

# TALLONG

Official Newsletter

## Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 10 Term 4 2012

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*Wallsend South Public School serves a supportive parent community which clearly values high educational standards. It is a school which values positive student behaviours and attitudes.*

### WSPS Calendar

Day	This week is Week 10 Term 4 commencing December 10	Next week is Week 11 Term 4 commencing Monday December 17
Monday		Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday	No Talent Quest today	Year 6 Party Day
Wednesday	Celebration Night 6.30 Tuesdays session of the Talent Quest No Band	Last Day for Students Clap Out at 2.15 for Year 6 No Band
Thursday	Reports Out LHS Award Ceremony Wednesday's session of the Talent Quest (NO concert) No Band	
Friday	Last Day of Canteen K-5 Party Day	

**Important Notes:** Celebration Night tickets have been sent home with your child today..

**Important Diary Dates:** School finishes for children on Wednesday Dec 19

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 10. This is Celebration Night week. It is also the end of year parties week. Today marked our last Monday assembly for the year, altogether in the hall. We spoke about a number of things including expectations for Wednesday night, the need to be patient with each other as we get to the very demanding time of the year and the pleasure we had in accepting a beautiful mosaic made by one of our Year 6 students. The children as usual were beautifully behaved with excellent listening manners and respect for the different people who spoke. In the 5 years I have been at WSPS I have never asked an assembly to be quiet, I have never had to clap, shout, put up my hand to gain attention or be cross. This is not I believe

because the children are scared or intimidated but because the children are aware they will be treated with respect and in turn they treat others with respect. Wouldn't it be great if this approach worked everywhere? Let's hope the ideals you have instilled in your children and we as a school have supported, enable your children to make the world a better place. Have a great week,  
Ian Hamilton

#### Canteen

##### Tuesday

Kim O'Connor Megan Rinkin Kelley Banks

##### Wednesday

Irene Stanners Kylie Robinson

##### Thursday

Kim Terry Joy Gee Caran Playtong

##### Friday

Helen Honnery Sue Siderivski Liz Beggs  
Leanne Gillard

### Uniform Shop

#### Tuesday

Phoebe Brooks Ann Maree Campbell  
(Dannielle Hemsworth Smith)

#### Wednesday

Suzanna Vale Chris Clarke  
(Melynda Bailey)

#### Friday

Michelle King Kristine Morgan  
(Helen Honnery)

### Mosquitoes

We have had a resurgence of mosquitoes at school. If you would like to send your child with repellent, please ensure it is only of the roll on type.

### P & C AGM

Firstly thank you to all of the outgoing executive for P & C 2012. You have certainly had a successful year. This year from the P & C we have benefitted from technology, reading material and covered walkways. The executive for 2013, as voted by the P & C on Tuesday night is as follows;  
President-Sally Conley  
Secretary-Simone Hanks  
Vice President (Canteen)-Megan Rinkin  
Vice President (Uniform Shop)-Melynda Bailey  
Treasurer (Canteen)-Sue Siderovski  
Treasurer (Uniform Shop)-Jacqui Pitkin  
Treasurer (Executive)-Louise Biles  
Congratulations, WSPS is indeed fortunate to have your efforts in 2013.

### RESUMPTION OF BAND PRACTICE IN 2013:

Band Practice will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings in 2013. There is a possibility of a morning practice change but you will be advised of this if it takes place. At this stage practices will still be 3.15-4.15pm Wednesday afternoons and 8.10am - 9am Thursday mornings. We request that all continuing band members be in attendance with all folders at our first practice for the year which will be Wednesday afternoon of WEEK 2, 2012. We look forward to seeing you all fresh and ready to make beautiful music after a safe and relaxing break.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Moloney

### Celebration Night Update

Parents of Kindergarten and Year 1 students please remember you are able to pick up your children from Auditorium 2 on Wednesday night after their performance with the following understandings;

- **You are not able to return to the hall with**

**your child as seating is allocated**

- **Please choose a break in the show to exit, not while children are performing as this is basic audience etiquette.**

Further to this could I remind you of a few things that will help make Celebration Night a fantastic night.

- Please keep toddlers with you in the auditorium, it is the student's of WSPS's night and we need to provide them with the best audience we can.
- Doors will shut at 6.30 sharp ready to begin the show, please ensure you are seated prior to this time.
- The Band will finish playing by 6.20 to ensure the students can be inside as well.
- At the end of the night children can be collected from various places around the auditorium, listen carefully at the end of the show for this information.
- Please ensure you have your ticket with you as no admission will be granted for those without a ticket.

