



## Newsletter for 22nd July 2015

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Brrrr! It sure has been cold. Great weather for working hard to try and keep warm.

#### JODIE'S FAREWELL

Next Tuesday 28th July we will be hosting a special farewell lunch for Jodie Morgan. The event will take place at 12:00pm in the school hall.

Each class has been nominated a food category to bring a plate to share. The whole school community are invited to attend.

Miss Marzie/Kinder— Sandwiches, Savoury finger food

Mrs Halls/Miss Shields— Sweet

Mr Gray/Mrs Rees— Fruit/Veg platter

#### HEADLICE

There are a lot of children dealing with headlice at the moment. Could I please ask that you check your child's hair and treat if necessary (including clothing/bedlinen)?

#### MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

We have a large number of children who are unwell at present. There are a variety of illnesses including gastro and chicken pox. If your child needs to be absent from school for more than two days, it is a good idea to seek medical assistance. If you do take your child to the doctor please ask for a medical certificate and send this to the school office.

#### NAIDOC

Trish Jones is very busy organising our fabulous NAIDOC day activities for next Wednesday 29th July. Pomona and Palinyewah schools will also be joining us. The Pre School are also planning to attend for part of the day.

#### EDUCATION WEEK

Next week NSW public schools will be celebrating Education Week. Our school, will be having the following events.

Monday- Where's the Teddy? Shared Experience

Tuesday— Jodie's farewell lunch

Wednesday— NAIDOC

Thursday— Normal school day

Friday— Murray Darling Athletics Carnival

## July/August 2015

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				23/7 Spelling Bee Spell Off	24/7 <i>Crazy Hair</i>	25/7
26/7	27/7 Education Week	28/7 Jodie's Farewell Lunch	29/7 NAIDOC	30/7 P&C Meeting 4pm in the Library.	31/7 <i>Murray Darling Athletics Carnival</i>	1/8
2/8	3/8 Book Club Orders Due	4/8	5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8
9/8	10/8	11/8 UNSW Mathematics	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8
16/8	17/8 <i>Questacon</i>  Hunters Hill Public School	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8 <i>Barrier Athletics</i>	22/8
23/8	24/8 Sydney/ Hunters Hill Excursion	25/8	26/8	27/8 Rufus River Memorial Day Mrs Halls Class	28/8	29/8 Wentworth Show

### This Week's Newsletter

#### Attachments

- Receipts
- Yr 4-5 Woodhouse Camp (students that are attending)
- Colouring in Competition
- MDBA Yr 5-6 Media Release forms

### 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.

### **WELCOME**

This term our school has been delighted to welcome some new students, who have all settled really well into Wentworth Public School.

Welcome to: Aysha (Yr 3), Tyrell (Yr 3),  
Neomai (Yr 2), Timothy (Yr 2)  
Gideon (Kinder)

### **SPEECH THERAPIST CHANGE**

We have been very fortunate for a number of years to have the support of a Speech Pathologist from Robinvale District Health. In recent times this service has been given by Kathy Stidwill. Kathy has recently taken another job and will no longer be visiting our school. I have passed on our thanks to Kathy and her great contribution to our school on behalf of the school. Hopefully in the near future a replacement will be found and our partnership with Robinvale Health will continue.

In the mean time I also have employed Amber Baird- Speech Therapist to work for half a day every Tuesday to help support the Infant Classroom teachers in implementing oral language programs.

### **REPORTS/INTERVIEWS**

Thank you for making the time to come and meet with your child's teacher this week or maybe next week. It is always easier to explain in person where children are situated in terms of their learning in a face to face environment.

One thing that may be difficult to understand is the grading system that is used on school reports. It is important to remember that we grade the students as compared to all students in NSW. Teachers spend a lot of time looking at work samples and comparing them to work samples from students across the state. If you have any queries or would like this explained further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great week,  
Natalie Hopcroft  
Principal.

