

# TALLONG

Official Newsletter

## Wallsend South Public School

Monday Term 1, Week 3 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 3 commencing February 6	Next week is Week 4 commencing February 13
Monday	Morning Assembly at 9.00am	SRC Badge Presentation at 9.00am
Tuesday	Parent Teacher Evening and sausage sizzle P & C at 7.30 followed by Easter Fair Meeting	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation at 12.20	

#### Important Notes Term Costs

#### Important Diary Dates Easter Fair March 23

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 3. It has certainly been a wet start to 2012 but the children have settled in wonderfully well. Our first indoor 2-6 Swimming Carnival went very well, thanks to your help and the great organisation from Miss Harwood and Mrs Smart. Following discussion we will proceed with this format again next year. We are investigating the idea of a parent bus to save parking and travel (wine and cheese have also been suggested, we will see). The term costs for this term will be included with next week's Tallong, the stationery fee is a once a year cost. Have a great week.  
Ian Hamilton

#### Canteen

#### Tuesday

Kim O'Connor Kelley Banks Megan Rinkin

#### Wednesday

Kylie Brittlife Irene Stanners VOLUNTEER NEEDED

#### Thursday

Kim Terry Joy Gee Claire Tipper Caran Playtong

#### Friday

Helen Honery Liz Beggs Sue Siderovski Leanne Gillard

#### Monday

Nicholle O'Donnell Meredith Flynn Sandy Curry

#### Uniform Shop

#### Tuesday

Kylie Robinson Danielle Hemsworth – Smith (Kristine Morgan)

#### Wednesday

Kirrily McMurtrie Suzanna Vale (Kristine Morgan)

#### Friday

Kristine Morgan Amanda Maguire (Karina Currington)

### Welcome back to school from the Library.

Library lessons will commence next week and the students will be able to borrow books to take home. Can you please provide a bag, preferably cloth, for your child to carry the library books to and from school. At school we are focusing on the value **Responsibility** and it would be good if you could reinforce this at home with regards the caring for the library books. Of course there are sometimes accidents and books get lost. If this should happen please see me so I can organise a replacement. I am always happy to have overdue books found and returned. For the new families to our school I give notices for overdue books twice a term. If your child should get one and you are sure they have returned the book please see me. Sometimes the book is not scanned back in properly. An overdue notice does not mean your child cannot borrow or you have to immediately pay the replacement cost. Any concerns please see me. We are blessed with a beautiful library full of books so please encourage your child to use this valuable resource.

**Peta Finnane (Teacher Librarian)**

### Allergies

I have been asked by parents of children with severe allergies, what position the school takes in regard to their responsibility. I can understand their concern as we all want our children as safe as possible when not in our care.

WSPS deals well with children with special needs across a very broad spectrum. Numbers of children at risk of an anaphylactic reaction appear however to be on the increase and it is vital we support their well-being as a whole school community.

As a school we have medical action plans for each child at risk, anaphylactic children have the option of wearing the bright green wrist bands as a way of identifying their possible need for closer supervision, staff are trained in anaphylactic response, the canteen has elected to remove nut products from its menu and parents are encouraged to maintain communication with the school about developments in their children's health. To make the school allergen free is not possible, in fact to claim that we would create a false sense of security. Children with any form of serious medical condition must be eternally vigilant as must we who care for these children. As a community we can assist by considering the foods we send to school. If there is an alternative to nut products I would request that we use it, but even more important is the need to discuss with each of our children the correct procedures for eating at school. These include not sharing food, washing hands before and after eating and notifying staff of potential risks. I appreciate your efforts to support each and every one of the wonderful children at WSPS.

### Senior Choir

Senior choir will begin this week for any interested students in Years 5 & 6. Everyone is welcome, we do not audition. Choir practice will take place on Wednesday mornings from 8:20am until 8:55 in Ms. Diehl's room. Some of the choir events to look forward to this year are: - Term 1 - Grandfriends' Day, Term 2 – Education week performance at Charlestown Square, Term 3 – Performing Arts Concert at school, Term 4 – Opera House performance for Year 6 and (hopefully) a workshop and concert at Lambton High School – stay tuned. If a student is not sure whether or not he or she would like to join, we have "open house, come and try" sessions for the next 3 weeks. After that however, I would expect the children to make a decision and, if they like choir, commit to attending choir practices for the whole year.

