



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Hello and welcome to the 2015 school year. Staff have been at work for two days in preparation for the year ahead.

On Monday we were delighted to receive a special visit from two of our students who had written a song. I would like everybody to read the lyrics of the song they wrote because I think they sum up the positive vibe we have at the school. (see page 3).

Thank you girls for such a great warm and fuzzy performance.

Classes have started exactly how we announced them at the end of the year.

They are: **Kinder** - Ms Leanne Byrnes with Fiona as support person

1/2S - Miss Shields with Annie as support person

1/2/R— Mrs Lawrence on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday

3/4/5— Mrs Halls with Kacey as support person

3/4/5— Mr Gray

4/5/6— Miss Marzie

Sonia Murray has decided to pursue another employment path this year and will be working/studying in Mildura. Sonia was very sad to leave us behind but we wish her all the best.

Mrs Kate Worrell will be teaching here on Wednesdays and taking some of the classes.

Mrs Farley is here on Monday/Tuesday and will be taking some classes.

Mrs Larwood will continue in her role as Learning and Support Teacher.

Trish Jones continues as Aboriginal Education Officer.

Administration, cleaning, maintenance staff all remain the same.

Vince and Jodie will continue with the Kitchen/Garden program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

I will be taking the Reading Recovery lessons and will be required to teach for one hour each day.

At this stage our numbers are looking very good for an extra teacher staffing allocation. Please note this will not alter any of the class structures because I already have the extra class in place. It just means the school funds will not be needed for wages. The Department of Education will pay for the extra teacher.

THANKS

A huge thanks to Bec Bysouth for her excellent coordination of the Australia Day Lunch at very short notice. You saved the day! Also thank you to the students and families that supported Bec on the day.

Could I please also thank Nathan and Tammy Fordham who took the wire fence down over the holidays ready for our new one.

Once again Tim Vines is supporting the school by being the go to man for the watering system. He and Hayden Culinan have already been called in to fix a broken pump.

February 2015

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat-
				5/2	6/2 Primary Swimming	7/2
8/2	9/2 Kindergarten Commence Intensive Swimming Program starts	10/2	11/2 Primary Swimming	12/2	13/2 Primary Swimming	14/2
15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2 Primary Swimming	19/2	20/2 School Swimming 10am	21/2

WELCOME

Welcome to the following families and students who started at our school this week.

Haider (Yr 6), Nicholas (Yr 3), Hayley (Yr1), Cooper (Yr3), Tyree (Yr1), Clay (Yr1), Milla (Yr 2) and Zannah (Yr 4). We also welcome Shauna back.

Next week I will be able to put the names of all our Kindergarten students in the Newsletter. Very exciting!

Natalie Hopcroft

Principal.

This Week's Newsletter

Attachments

- Class Newsletters
- Receipts
- Canteen prices for 2015

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.

"Jane and Lucy's Song"

Mrs Hopcroft is in charge
Miss Marzie's not far behind
Put their brains together
This school is gonna fly

This schools gonna rock 'n' roll
This schools gonna rock 'n' roll
This schools gonna rock 'n' roll
In thin air

The Teachers are all awesome
The Teacher Aides are great
The children are all fresh
From their little break

This schools gonna rock 'n' roll
This schools gonna rock 'n' roll
This schools gonna rock 'n' roll
In thin air

I strive!!!

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.

Intensive Swimming Program

The Intensive Swimming Program is starting this Monday 9th February and finishes on the Thursday 19th February. The swimming program caters for any non-swimmers or swimmers who are not confident in the water. Notes regarding the program went out last year and further notes have been passed out today to those who have not yet returned their note. It is important that all notes be returned as soon as possible. Students will need to bring their swimmers, a towel, swim shirt, goggles (if needed) and a plastic bag for wet items.

Primary Sport - Swimming

Every 8 year and above student will be participating in four sessions of swimming for Primary Sport. These sessions will involve some water safety and survival skills revision as well as provide an opportunity for your child to practice for the Wentworth School Swimming Carnival. Unconfident swimmers will also be catered for. Notes regarding the program went out last year and further notes have been passed out today to those who have not yet returned their note. It is important that all notes be returned as soon as possible.

The swimming sessions will be held at the Wentworth Pool from 2pm to 3pm starting this **Friday 6th February**. The following sessions will be on **Wednesday 12th February, Friday 14th February and Wednesday 19th February**.

Students will need to bring their swimmers, a towel, swim shirt, goggles (if needed) and a plastic bag for wet items.

AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCH

We again catered for the Australia Day Lunch at Junction Park in Wentworth. We really appreciate the helpers who gave up their time on the long weekend at very short notice.

Special thanks to Amber Baird, Sarah Crisp, Fiona, Jane & Lucy Cullinan, Kellie, Darcy & Libby Saunders, Jenny & Summer Halls, Jo & Jade Andrews, Mandy, Kevin & Dean Bone, Leanne, Sarah, Mathew & Laura Hancock, Rachel, Tobias & Olive Watson-Kiely, Montana Norris & Holly Bysouth.

Thanks again, your help was extremely appreciated !!

Becky Bysouth



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

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ORDERING:

Please ensure you supply a separate lunch bag for recess and lunch orders. On each bag please remember to put the **students name and class/teacher**. Total all orders and put correct money in each bag. All food (including ice creams) need to be ordered before 9.30am. Hot food is not available at recess. Please remember to keep your lunch bags if you have ordered an ice-cream, these must be taken to the canteen to collect your ice-cream.

HELP NEEDED!!

Parents / Grandparents, we are very short on volunteers to run the canteen. Could you spare one Friday (8.45-2.30pm) per term to help out? Without some new names on the roster, our canteen will be closed on days that volunteers are not available. Please contact Kathryn if you are available; kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com or 040 784 7717.

CANTEEN ROSTER— TERM 1 2015

6th February	Kathryn Baird	Kylie Heywood
* 13th February	Kelli Saunders	Leanne Hancock
20th February	Roslyn Watters-Behsmann	Nelin Spary
27th February	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
6th March	Mandy Bone	Cherie Milner
13th March	Fiona Cullinan	
20th March	Shannon Mitchell	
* 27th March	Kathryn Baird	

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

If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day, please call Kathryn (0407 847 717) as soon as possible, or we will have no canteen for that Friday. This is due to a shortage of volunteers.

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.

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