



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

On Monday we were very excited to welcome 15 new Kindergarten students to our school. They have settled in extremely well and Ms Byrnes is still smiling so that is a good sign. Ms Byrnes is very well supported by the assistance of Grumpy and Fiona.

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students for being elected and accepting Sport House Leader roles.

- **Murray Captains:** Bailey Heywood & Sarah Watters-Behsmann
- **Murray Vice-Captains:** AJ Mitchell & Drew Kuzman
- **Darling Captains:** Dean Bone & Piper Nash
- **Darling Vice-Captains:** Matthew Hancock & Hannah Darby
- **Sport Assistant:** Darcy Saunders

Their first big job will be assisting with the Swimming Carnival on Friday 20th February. Good Luck.

HOLIDAY JOBS

You may have noticed our fabulous new playground surface. This was a scheduled improved contract that has been funded by the Department of Education and Communities. Other jobs scheduled for early this year are an upgrade to the toilets and some internal painting.

We also had some shade sails repaired, one replaced and a new sandpit cover made. These jobs were funded by the school's global budget.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to our past student—Bronte Rix who received an Australia Day award. Senior students and families need to keep this in their minds and talk to me or Miss Marzie towards the end of the year about nominating possible candidates.

ATTENDANCE CHANGES

The Minister for Education recently approved changes to the Attendance Register Codes. For families one of the key changes that may affect you is that you can no longer be granted a Certificate of Exemption for travelling/taking holidays outside of school vacation times. Your child will now be marked as absent on leave. The Principal has also been given more discretion to accept or not accept explanations for absence. Please contact me if you would like more information

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR/LEARNING & SUPPORT

Please be aware that there are additional members of the staff who can assist families with wellbeing, educational, counselling needs. On Tuesdays we have a School Counsellor—Wanda Warren in the school and our Learning and Support Teacher Mrs Chris Larwood is here Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Please contact the school if you would like to meet with either of these people.

February 2015

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat-
			11/2 Intensive Swimming Program Primary Swimming 2-3pm	12/2 Intensive Swimming Program	13/2 Intensive Swimming Program Healing Day Assembly—11.30am Primary Swimming 2-3pm	14/2
15/2	16/2 Intensive Swimming Program Book Club Orders due	17/2 Intensive Swimming Program	18/2 Intensive Swimming Program Primary Swimming 2-3pm P&C Meeting 4pm	19/2 Intensive Swimming Program Chinese New Year—Wear Red	20/2 School Swimming Carnival 10am	21/2
22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2
1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3 Murray Darling PSSA Swimming Carnival	7/3

This Week's Newsletter

Attachments

- Receipts
- Year 6 —Canberra Notes
- Year 6—Note regarding 2016

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.

Goal Setting Interviews

Over the next couple of weeks all classroom teachers will be contacting families to make times to meet for Goal Setting Interviews. These are very important gatherings to set goals for your child and discuss the educational needs to best suit your child's learning needs. If the times allocated don't suit please work with the teacher to make a time that is mutually acceptable.

FRUIT

Thank you very much to the lovely families that have been donating fruit for our Crunch 'n' Sip break. Keep it rolling in. It all gets used.

ROAD SAFETY

A reminder that children must wear helmets if they are riding scooters/bikes. I will not let children ride home if they come to school without a helmet. They will have to find an alternative mode of transport.

DOGS IN SCHOOL YARD

Could I please ask families that bring their pet dogs into the school to please make sure they are well restrained and not getting on top of the school lunch tables. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONTACTING ME

If at any time you wish to contact me outside of school hours please note my email address is:

natalie.hopcroft @det.nsw.edu.au

I do check my email regularly and I am aware that sometimes it may be difficult to contact me during the working day.

STARTING SCHOOL

Finally this week I have included some information for our Kinder families (but may be relevant for everyone) about school lunches. It is taken from a pamphlet called 'Your Child's First Year at School—Getting off to a good start'

P&C

The first P&C meeting for the year will be next Wednesday at 4pm here at school. All welcome and invited.

