



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You*

**Thank you** to all family and friends who were able to come along and support our swimming carnival last Friday.

**Thank you** to the P&C for catering for the event.

**Thank you** Miss Shields for great organisation.

### UNIFORM COMMITTEE

I am putting together a group of interested people to have another look at our school uniform. The plan is to put out a survey to all families asking about making changes to our current uniform. If any members of the school community would be interested in assisting with this process please let me know by the end of next week.

Email: [natalie.hopcroft@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:natalie.hopcroft@det.nsw.edu.au)

### WELCOME EVENING

Mr Gray has very kindly coordinated a Welcome Night picnic tea evening for Thursday 5th March at the Junction, Wentworth. Please see flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

### P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At last week's P&C meeting a date was set for the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on **Thursday 19th March at 7pm**.

I will provide babysitting services on the night to make it easier for parents to attend. Please put this date on your calendars.

Our current P&C executive have given many, many years of service and are keen to help train some new school parents to the great work they achieve.

### JOBS LIST

At the last P&C meeting a suggestion was made to instead of holding a one day working bee make a list of school jobs that need to be done and ask families to put their name next to a task and just complete the task whenever it suits the families need. I felt this was worth a try and have included a return note with this week's newsletter to gauge interest in how this might work. Please note all resources, equipment will be provided.

## February/March 2015

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2 Hockey Clinics - Year 3—6	28/2
1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3 Welcome Night 5-7pm	6/3 Murray Darling PSSA Swimming Carnival	7/3
8/3	9/3	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3
15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3  School Photos   NSW State Library Visit 10-11:30	19/3  P&C AGM 7pm in School Library	20/3	21/3
22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3 <i>Donut Day</i>	28/3

### This Week's Newsletter

#### Attachments

- Receipts
- Swimming Carnival results
- Photo Envelopes
- Jobs Wish List
- Pomona Car Boot Sale flyer
- Welcome Night flyer
- Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

#### 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.

### THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>  
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft

Principal.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Wow! What an amazing day we had last Friday at our School Swimming Carnival. So many families came along to support and help out in any way they could. I am so grateful to you all and I just want to say a massive thank you! It was such an enjoyable day for all.

Congratulations to every student who got in and participated in an event, whether it was in the medium pool or big pool. Attached to the newsletter are the results from the carnival. Ribbons and Age Champion medallions will be handed out at next Monday morning assembly. I hope you can come along and congratulate the children's achievements.

### MURRAY DARLING SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Murray Darling Swimming Carnival is being held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March** at the Dareton Pool. Those students who qualified for the carnival have received a permission note today. Please take note that in order to qualify your child needs to have finished first, second or third in the Open 100m Freestyle or Freestyle Age Race, and either first or second in all other events. The places were determined on times and some age groups had a few heats. Please check the results attached to the newsletter to clarify.

I will be needing timekeepers to help out on the day. Please contact the office if you are available. Thank you!

Jordana Shields

### 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. If your child/children has shown an interest in this area and are permitted, but still haven't taken home a note, they can collect one from the front office.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 18th March**.

Children who receive a newsletter (eldest in the family) should have received the following

- A photo envelope with their name

And if it applies to them

- An envelope for each sibling

The following envelopes are available from the front office:

- Family photo envelope (for students attending this school only)
- \* School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects & Sports Captains photos envelope

The school **does not** open these envelopes so please ensure that you have the correct money in them or have enclosed a cheque written out to '*msp photography*'.

Envelopes should be returned to the school by **Tuesday 17th March**.

We will hand them to photographers on **Wednesday** morning

### HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21<sup>st</sup> March each year, it celebrates Australia's Cultural diversity, it's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for 2015 is **15 Amazing Years of Harmony...and its all because of you**. Harmony day will be celebrated at school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Details at a later date.

### COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY

The CWP works in partnership with our Aboriginal communities and governments to improve social and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people and communities. Meetings are held monthly. Upcoming dates will be in newsletter.

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

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

### P&C NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Wentworth Public School P&C will be held on Thursday 19th March commencing at 7pm in the School Library. All welcome

### CANTEEN NEWS

**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	1-2S	1-2R
Mr Grays Class	Mrs Hall's Class	Miss Marzie's Class

#### Donut Day for Term 1 - 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.

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1, 2015**

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

Kathryn

0407 847 717

[kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com](mailto:kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**WENTWORTH SPORTING CLUB** are presenting the "The Australian Katy Perry Tribute Show" (also includes a Robbie Williams and Pink Tribute) on Friday March 27th at the Wentworth Sporting Club. Doors Open at 7:30pm and Show starts at 8pm.