### **MURRAY DARLING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

All students who qualified for the Murray Athletics Carnival received a permission note yesterday. All notes need to be returned by this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Another note was also sent home today regarding the Buronga P&C canteen being run on the day. Please have this note returned to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Jordana Shields  
Sports Coordinator

### **PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE**

Unfortunately the date for this year's Premier's Spelling Bee is being held later in week 10 of this term, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, therefore we will have most of Year 4's and 5's away on camp. If you are in Year 3, please come along tomorrow at lunchtime to Miss Marzie's class to try out at the Spell Off.

### **P&C MEETING**

Next Thursday the 30th July 4pm in the Library all welcome ,hope you can make it.  
Regards P&C President Tammy Fordham

### BOOK FAIR UPDATE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, last terms Book Fair was a great success. Due to your wonderful support, the school has qualified for a special Book Fair deal at the end of the year. The deal is buy one, get one free. We will be holding this event just before the Christmas break.

Happy Reading,

Sandra Marziano

### LIBRARY NEWS

With Book Week approaching soon we will be looking at many of the short listed books for 2015.

The theme for book week this year is "BOOKS THAT LIGHT UP MY WORLD".

In light of the events 70<sup>th</sup> year I will be having a colouring in competition for Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 with a book prize going to one student per year level and their picture displayed.

Also a poster competition for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be held. There will be one book prize going to one student per year group and their poster will be displayed within the school.

The competitions will be run in classes for those children who would like to participate.

Competitions end Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and will be announced at assembly the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2015.

K -2 Colouring in competition -

Students need to write their name and year level on the back of their entry.

Quality colouring in.

3-6 Poster competition -

Students will need to make it on a piece of A3 paper.

Relate to the theme "Books that light up my world".

Have the theme written on the poster.

Name and Year group on the back of the poster.

Celebrating 70 years somewhere on the poster.

Thank you

Tamie Farley

### CONCERT

Earlier this week we auditioned students for the three main roles in the upcoming concert.

With all the auditions being exceptional it was very difficult to make the final decision, well done to everyone who came to the auditions and tried out.

We are pleased to announce:

**The Narrators are:** Montana Norris and Lyle Thorne.

**Ngiri is:** Jane Cullinan

**Understudy for Ngiri:** Hannah Darby

**Old Nyumbu :** Jasmine McDermott

**Understudy for Old Nyumbu:** Dylan Wellard

The understudy will step in for the person playing the part if for any reason they are unable to do their part.

Congratulations to all!

### **SRC REMINDER**

#### **CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Crazy Hair Day is an annual fundraising event organised by Cystic Fibrosis and is a fun way for schools to celebrate the start of third term and a great way to raise awareness and funds for those living with cystic fibrosis. This year's event is being held this **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**. Students are encouraged to come to school with the craziest hair possible and make a gold coin donation towards a well worth cause. Remember anything goes on Crazy Hair Day: teased, coloured, gelled or twisted; wigs and scarves, punk or just plain messy! (Please note it is also casual dress day - school hat still required and due to it being Friday sports, appropriate foot ware.)

### **ENHANCING ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN ACT 2015**

The Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them.

The complaints scheme commenced on 1st July 2015. Much of the time we anticipate we will work with social media services to take down material without the need to contact schools. We recognize that schools have long been the first point of contact for cyberbullying complaints so we hope the scheme will be of assistance to you, your staff, students and their families.

The Office has absorbed the Australian Communications and Media Authority's Cybersmart program and associated educator materials, professional development resources and information for children and their families.

### **NAIDOC DAY**

Wentworth Public school will be celebrating NAIDOC day on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9.30am and finishing at 3.30pm. Activities include visiting the Burial Marker Tree with an Elder, talking about artefacts, Johnny cake cooking, Indigenous games, art, BBQ lunch and special guest Sean Choolburra. **Parents and Community Welcome.**

### **RUFUS RIVER MEMORIAL DAY**

Our students and staff from Mrs Hall's Class have been invited to attend the Rufus River Memorial Day at Lake Victoria on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August. The primary students from Pomona Public School will also be joining us. This day is highly significant to the Aboriginal Community and has helped shape Australia's Cultural History. The day is also used to promote reconciliation. The students will gain high exposure to Aboriginal Culture, European History, Conservation Land Management and Cultural Heritage Management. Permission notes will go out after NAIDOC day. There will be a cost. Travel will be by bus. Parents are most welcome to join us (limited seats, cost involved).