Natalie Hopcroft

Principal

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Last week students were offered Book Club forms. Please note orders and money are due back by Monday 16th February.

THINGS YOU DO TO SUPPORT HEALTH EATING

The best way to get your children to eat lunch at school is to pack what you know they like; even then they may be too excited or busy to eat all their lunch.

Encourage them to bring home uneaten food so you can monitor whether they're getting a balanced diet and adjust their food intake at home if necessary.

Children often don't eat things that go soggy, for example tomato sandwiches—but tiny cherry tomatoes in a salad of lettuce, celery, cheese, gherkin and grated carrot can make an enjoyable lunch if your child likes these.

Water is the best thirst quencher and milk and juice do not always survive well in warm classrooms; pack a frozen drink in the lunch box in summer to help keep the food cold.

Keep foods separate and well wrapped, making sure that little fingers can open each pack.

Try different kinds of rolls, muffins and biscuits to offer variety—we wouldn't like to sit down to the same lunch every day!

Include an occasional treat for your child, but don't send food to be shared with your child's friends, because there may be problems with allergies or cultural food requirements.

If your child's school has a tuckshop or canteen, find out about the healthy and safe options available and plan with your child what they will choose for lunch.

Have something for children to eat as soon as they get home after school—or even in the car if you will be driving for a while. This gives children some energy and stops them feeling so tired.

It usually works best not to make a fuss over what children eat, even if you notice that they have not eaten much of their lunch. Just make sure they have access to healthy food when they get home.

Often children are hungry when they get home and then too tired to eat well when the family has their meal. Providing a nourishing sandwich and piece of fruit after school is a healthy solution.

CANTEEN NEWS

Donut day this Friday. Cinnamon donuts are available for recess orders on Friday at a cost of \$1. They are quite large, so only 1 donut per order. If there are donuts left over, they will be sold at lunch time - but you have to be quick! For new parents, donut day is only twice per term, read your newsletter to find out when.

Thanks to the new parents and grandparents that have put their name down to help at canteen one Friday a term. Students love to see family in the canteen, and it's a great way to get involved at your school. New volunteers are always welcome and I will try to line up dates and pairs to suit everyone. This term is a short one, so if you're not listed this term I will contact you via phone/txt/email or via the newsletter as soon as I start putting Term 2 roster together.

Ordering: Ensure your child's name and teachers name/class is written on their lunch orders. Lunch & Recess orders are to be on separate bags, with no hot food available at recess.

Class Names:

Kinder	Mr Gray's Class
1/2S	Mrs Hall's Class
1/2R	Miss Marzie's Class

Feel free to text/phone or email me if you would like to be added to the volunteer list, or if you have preferred dates for next term.

Kathryn

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CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1, 2015

*13th Feb	Mandy Bone	Leanne Hancock
20th Feb	Swimming Carnival	no canteen
27th Feb	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
6th March	Roslyn Watters-Behsmann	Nelin Spary
13th March	Fiona Cullinan	Cynthia Vines
20th March	Shannon Mitchell	Andria Heywood
*27th March	Kathryn Baird	Kylie Heywood

* Donut Days for Term 1 will be on the 13th February and 27th March

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.

HEALING DAY ASSEMBLY

The Healing Day Assembly will be held this Friday 11.30am at school, in partnership with Mallee Family Care. One of our school leaders will be hosting the Assembly. There will also be a free BBQ and Canteen will be also operating, as normal, on that day.

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting held on Thursday 19th February, 2.30pm at school, to discuss Aboriginal Programs in our school. If you would like to add an item to the agenda please contact me at school. Afternoon Tea provided.

COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY

There will be a meeting held on Thursday 26th February, 10am at Mallee Family Care. The CWP works in partnership with our Aboriginal communities and governments to improve social and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people and communities.

Parents/ community are welcome to come along to help support any school event.

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRL GUIDES have resumed meetings for 2015, 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

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, clarinet and flute but students have to have their own clarinet or flute. Louise conducts these lessons during school times at school on Tuesdays.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year's School Swimming Carnival is coming up on **Friday 20th February**. We will be holding it down at the Wentworth Pool and starting the day at 10am. All 8 years and above swimmers have an opportunity to compete in a number of swimming events and the non-swimmers can participate in the novelty events. Students will be given a chance to enter their chosen events over the next week. We will be needing helpers at the carnival to assist with timekeeping. Please contact the office if you are available to help out on the day.