**Tickets:** \$10 Members/\$15 Non Members. \$5 Children (10 years—under 18 years)

(\*Kids 10+ must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times)

### **WAVES OF FUN AT PORTSEA CAMP**

The Camp is for children aged from 9 to 12 years. Our group will be about 40 children. The bus will leave Mildura on Saturday 28th March and return on Thursday April 2nd. The cost per child is \$285 which includes travel, accommodation, meals and activities.

Lots of great activities: Swimming, Snorkelling, Canoeing, High Ropes, Giant Swing, Fishing, Flying Fox, Disco, Bike Riding, Face Painting & Arts and Crafts.

**Apply Today:** The Portsea Camp—Mildura Support Team, PO Box 13080, Mildura Vic, 3500. Phone 50234166

For more information: [www.theportseacamp.com.au](http://www.theportseacamp.com.au)

[info@portseacamp.com.au](mailto:info@portseacamp.com.au) or find us on facebook

Mike Saunders

Organiser—Mildura Support Team

Phone: 50234166 or email [mike-s1@bigpond.com](mailto:mike-s1@bigpond.com)

## **TENNIS TENNIS TENNIS**

**Wentworth Junior Tennis** practice will commence the 2015 season on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. No experience necessary, free coaching given to beginners. To be eligible for junior tennis at Wentworth children must turn 8 by 31 December 2015 and no older than 17.

Practice is from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and the season commences on May 2. Annual membership is only \$30.00, payable after season has commenced.

For more information contact Cheryl Vines on 50276286 or 0428522969.

**Twilight tennis** for senior players will also commence on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. \$5 per person (includes tennis and sausage sizzle). For further information contact Hayden Baird on 0427572177.

The Wentworth Tennis Club has been asked to put out an expression of interest for professional tennis coaching which will be available in Wentworth for juniors and seniors if enough are interested. Mildura Lawn Tennis have 2 new coaches and they are prepared to include Wentworth in their program. Please advise asap.

Cheryl Vines on 0428522969 or email [cvines@tpg.com.au](mailto:cvines@tpg.com.au)

### **REMINDERS**

#### **HEAD LICE**

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

#### **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**

All hats are now \$10

#### **FACEBOOK**

We can be found on facebook at Wentworth Public School.

**KINDER B**

Hello Everyone,

Firstly I would like to congratulate all the students who 'had a go' at the swimming carnival last week. It certainly was much better in the pool than out.

Kinders are continuing with the 'Getting Along' unit. This week we are focussing on the value of 'Honesty'. Our guided reading and writing L3 literacy sessions have begun in earnest; watch this space. Students will begin to take readers home that they have made at school, please take the time to enjoy listening to your child read these books. We are all looking forward to beginning our music sessions with Mr Robinson this and every Friday.

It has been great catching up with you all for the Goal Setting interviews. If you have not yet made a time please pop in and we can arrange a time that suits.

**Reminders:**

- Assemblies are every Monday morning at 9.25 am, everyone is welcome.
- Please send in an art smock/painting shirt.
- Library borrowing day for Kinders is Tuesday, they will need a bag to borrow books.
- Canteen is open every Friday.

Homework went out last Monday, students have a fortnight to complete it. The due date is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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 1/2 R NEWS

Thank you to the people who have attended Goal Setting Interviews. It has been very nice to be able to put some faces to names and discuss the students goals.

We are continuing with the 'Getting Along' unit. This week we are focussing on the value of 'Honesty'.

Well done to all the students who competed at the swimming carnival last Friday. Great effort.

Home readers went out on Monday. These books can be swapped on Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework will be sent home on Monday. The students will bring home a scrap book, which can be covered if you wish. If you cover the book please have the students name clearly on the front. Each week the students will complete:

- Spelling list words ( Look and Say, Cover, Write and Say, Check)
- A sheet of mental
- Home reader (daily reading)
- 4 activities from the grid (one each night)

Homework is due back at school on Friday. The grid will be for the whole term not just one week. When an activity has been completed on the grid, the student can colour it lightly.

Thank you. Have a great week.