Thankyou

Trish Jones AEO

### **SHREDDED PAPER**

We have bags of shredded paper to give away. If interested please contact the office.

## NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

### NOTIFICATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs with accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-data-school-students-disability>.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Chris Larwood.

### 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.

### 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 <https://www.facebook.com/wentworthpublicschool>

You can look at this even if you are not on facebook.

### TRACKPANTS

Limited stock is kept at the office. Orders will be sent at the end of each fortnight (during the winter months), as long as we have enough orders.

Styles available—Leisure Track Pants—\$20, Fleecy Track pants—\$15 and Micro fibre Track pants—\$25

**CANTEEN NEWS.**

We still need more volunteers to keep our canteen open. Just one Friday a term, you can team up with a friend or family member and pick the date that suits you - we're pretty flexible! Without more volunteers the canteen will be closed some weeks.

**CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2015**

24th July	Mandy Bone	
31st July	Kathryn Baird	Charlotte Cullinan
7th August	Kelli Saunders	Cherie Milner
14th August	Shannon Mitchell	Andria Heywood
21st August	Kathryn Baird	Charlotte Cullinan
28th August	Becky Bysouth	Bonnie Thompson
4th Sept	Roslyn Watters-Behsmann	Nelin Spary
<b>11th Sept*</b>	Kylie Heywood	Mel Whitfield
18th Sept	No volunteers / No canteen	

***\* The next Donut Day for Term 2 will be Friday 11th September***

Please contact me asap if your not available on the date I have you down for, and which date(s) you would be available. It is no problem to swap the roster around if everyone has some notice.

Thanks, Kathryn

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**YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING UPDATE:**

Thanks again to Tiggy's Outback Diner for supplying the hot chips on Monday, they tasted great! Donna & Brett organised the right amount of chips and gravy and Kylie & Kathryn served them up with the help of Year six students Karly, Sarah, Montana & Summer. Thanks everyone!

We still have a few boxes of Chocolates at the front office that need to be sold. If you have the avenues to sell another 10-20 chocolates, please come and collect them from the front office - payment on collection is preferred (\$2.50 per chocolate bar). Well done to those who have already collected your boxes and sold them (or ate them), this has been a great fundraiser.

Thanks to Donna & Brett at Tiggy's Outback Diner for organising this Fundraiser! It was a huge effort to organise 400 chocolate bars, create personalised labels and provide boxes for selling!

## CLASS NEWS ITEMS

### KINDER B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

I would like to give you all a quick snapshot of what Kinder will be working on during Term 3.

In Science we are looking at developing our understandings about the weather; looking at weather symbols, sun and temperature, and how these elements can have an impact on our day to day lives. In Human Society and its Environment we are doing a unit on 'Healthy Choices'; making informed and positive health choices by learning about nutrition and preventative health strategies.

We will continue having Sport with Mr Gray and Music lessons with Mr Robinson every Friday. The first half of this term we will be making artwork and craft items for the Wentworth show and in the latter half there will be concert preparation. To top it off we have a 'Lego' theme; we will have Lego challenges and brain teasers all term, we will build a Lego wall of words that we know and finish the term with a Lego party. All in all a very busy term.

Parent teacher interviews are taking place this fortnight. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone to discuss your child's learning and to set goals for the second semester.

Don't forget we have a Crazy Hair day and casual dress day this Friday with all gold coin donations going to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

#### Reminders

Homework is due every **Friday**.

Home readers are changed every **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Donations of fruit/vegetables welcomed for our morning fruit breaks.

Have an awesome week! Leanne Byrnes

### YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Last week all school reports went home with the children. Parent / teacher interviews are being conducted this week. If you have not already made an appointment to see me, please contact the school.

Congratulations to Hayley Johnston and Isaiah Dwyer for being elected our Term 3 SRC representatives. Thank you to Tyson Lever and Clay Harmer for your wonderful leadership in Term 2.

