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.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WENTWORTH SHOW
The school will once again be represented at the Show this weekend. Please come and visit us in our tent and feel free to spend some time chatting to visitors about our school. We look forward to having representatives from the P&C and AECG joining staff and students throughout the day. The teachers have planned some great activities and we will be sharing samples from our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program as well. All students have entered work into the show and will be represented in our school display, so make sure you take the time to check out their work!

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
It is exciting to announce that the installation of our equipment on the oval is underway, with the underground scans and site preparation commencing shortly. If all goes according to plan, we will have the equipment by the end of term. Many people have worked hard to make this happen and a huge thanks in particular to Amber Baird for her drive in making it happen. Now to think about our next project?????

SCHOOL PLANNING
All families and community members are invited to attend a planning workshop next Wednesday, 30th at 4pm. The objective of the meeting is to revisit our school plan and begin the development of our priorities for the coming three years. We will be looking at the school’s vision statement and purpose and will be seeking input as to ways we can continue to provide a quality education for all students at Wentworth Public School. Please come along and help us in this important step in our school’s planning. Afternoon tea will be provided!

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
We look forward to families joining us next Friday, 1st September, from 8am, for our annual shared breakfast. Please refer to your invitation for details and RSVP for catering purposes!

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS
Attached to all Year 4 - 6 newsletters is a consent form which should only be returned if you do not want your child to take part in the Tell Them From Me survey. As mentioned in previous newsletters this survey provides the school with valuable information to direct coming school plans. The information is collected on-line, anonymously. Also available is a parent survey which can be completed. This will assist in future school planning. To access this survey please type the following link in the address bar: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wps3421
Parents who would like to fill out the survey but do not have computer access at home may come to school to do so.

NAPLAN ON-LINE
During next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in readiness testing of the NAPLAN ON-LINE platform. The objective of this testing is to ensure our school has the technical capacity to participate in this way. No individual results of this test will be shared with the school.

NAPLAN REPORTS
Last week, all Year 3 and Year 5 students received their NAPLAN results. Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss these with either your child’s class teacher or me if you wish.
CANTEEN
Attached to this newsletter is a request for helpers for our canteen. It cannot operate without volunteers. As you will see, we have many spare spaces and it is not fair to Craig to be chasing people each week. Please help us out by nominating a day or days that you could help!

Cath Eddie
Principal

BOOK WEEK

DRESS UP
On Tuesday the 29th August we will be celebrating our beloved Book Week with a dress up followed by classroom activities. The theme this year is "Escape to Everywhere"! Please come dressed up as your favourite book character or something that is related to the theme. We will have our colouring competition where the winner from each year group will win a book and there will be prizes for costumes.

Regards
Tam Farley

YEAR 4/5 SPECIAL NEWS – WOODHOUSE EXCURSION
Only two more weeks to go before the Woodhouse adventure. Please remember medical forms and final payments were due in today, Wednesday, 23rd August, 2017. If for some reason you have not been able to finalize the payment and haven’t made any arrangements with Mrs Eddie, please come in to discuss the matter.
Today the campers took home another copy of the 'Things to take' list as a reminder. Any outstanding Medical Forms need to be returned this week, thank you.

Sandra Marziano

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Please note that Issue 6 of Book Club was sent home last week. Any orders and money are due back at school by Friday 1st September.

Thank You.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
On Friday 1st September we will be holding our annual Fathers’ Day / Special Friends breakfast starting at 8am. The cost is $10 for the family for the delicious bacon and eggs with juice breakfast. We hope that you can come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our breakfast get together. Look out for the special invitations that will be sent home next week.
Please note: If you are able to donate some eggs for this special occasion, could you please send them in next week? Any assistance is greatly appreciated.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

School canteen is open every Friday (providing we have enough volunteers). Donut day is twice per term, usually the first and last canteen day of term, check newsletter for dates.

**CANTEEN ORDERING:**
Please ensure you supply a separate lunch bag for recess and lunch orders. On each bag please remember to put the **student’s name and teacher**. Total all orders and put correct money in each bag. Orders need to be placed by 9.30am. **Hot food is not available at recess** (the only exception is 2 minute noodles & pizza bread). All other hot pastries, nuggets and tenders are lunch only. 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, could you spare one Friday (8.45-2.30pm) per term to help out? You will be rostered on with someone who knows the ropes for as long as you want. Or you can bring a friend / family member along, and make a day of it. Kids love to see their family in the canteen! The roster is pretty flexible, dates can be worked around you. Please contact either the school office or canteen manager Craig Wellard (0477 060 759) with your contact details if you would like to join our volunteer team in 2017. Craig is seeking parent feedback into what you and your children would like to see in the school canteen for 2017.

REMINDER: THERE IS AN UPDATED PRICE LIST. NEW CHARGES APPLY NOW.