Jodi Garraway and Jann Lawrence

### YEAR 1/2S NEWS

This week we have started our literacy program. Readers have started to be sent home each day. We have had a few hiccups with children leaving their readers behind but we will get into the swing of things over the next couple of weeks. Please encourage your child to read to you each night and sign their reading log. I will endeavour to check their reading logs every day of the week unless I am out of school.

It was fantastic to see so many families attending the School Swimming Carnival last Friday. Thank you to all who attended and helped out. It looked like the infants were having a wonderful time competing in the novelty events. 1/2S also had a number of students attempt a half lap of the big pool and Clay Harmer completed a full lap! Congratulations to all!! I am so proud of all my students.

This week we have started Goal Setting Interviews and I have caught up with a number of parents/students thus far. I have really enjoyed meeting you all and going through your child's Personal Learning Plan. Thank you so much for efforts to come in and see me. Please contact the front office to organise a time if you have not already done so.

A few reminders:

- Library borrowing every Thursday.
- Homework was sent out last Monday and is due back Friday

Tomorrow I will be attending a literacy course so I will be off class. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Hope you have an awesome week!

Jordana Shields

**MR GRAY'S CLASS**

It has been great to see everyone at our goal setting meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that we are all working together, toward the common goals for your child. If you have not returned your booking slip for an interview, please see either myself or the office to arrange a meeting time.

**Homework has started going home this week.** It will be sent out on Monday and needs to be completed and returned by Friday. The homework should take no more than 15 minutes per night and should be accompanied by at least 15 minutes of reading per night. If you have any questions about the homework tasks, please come in and see me.

Home reading needs to be completed each night. Students have the opportunity to independently borrow books from the library, as well as see me, to choose a reader that is suitable. Students need to be recording their reading in their diaries and bringing that record in to school each day.

Cheers,

Brian

**MRS HALLS' CLASS**

This week the class has handed in their homework projects and I am part way through our goal setting interviews. If you have not set an interview time with me please give me a call at the school for a suitable time.

PE has begun and we are working towards lifting our fitness. This week we went for a walk and also did some yoga. The kids are enjoying this challenge. Look out for my class at the athletic's carnival we will all be having a red hot go.

Homework will begin next week and will be sent home on a Monday to be returned on a Friday. Homework will be a spelling list and Maths sheet linked to the previous weeks work. Most importantly we need students to be reading regularly at home.

Have a great week everyone.

Jenny Halls

**MISS MARZIE'S CLASS**

Congratulations to Karly and Thomas (Bairdy) for doing a fantastic job at Monday morning's assembly.

It has been a busy week so far with Goal Setting Interview and it's rewarding to hear how much effort has been placed into setting some achievable and interesting goals.

Congratulations to Darling Sport House for being the overall champs at last weeks swimming carnival. Terrific leadership by all the House Captains, Vice-Captains and Sports Assistant. Thank you to Miss Shields for the overall organisation.

Overall the class have made a fantastic effort with their first homework task based on themselves. They have enjoyed viewing all the presentations. Formal homework was sent home yesterday and is due back on next Monday. The math component is a revision of the previous week's activities and some basic mental strategies. At this stage their English homework consists of daily reading and a weekly spelling list which is linked to a website they are able to access for extra practise and assignments. The students have received their passwords to the following site <http://www.spellingcity.com/Marzie456/> and have been shown how to use parts of it. Spelling tests based on their list will be held on Fridays unless something else is occurring, upon which students will be notified. Homeworkopoly has been well received and the students are eager to see where they land.

Thank you to Beryl (Claire's Nan), Cheryl (Jane's Nan) and Garry (Jaxon and Callan's Dad) for helping in the Kitchen this week.

Three of our class members travelled to Broken Hill this week to try out for the Barrier Netball team. We wish them all the best.

**Reminders:**

- The 'Information Guide and Expression of Interest' form for all Year 6 students are to be completed and returned to the office no later than **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March** for them to be sent off.
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion deposits are due before the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015.