### Year 6 Craft Stall

*This Friday Year 6 will be running craft stalls underneath the COLA at 8:40am as part of our fundraising for our year 6 farewell. Parents and children are invited to come and purchase a bargain.*

*At the craft stall we will be selling felt decorations and other craft items made by year 6 students such as:*

- *friendship bracelets*
- *Christmas ornaments*
- *fairy wands*
- *hanging decorations*
- *bookmarks and other such items.*

*We will also continue with our cake stall at recess. Lucy W. for Year 6 Students*

### Talent Quest

The Tuesday and Wednesday lunch time talent quest sessions will have to be moved forward one day due to buses on Celebration Night Practice Day on Tuesday. Therefore, Tuesday's performances will now be on Wednesday and Wednesday's will take the place of the concert on Thursday. This means the concert that was planned for Thursday, as stated at assembly will not take place. Both starting times remain at 1.20pm.

### **OXFAM in 6 OS- Caring Globally**

*Instead of doing a secret Santa in 60'S each student decided to give a donation of \$5 to go towards Oxfam unwrapped.*

*We raised around \$145. With this money we bought; seeds and clean water for Sri Lanka, a goat for a family in poverty, women's literacy education for people in Papua New Guinea, a pig for a family in Laos and chickens for a family in a developing country. We thought this would be much more valuable than a cheap gift from secret Santa. We would also like to thank Adana from Kindergarten, Cruze from Year Four and Jack N from year 6.*

*Lucy and Rachel*

### **IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR AWARD WINNING SCHOOL BAND?**

Our award winning Wallsend South Public School Concert Band is seeking new members for 2013. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 next year (2013) are welcome to join. No previous musical experience is necessary – just a desire to become a part of this fantastic musical team. Children in Year 2 who have some musical competence or who already play a band instrument are also welcome to enquire.

We have a wide range of instruments available, including trumpets, clarinets, euphoniums, trombones, alto saxophone, flute, French horns, tuba, glockenspiel/xylophone and we have other percussion spots open too. If children have their own instrument, they are still more than welcome to join our band. If your child would like to join, or if you would like to obtain more details, please fill out the slip below and more information will be forthcoming. Instruments will be allocated in the first 2 weeks of 2013 so keep your eyes open for information in our first Tallong for 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school or on the email address below.

Tracey Moloney

[tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au)

My Child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in joining the WSPS concert band and I would like to be given more details about the band.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent)

### **Parent use of Toilets**

Parents, if you need to use a toilet while waiting for your child etc could I ask that you do not use children's toilets. There are toilets in the hall near the Canteen and in the Library foyer available for your use.

### **Use of Aerosols at School**

Could I ask parents to remind their children, students are not to bring any form of aerosol container to school. They present a health risk to some students and are therefore not permitted at school.

### **HipHop Kids Starting Term 1!**

*The award winning HipHop Kids program is starting at our school in Term 1, 2013. The program is running on Thursday afternoons in the school hall at the following times:*

*Hippers (Ages 5-8) = 3:30 – 4:10pm*

*Hoppers (Ages 9-13) = 4:20 – 5:00pm*

*Cost = \$8 per lesson (Family discounts available)*

*HipHop Kids is an exciting fusion of modern music and hiphop moves that's all about fun and participation. Who knows... we may help create the next Justice crew!*

*Book Now – [www.hiphopkids.com.au](http://www.hiphopkids.com.au)*

*There are limited spaces available in each class so bookings are essential. Payment is not required until the program starts in Term 1, 2013. Book online or call 1300 656 695.*

### **Giving Tree**

In keeping with the spirit of giving this season, we are asking for donations of non-perishable food items for Christmas hampers. These will be delivered to Jenny's Place, a community organisation that provides crisis accommodation for women and their children. Any donations can be left under the Christmas tree in the foyer. Please note that all food items will be collected this Friday afternoon.

### **Year 6 Farewell**

Invitations have gone out, the planning committees are organised, the venue is ready, Year 6 Farewell for Year 6 students and their parents will be fantastic. Please remember invitation is only extended to the student and their parents as security and space make this necessary.