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**DISCO**

You're invited to the Pomona **DISCO**

**Date:** Tuesday 29th August

**Time:** 5pm-7pm

**Where:** Pomona Hall

$5 entry fee

Sausage sizzle and a drink

**Ages:** 4-12 welcome

Must RSVP by 28/08/2017 on 50273486
K/1B
We celebrated our ‘100 Days’ of school last Wednesday and I am sure that you have all heard how much fun it was. We built towers using 100 cups, 100 cubes and 100 pegs. We played Race to 100, and made special 100 Day crowns to wear for the day. We counted out 100 steps on the oval and tossed 100 balls in the air on the parachute. Please pop into the classroom to see the photos of our day which will become the subject for many of our writing experiences over the next week or two.
We have finished all our sewing for the Wentworth Show and we would like to thank our helpers who were able to come in and help us out with that. We truly do appreciate it. Look out for some of our artwork/school work in the school display shed also.
We are working very hard on counting backwards every day in class. If you could take the time to listen to them also that would be awesome.
Have a great week.
Leanne Byrnes

1/2P
Hooray! Hooray! We made it to the 100th Day!
Thank you to those families who collected 100 items to bring into school. All students were able to share these items into 10 groups to represent 100.
Wentworth Show is on this weekend, and I can’t wait to see you all there! Don’t forget to check out our felt bookmarks and wool pom poms. Our artworks will also be on display.
Next Thursday 31st August will be Kitchen Garden and helpers would be greatly appreciated.
Keep smiling,
Miss Pomroy

2/3H
Hello everyone and welcome to Week 6!
This term in 2/3H we have been completing author studies on different Australian authors. So far we have looked at the work of Bob Graham and Leigh Hobbs. This fortnight’s author is Alison Lester. We’ve enjoyed comparing the stories and illustrations in each of the books.
In Science we have been learning about the weather and have been keeping a record of daily temperatures. Needless to say, the weather has been all over the place.
Please remember Kitchen Garden is this Thursday and parent helpers are always welcomed to assist in the activities.
Finally, there is a small bounty of unnamed jumpers contained within our classroom tub. Please encourage your children to find and claim their clothing as the container is currently at the point of overflowing!
Enjoy the rest of your week :)
Erin Hammerton
3/4F

Our next Kitchen and Garden session will be on Tuesday 12th Sep 2017. In Mathematics last week, our focus was on Mass. Students have been estimating in grams and kilograms. They have used pan balance to measure actual weight of several items in the classroom. This week we have been looking on the topic Data.

In English, students enjoyed creating their Blackout Poetry. They formed short phrases of text from a page of a book and infused a visual art to their poetry. This week we have been focusing on Limerick Poems.

Homework was given out yesterday and will be due next week on Friday 1st September 2017. I will be away from tomorrow and Friday attending a conference in Mildura. Miss Siddle will be taking the class for both days. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Have a wonderful week ahead,
Kathryn Fernandez.

YEAR 5M

Halfway through the term already and we definitely haven’t slowed down. The class have been busy preparing for the Wentworth Show with each child producing items for the poster and post stamp competition, as well as the craft section.

Today Year 5’s were given a raffle ticket booklet with instructions to sell. Sold and unsold tickets/butts and money are due back by Wednesday 30th August, ready for the lucky tickets to be drawn.

On Friday some of our class members will take part in the Barrier Athletics Carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

Homework was sent home yesterday and is due back by Friday 1st September, just before their adventure to the Woodhouse camp.

Thank you to Mrs Farley for organising a local excursion to the town library in celebration of Book Week. From all accounts the students had a great time there.

Kitchen Garden will be held again next Wednesday, 30th August. If you are about to assist in the kitchen and/or garden, it would be greatly appreciated.

We have begun practice for the school concert. Some of our class members have specific parts whilst others are in the band or part of the class section of the play. More information regarding clothing required for the event will be sent home soon. Please note the school concert is an event every child is required to participate in.

Please ensure you read the Year 4/5 Woodhouse Excursion information in the newsletter.

Please Note:

- Diaries with updated Reading Data due this Thursday 24th August.
- Any spare fruit for our daily Crunch & Sip.

Hope to see you at the show,
Sandra Marziano
YEAR 6H
Year 6 have been very busy completing art and craft items for the Wentworth Show. I am looking forward to seeing lots of students helping out at the school tent and taking part in the school band and National Anthem performances.

Canberra is fast approaching, now less than two weeks away. **Final payment for the camp is due this Friday.** Final notes have now gone home which include the items students are to pack. On the day of departure students need to be at school at 6.15am, with their luggage and pocket money ($80). Students also need to pack their lunch and recess for the day and bring a reusable drink bottle that they will utilise for the week. It is important that you are talking to students about behaviour expectations for the trip and remind them they will be on camp with students from other schools. We will be visiting a wide variety of places that require a level of respect to be shown during our visits.

Today we have spent the day at Coomealla High School taking part in their NAIDOC celebration as part of our transition to high school program.

The Year 6 homework task is due in on the 1st of September just prior to our departure for Canberra on the Sunday.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of families at our Wentworth Primary School stall at the Wentworth Show.

It is a busy time this term. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Jenny Halls.

**SPELLING BEE COMPETITION**

The spelling bee competition will be held on Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} September.

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Please note that final payments for Canberra and Woodhouse excursions are due this week.

**MUSIC LESSONS**

Louise Judd has vacancies for piano, keyboard, flute, clarinet and voice lessons. Please contact Louise on 0408596944 for further information.
Student of the Week
What has been your favourite thing at school this term?

Annabella Crombie - Going to school.
Zara Miller - Play.
William Ward - Library.

Megan Farnsworth - Music.
Nicholas Bates - Music.
Zannah Harmer - Athletics.

Achievement Certificates

Class Awards: Demonstrating good communication.

K/1B - Jakobi Kennedy and Lawrence Hall
1/2P - Bailee Mihan and Daniel Hawkins
2/3S - Pippa Heeps and Isaiah Dwyer
3/4F - Allan Mitchell and Sky Lee Janson
5M - Aysha Burton and Caitlin Trewin
6H - Gus Heeps and Xanda Jones