Keep Cool,

Sandra Marziano

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* Kinder:   Hannah Ah-see & Sami Watters-Behsmann
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* 1/2S:     Maddie Heywood & Tyree Taylor
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* 1/2R:     Noel Doidge & Charlie Baird
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* Mr Gray's Class: Dylan Wellard & Dakota Jones
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* Mrs Halls' Class: Heath Jones, Monique Payne, Thomas Stokes & Nicholas Bates
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* Miss Marzies' Class: Amelia Paech & Lyle Thorne
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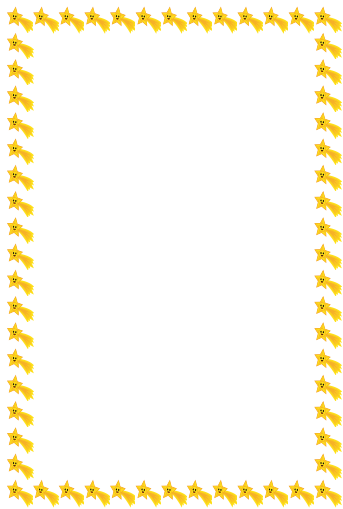
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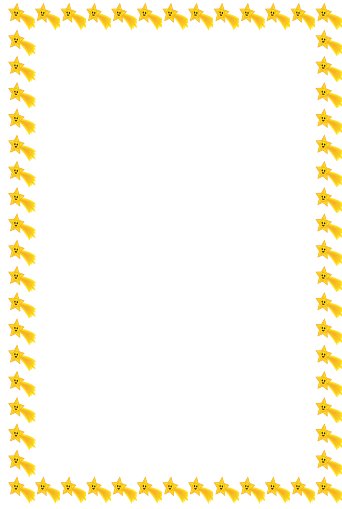
Wentworth Public School prepares our students for a successful future by providing quality educational opportunities for all, which encourage life-long learning. We emphasize strong reading, writing and math skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.

## Student of the Week

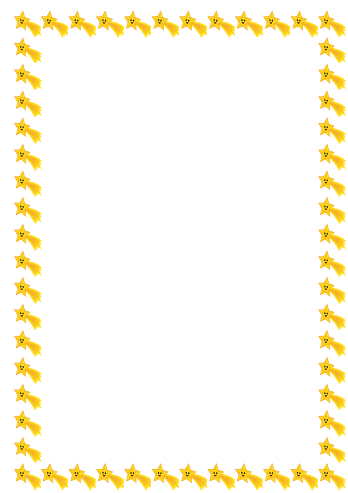
What was your favourite part of the swimming carnival?



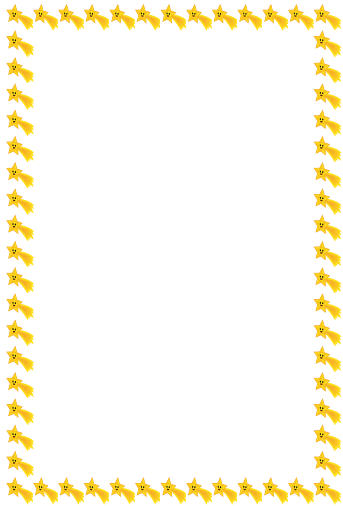
Erica Brooker: Making a whirlpool.



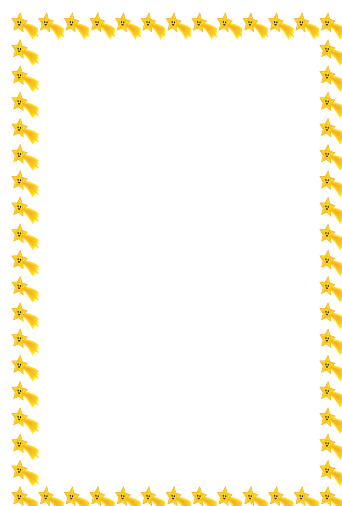
Riley Dannett: Playing with the ducks.



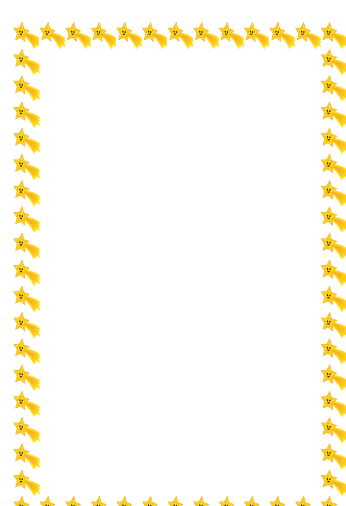
Zachary Donohue: Singing the Murray songs.



Robbie Watters-Behsmann: The swimming races.



Chloe Nash: Singing the Darling songs.



Callan McInnes: I enjoyed yelling out the songs and encouraging others.

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