SPORTS CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN BADGES

The Sports Captains, Vice—Captains and Sports Assistant badges will be handed out at next week's assembly. Well done to those students receiving a badge.

Jordana Shields

Sports Coordinator

PRIMARY SWIMMING

All students who are 8 years old and above will be attending the Wentworth Pool for sport over the next two weeks. We will be heading down on Friday and next Wednesday in the afternoons to help students prepare for the swimming carnival next Friday. Please note that all students **MUST** be wearing some sort of swim shirt over the top while participating in this activity. Any students that forget their swimmers or swim shirt may be asked to stay back at school.

UNICYCLE YEAR 3 - 6

Throughout the year a number of opportunities will arise where the students in Year 3 - 6 will be able to learn how to ride and then be able to ride unassisted on a unicycle. Today those students displaying an interest took home a permission note. If your child/children have changed their mind and are now interested and permitted, but didn't take home a note, they can collect one from the front office.

KINDER B

Hello Everyone,

What a great start all Kinders are having to school despite the extremely hot weather. We have been getting to know our class mates and establishing class routines and expectations, as well as beginning the 'Getting Along' unit which the whole school undertakes. All Kindergarten students have a Year 6 Buddy and we have joined with our Buddy class (Miss Marzie's Class) to work on our school values and cultural posters. Our Buddy class has also been helping Kinders with lunchtime and recess routines which they are all enjoying. We will continue to work with our Buddy class all year; from past experience this is a wonderful school initiative which all students look forward to and learn lots from.

Work books will be sent home on Friday, if you are able to cover these please do and send them back on Monday, it would be great.

Notes will be sent out next week regarding goal setting interviews. I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Reminders:

- Assemblies are every Monday morning at 9.25 am, everyone is welcome.
- Please send in an art smock/painting shirt.
- Have all items of clothing/lunch boxes labelled. Lunch boxes can be put in the classroom fridge in the mornings.
- Library borrowing day for Kinders is Tuesday, they will need a bag to borrow books.
- Donations of fruit for our morning fruit break is welcomed.
- Canteen is open every Friday.

If you have any questions/concerns don't hesitate to contact me either before or after school.

Have a great week.

Keep smiling!

Leanne Byrnes

YEAR 1/2S

Wow! What an amazing first week back at school. 1/2S have had a busy but fantastic time getting to know each other. We have been focusing on the value Active Listening and practicing our whole body listening.

The children had their first class meeting last week and we voted for our Term 1 class SRC representatives. Congratulations to Billy Ward and Maddie Heywood!! They did a wonderful job running our first meeting and will represent 1/2S at our school SRC meetings.

My whole class have been participating in the intensive swimming program every morning this week. The program will continue every day this week and on to next Thursday 19th February. So please make sure your child has there swimming gear packed every day over the next fortnight.

A few reminders:

- All reader bags need to be brought in ready to receive readers in Week 5.
- Please send in a water bottle for the classroom.
- All the children need an art smock to be sent in.
- Any fruit donations for the Crunch and Sip program is greatly appreciated

Please feel free to come in and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope you all have a lovely week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 1/2R

Welcome to the start of a new school year. The class has made a great start to the term.

Congratulations to Ellie Vines and Michael McDermott for being voted in as Term 1 SRC Representatives. I am sure they will do a great job.

Library borrowing will be on Thursday with Mrs Garraway. If students wish to borrow a book they will need to bring a library bag.

If students have their home reader bags at home could they please bring them in? Please have names on them.

Just a reminder that some students are attending the intensive swimming each morning. This continues all this week and until Thursday of next week. Please remember to pack bathers and towels each day.

Primary swimming is on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please remember bathers etc for this session.

The class has been working on a 'Code of Cooperation'. They have agreed on the following to make our classroom a happy place.