### School Banking

School banking starts back this week. Please remember to bring your books in on Thursday with your new class written on it. We have some great new rewards this year. Last years are still available however the new ones that have been released this year are: available now is a handball, May is a book light, July is a pen pod and October is a USB. All of the rewards require 10 tokens. There will be a new reward claim form out soon in an envelope that all students will receive. Have a look and claim yours soon! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [kirrilymc@hotmail.com](mailto:kirrilymc@hotmail.com) Claim forms placed late last year will be handed out soon.

### Parent Teacher Evening

Teachers will be offering you the chance to come into your child's classroom next Tuesday evening, February 7, to hear about how the class works. We hope to see you there. School Council will be running a free sausage sizzle from 5.00pm-7.00pm, so you might like to stop by and have a bite to save cooking!

The times are as follows;

Kindergarten 2.30pm (Children will be with Year 6 teachers and their buddies)

Year 1 at 4.30pm

Year 2 at 5.00pm

Year 3 at 5.30pm

Year 4 at 6.00pm

Year 5 at 6.30pm

Year 6 at 7.00pm

Class 3 / 4 S will be at 6.00pm.

Meetings will take place in classrooms.

P & C will be at 7.30pm in the Library.

### READING TUTORS – CAN YOU HELP?

Thirty minutes of your time, morning or afternoon, any day of the week, would be most appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please leave your name and contact phone number sheet at the office. Previous experience is not necessary as I can 'show you the ropes' if the student requires anything more than a listening ear.

Mrs Kerrie Dixon

### MILO in2CRICKET in MARYLAND

MILO in2CRICKET introduces boys and girls to the game of cricket, one of Australia's favourite sports. Once participants register they will take part in a fun, inclusive, action-packed 7 week program. Each participant will also get an exciting MILO in2CRICKET backpack with a bat, t-shirt, ball, hat and MILO.

#### **MILO in2CRICKET**

**When: Saturdays commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 from 9am to 10am**

**Where: Bill Elliott Oval**

**Cost: \$60**

**How: Register online or sign-up at the first session**

### Lake Macquarie Junior Rugby Club

*Be a part of the Lake Macquarie Rugby Club. Teams ranging from 5 – 18yrs. Come play and make new mates and have a lot of fun. Boys or girls we have a team for you. Training is on every Tuesday and Thursday night at Walters Park, Speers Point from 5pm starting on 7<sup>th</sup> February.*

*\*\*\*\*If you're new to Rugby Union or just love playing the game We have JOEY RUGBY on Friday nights starting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 – 6.30pm at Walters Park, Speers Point. Here you will learn ball skills and correct tackling techniques from our coaches and 1st grade players. This is a FREE event and don't worry about cooking dinner on Friday nights as BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided for all participants each week when finished. It is a junior rugby event not to be missed, and a great way for the kids to get into the game.....and did we mention its FREE!\*\*\**

*For further information please contact:-*

*Robbie Taylor – 0417309588.*

#### **Saint Patrick's Church**

##### **Wallsend-Shortland Parish**

Wallsend Presbytery  
11 Macquarie Street, P.O. Box 301  
Wallsend NSW 2287

**PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 3**

### AND OVER 2012

*To continue the process of your child's Sacraments of Initiation*

*(begun in Baptism) parents are invited to attend an: Information Night in*

*St Patrick's School Hall on Monday*

*20 February at 7.00pm*

*This meeting will be facilitated by Sr Maureen Salmon rsj*

*To enrol your child/children: please*

**RSVP 17 FEBRUARY 2012**

*Please phone Wallsend Presbytery (Elizabeth ) on 4955 9575*

### **Use of Car park Gates**

Please remind your children that in normal circumstances the car park gates are out of bounds for pedestrian access.

### **Dogs at School**

I would ask that dogs do not come into the school grounds. We cannot assume that all children are comfortable around dogs and as the children are the priority, I ask that dogs do not come into the school grounds or are present near the gates at student arrival and departure times.

### **Children going to the toilets**

Children are permitted to use the toilet during lesson time at WSPS, but we do encourage using the toilet at the end of breaks and before school. Any child that needs to go to the toilet is expected to take a partner with them. If we believe your child is using the toilet to the point their class work is suffering I have asked Classroom teachers to mention this to you for your guidance in the most appropriate action.

### **Reading Eggs Website Demonstration**

Our year 1 students currently have accounts to use this website at school and at home. Any interested parents are welcome to come and see the kinds of lessons, exercises and e-books available on the website at 4pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the library. Kerrie Dixon

### **Custody Orders**

If your child is subject to Custody Orders that impact on school could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the front office. This needs to be done annually to ensure the best care for your child.

### **Band**

Practice resumes this Wednesday afternoon and then Thursday morning at 8.10 sharp.