All homework went out last Monday. Some of the children have still not returned their homework books from last term and therefore have not received the new set of homework for Term 3. Please notify me if I need to make up a new homework book for your child. Homework is sent out every Monday and returned every Friday

This Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July the school is having Crazy Hair Day. The children are fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis and any gold coin donations are most welcome. The children are allowed to wear casual dress as well but please be aware that we have sport on Fridays so appropriate clothing and footwear needs to be worn.

Last week we achieved 100 certificates in our Class Reward Tally. So the children are being rewarded with a games day. We will hold our games day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. The children are allowed to bring game boards, toys, iPads and iPods. All items sent in will be stored in my classroom.

Few reminders:

\*Readers checked and changed every day.

\*Homework due Friday.

\*Any fruit donations are greatly appreciated. Please take up to the office.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shields



**YEAR 1/2R NEWS**

Hello again from Year 1/2R. It has been a busy start to Term 3. On Thursday, we elected our new class SRC representatives. Congratulations to Charlie Baird and Neomai Burton, who were elected by their peers to represent our class this term.

Parent/Teacher interviews started on Monday. I would like to say thank you to all the parents/carers who have already attended the interviews and I look forward to catching up with the remaining families in the coming days.

This **Friday** is Crazy Hair day and casual dress day. Please remember to come with a crazy 'do' and a gold coin to support a wonderful cause.

Homework will start going home again tomorrow. This term, we will be working on a 'Space' project. Each week the students will be given a task to complete that will be added to a final project. The students will have a spelling task to complete each night as well as a maths task. Homework is not compulsory, however those students who complete all tasks on a weekly basis will participate in our class Homeworkopoly game.

Next week is Education week. To kick off the celebrations, on Monday, we will be having our next Shared Experience. The focus for this experience is 'position'. Our class would like to thank Miss Marzie and her class for all their hard work in preparing this experience for us. On Tuesday we will be hosting a celebration to thank and farewell Jodie Morgan. We are asking each child to bring a plate of something that they can share at our combined picnic.

**Reminders**

Homereaders to be returned on Mondays and Thursdays

Homework is due on a Thursday

Crazy Hair Day- Friday

Shared Experience -Monday

Bring a plate of food on Tuesday for whole school picnic.

Parent/Teacher Interviews all week

Have a wonderful week, looking forward to catching up with you all in the coming days

Cheers

Natalie Rees

**MR GRAY'S NEWS**

It has been great to catch up at our parent-teacher meetings. It is also good to have a chat about the report card and the year so far. If you have not arranged to have a meeting as of yet, could you please contact the school as soon as possible?

Please remember that it is crazy hair day this Friday. Students have the opportunity to sport some crazy haircuts and come out of uniform. But don't forget, Friday Sport will be on as per usual and students need to wear appropriate footwear.

**We need some helpers for Kitchen Garden on Monday!!!** So if you're available, please come down and help us cook some yummy food. 10am - 11:50am, the more the merrier.

Cheers,

Brian

**MRS HALLS' NEWS**

Welcome everyone to the second week of term. I apologise for my absence last week. I am back, up and slowly running this week. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Parent/teacher interviews have been going along steadily. If I have not yet set a date to meet with you please call Mrs Shields in the office for a time slot.

Homework will commence again on Thursday and will from then on be sent out on a Monday and will be returned each Friday. The tasks will be simple and include a maths sheet and simple literacy activity.

NAIDOC week is being celebrated next Wednesday and all are welcome to join in the celebration.

Have a great week everyone.

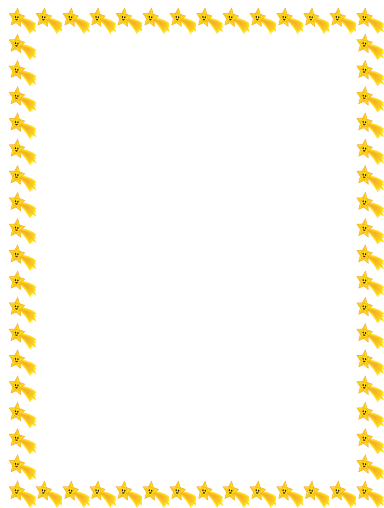
Cheers Jenny Halls.