- Be an active listener
- Move sensibly around the room
- Use our inside voices
- Talk nicely to each other
- Clean up after yourself
- Make sure your area is tidy
- Come to school ready to learn

This year the students will cover their exercise books with their own artwork. The only book that will not be covered at school will be the homework book. This can be covered, when we start homework, if you wish.

Reminders:

- Art smocks
- Personal pencils cases can be used in class but pencils are supplied.

Please feel free to contact me at school should you have any questions about this year or your child.

Enjoy your week.

Jann Lawrence & Jodi Garraway

MR GRAY'S CLASS NEWS

Congratulations to the kids for a fantastic start to the year. I have been very impressed with the atmosphere that the kids have created in the classroom and I look forward to seeing it continue.

We really need some helpers for the Kitchen Garden program on Monday's!! Whether you're available on regularly or one-off days, I would love your help. So please come and see either Jodie or myself at any time.

With such hot weather around, I have been encouraging students to bring water bottles in to the classroom. So please, feel free to send in an extra, labelled water bottle for kids to store in the fridge or the classroom.

Soon we will begin painting for art. If you would like your child's school uniform to be protected could you please send in an art smock. If a student does not have a smock, I will assume that it is okay for them to paint without one.

If you have any questions or queries about the direction of our learning this year, please come and see me at any time.

Cheers,

Brian

Mrs Halls Class Newsletter Item

Welcome back to the beginning of a brand new year. The class is already churning out productive work and making a great start.

We have voted in our SRC representatives for Term 1 and congratulations must go to Heath Jones and Natasha Simmonds. I'm sure you will both represent our class to a high standard. Hannah Fordham and Tom Stokes will assist these representatives and also step up if they are absent.

As a class we have also developed a 'Class Code of Cooperation', which we have all agreed upon. The children felt that the following points were all important in order for the class to work well together.

We will:

- Listen to each other.
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Ask to borrow other people's equipment.
- Always have a go and do our best.
- Try to help each other.
- Speak nicely to each other.

I think the students have selected a list of important behaviours for both in and outside of school. Please talk to your children about the 'Code of Cooperation' and how they can follow the code themselves.

Reminders:

- Swimming continues on Wednesday's and Friday's for all primary students.
- Student diaries need to be returned to school every day. Students have been adding important dates etc. So please keep checking the diaries.
- Kitchen Garden has commenced if you are able to volunteer some time on Wednesday mornings.
- Homework is due Friday the 20th of February.

Please feel free to contact me at school should you have any questions about this year or your child.

Jenny Halls.

MISS MARZIE'S CLASS

Firstly, I wish to congratulate the whole class for commencing the new school year in such a positive manner. Their skills in making anyone feel at home and most welcomed was clearly demonstrated throughout last week for our new class member Haider.

Congratulations to all the school leaders for a peaceful beginning to the year and for signifying why you hold these roles.

Students have already entered some important information into their diaries. Could you please discuss these regularly?

A big thank you to Hayden Cullinan for fixing our front of room book shelves, they look terrific. Also thank you to Jo Andrews who was able to assist our class in Kitchen Garden yesterday. It's greatly appreciated.

Year 6 polo shirts organisation is underway, thanks to Mrs Mandy Bone and Mrs Leanne Hancock. Thank you for taking on the task. The students have discussed some designs and can't wait to see how this develops.

Accompanying this newsletter all Year 6 students will be receiving a few extra notes. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to see me.

- ⇒ An 'Information Guide and Expression of Interest' form for parents and carers to read and complete. All Year 6 students are required to have this form completed, whether they are attending a NSW secondary school or not. Completed forms need to be returned to the office no later than **Friday, 13th March** for them to be sent off.
- ⇒ Year 6 Canberra Excursion permission and deposit slip note.
- ⇒ Year 6 Canberra Excursion Behaviour & Illness / Student Declaration / Movie Watching note.

Last week our SRC reps were voted in. Congratulations to Callan McInnes and Jack Andrews who will be representing our class during SRC meetings.

