraysiaswimming@gmail.com or
through our website www.sunraysia.swimming.org.au and click on the entries tab.
Entries close Monday 8th September at 5:00pm Enquiries: 0407 099 617

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For more details contact Tammy Fordham on 0350 272146.

Events List and Entry Forms are available from the school.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE FOR MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is the name given to a group of diseases in which the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, breathe and swallow undergo degeneration and die.

MND is also known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

There is no known cure or effective treatment and the average life expectancy from diagnosis is 27 months. **Tuesday 26th August 3pm** all teachers parents and carers are invited to join in and donate to the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness. Donations will go directly to MND Australia to help fund research.

Ice kindly donated by Dion & Edyta Mildura Ice Works

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.

YEAR K/1/2 B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

What a busy few weeks we have had; busy but fun. And the fun continues this week with Book Week, ending on Friday with the Book Week Parade starting at 9.30am. K/1/2 are making costumes in class but they are more than welcome to wear a costume from home. This is followed by group rotations with activities based around some of the books that were shortlisted this year by the Children's Book Council.

This week in maths K/1/2 are looking 'Whole Numbers', counting forwards and backwards and also skip counting. Next week we will be focussing on 'Multiplication'.

Our sewing items for the show are almost complete, a huge thank you to Kylie Darby, Kacey and Grumpy for all their help. After much discussion K/1/2 have also decided on what sort of 'class pet' they would like. These should be arriving any time soon, and they really are the perfect pet; no feeding, no cleaning. Can you guess what they are?

Reminders:

- Year 2's homework goes out every Monday and needs to be returned every Friday.
- K/1 homework goes out fortnightly on Monday's. Their due date is Friday 29th August.
- Readers changed daily with reading logs completed.

Leigh Hobbs Workshop permission notes and \$4 per student to be returned before 27/8/14.

Keep Smiling

Leanne Byrnes

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

This week we are celebrating Book Week. So to coincide with the celebration all classes made a visit to the Wentworth Town Library last Monday. 1/2S enjoyed listening to the story 'Granny Grommet and Me' and completing an activity related to the book. This Friday the children have an opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character and join in a parade. There will also be some organised activities.

Readers are now being changed in each literacy group and each group has a different schedule for when the reader exchange will happen. Each group has come up with their own group name and the children will recognise what group they belong to. Below is when each group checks and changes readers:

- Scooby Doo - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Hulk - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Harry Potter - Tuesday and Thursday
- The Lone Ranger - Tuesday and Thursday

Please remind your child to pack their readers on their according day.

1/2S achieved their next reward this week after receiving a total of 200 certificates. They are now super excited about our class party. Due to the busy schedule related to the Wentworth Show I will hold this reward over for another fortnight. More information will sent out at a later date. Well done 1/2S!!

Jordana Shields

YEAR 3-4 NEWS

It is Book Week this week and 3/4H have enjoyed a trip to the town library where we had a book read to us and enjoyed completing an activity. I am looking forward to seeing all the costumes and taking part in all the book week fun on Friday.

This week we have completed our focus on time and have moved to learning about money. After completing our time assessment it is evident that many children would benefit from practising reading the time on an analogue clock face.

3/4H would like to thank Mrs Cheryl Vines, Cheryl has spent a lot of time helping them to complete their Wentworth Show entries.

Have a great week.

Cheers Jenny

YEAR 3-4-5 M NEWS

Week 6 already! Where did this term go? It was great to hear how well the class worked during my absence. They make me very proud of them.

Last Friday the first lot of Math homework was sent home and is to be completed and returned tomorrow. An explanation note was included with the homework book. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Last week and this week I have continued to hold some mid year interviews. If you have not been able to attend, I will be contacting you soon to arrange a time.

The class had a terrific time down at the Town Library. Thank you to Librarian, Mrs Leanne Watmuff for an informative session.

A reminder that last week Mrs Halls sent home a note regarding the Year 4 & 5 Swan Hill excursion. Please complete and return any outstanding medical forms.

Yesterday all of the Year 3/4/5M class were treated to a special Kitchen Garden session. We would like to thank Tom's grandparents Allan and Marg Bottrell and Tom's Mum Lyndy, along with Karly's brother Riley who came in to assist; and Jodie for the wonderful recipes they prepared.

Wishing you a safe week,

Sandra Marziano

SPECIAL YEAR 5 & 6 NEWS

On **Friday 29th** August, all students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending the Year 5 & 6 Murray-Darling Rugby League Tag Carnival which is being held at the McLeod Oval, Wentworth from 9:40am—2pm. More information regarding this event can be found on the attached permission note which is to be completed and returned to the office by **Wednesday 27th** August. As a lead up to the event, a clinic will be held Thursday 28th August at school.

Thanks,

Sandra Marziano

YEAR 5/6G NEWS

Well done to everyone who competed and represented the school so well at the Murray-Darling Athletics Carnival. It was great to see so many 5/6's out there trying hard and supporting one another!

Next week (Tuesday-Friday), I will be away with the school leaders visiting Hunters Hill Primary; our sister school. This will be a wonderful opportunity for lucky students and myself to witness first hand, how learning can be different in different environments. I look forward to picking up some new ideas and bringing them back into our classroom.

With the Wenty Show fast approaching, we are working at a feverous pace to complete our show items and to get ready for the big weekend. Several students who are machine sewing their items for their entry have indicated that they are completing their project at home. All items will need to be in to the school by Wednesday morning.

Notes for both Swan Hill and Canberra are due back ASAP. Please make sure that they are handed in to the office so that we can establish final numbers. Canberra money is due NEXT WEEK. If you are unsure if you will be able to make this payment deadline, please come and see me before the end of this week.

Cheers

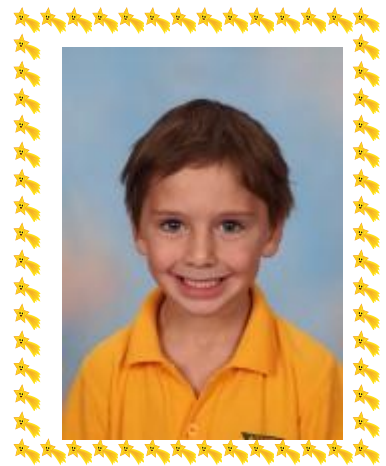
Brian

 * **Achievement Certificates:** For trying hard and being positive. *
 * **Kinder/1/2B:** Levi Johnson and Shantaya Burow *
 * **1/2S:** Jayden Dannatt and Oscar Crisp *
 * **3/4H:** Heath Jones and Dakota Jones *
 * **3/4/5M:** Karly Russell and Jasmine McDermott *
 * **5/6G:** Thomas Baird and Sarah Watters-Behsmann *

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

Student of the Week 5 & 6



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