**Miss Marzies' Class: Callan McInnes & Hamish Baird**

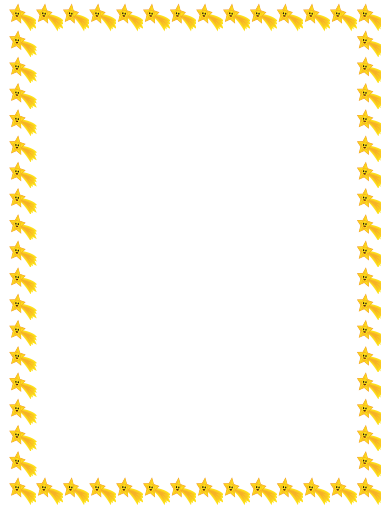
## Purpose Statement

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.

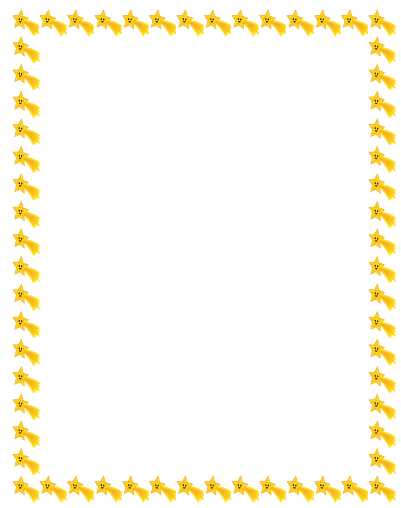
What was your favourite thing about coming back to school this term?



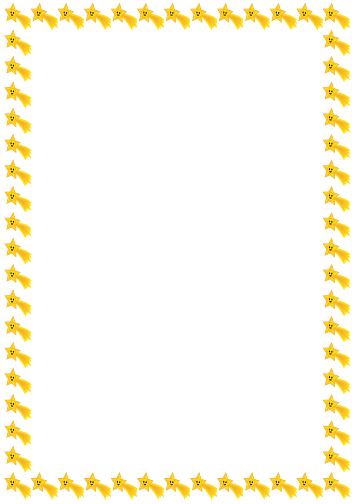
**Aidan Darby: Playing with my friends.**



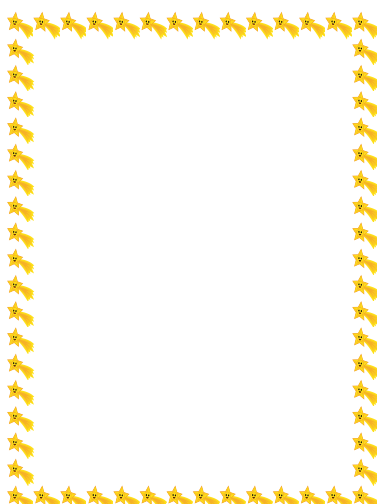
**Brodie Cooper-Gunn:  
To play with friends.**



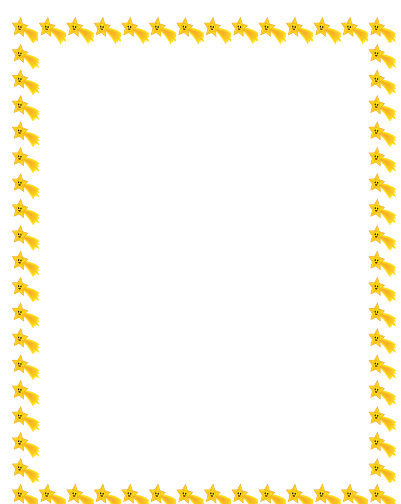
**Allan Mitchell: Meeting up with my friends.**



**Jemma Clifford: Meeting my friends.**



**Jacob Follett: Meeting my friends.**



**Jasmine McDermott: Going on the uni-cycle.**

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