Reminders:

- ⇒ 'All About Me' homework task due back by Friday, 20th February.
- ⇒ Diaries returned daily, especially Friday's for comments/feedback.
- ⇒ Daily Reading Data entries in diary.

Hoping you all have a safe week,

Sandra Marziano

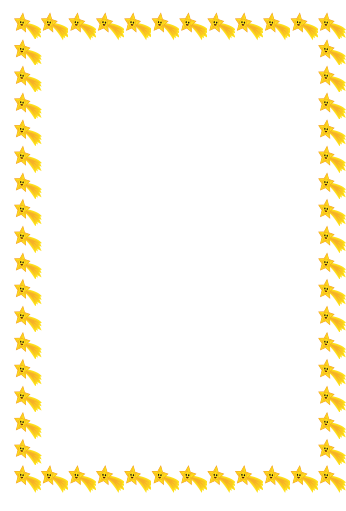
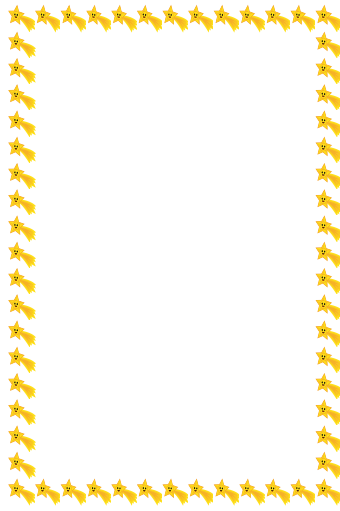
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 * **Kinder: Watch this space.** *
 * **1/2S: Tyson Lever & Billy Ward** *
 * **1/2R: Lucy Cullinan & Maxwell Baird** *
 * **Mr Gray's Class: Kye Lawrence-Hall & Jamaya Kennedy** *
 * **Mrs Halls' Class: Jayden Miller & Breanna Lawson** *
 * **Miss Marzies' Class: Jane Cullinan & 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 math skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.

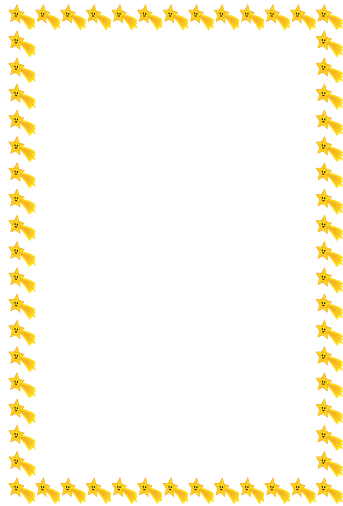
Student of the Week

What was your highlight of the school holidays?

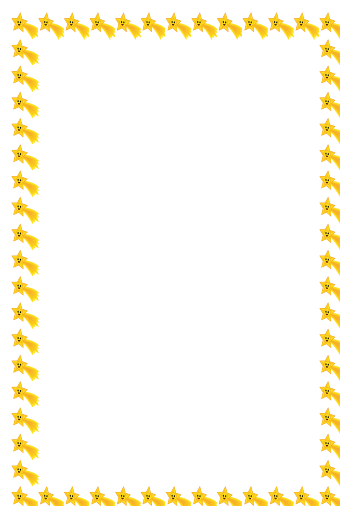


Layla Thompson—Muggeridge:
Going to the pool.

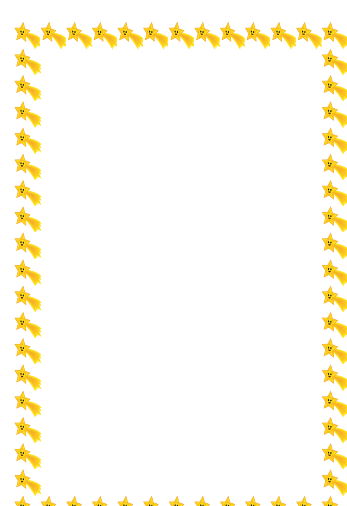
Shauna Lawson: Sleeping
in and helping mum.



James Vine:
Going to Renmark.



Nicholas Bates:
Playing with my brothers.



Hannah Darby:
Staying at my friends house and
going to the river.

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