

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Term 1, Week 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 4 commencing February 13	Next week is Week 5 commencing February 20
Monday	SRC Badge Presentation at 9.00am	
Tuesday	School Council at 6.00pm	
Wednesday	Year 6 parent helpers meeting for Easter Fair 6.00pm	Community Chat 9.15am
Thursday		Zone Swimming Carnival Year 6 Raw Art
Friday		Year 6 Raw Art Year 3 Raw Art

Important Notes :Term Costs

Important Diary Dates : Easter Fair March 23

Zone Swimming Carnival: Feb 23

Dear parents

Welcome to Week 4. This morning we congratulated our SRC elected representatives at assembly. We also reviewed the students responsibilities for the year (Be on time, be learning ready and respect ourselves and others) and looked at my responsibilities. It was the students' job this week to make suggestions as to what these may be. They have been many and varied but summarised to, try and keep the kids safe, make sure the teachers teach and wear a tie every day. I will do my best. Please remind your children the fixed equipment is out of bounds before and after school as it is not supervised. Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Maxine Robinson Janelle Climas Kim Harrison
Sally Ellenor Kara Webber

Wednesday

Natalie Quaas Kristen Cathcart VOLUNTEER

Thursday

Michelle Ritter Naomi Bellears Martine Graham

Friday

Jodi Schipp Helen Lewsam Amanda Maguire
Nyree Porter Deb Morley

Monday

Julie James Natalie Fullick Aneta Urdarov

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Karina Currington Dannielle Hemsworth-Smith
(Kristine Morgan)

Wednesday

Melynda Bailey Louise Biles (Rachael Metcalfe)

Friday

Michelle King Jaalah Mallaby (Helen Honery)

Congratulations to SRC Representatives

Classes from Year 3 to Year 6 have elected their SRC representatives for Semester 1. The following children will be representing their class for Terms 1 & 2 and meet at 12.50 on Thursdays:

3M Gia Pasquale
3H Meghan Steele
3/4S Jada Moloney
4R Declan Jacobson
4H Lara Witherdin
5K Gabby Rupek
5D Gabe Curry
5L Cooper Dearing
6L Connor Townsend
6Os Zoey Gresswell
6B Samantha Hiles

Swimming

After a very successful carnival in which so many children participated we can present the following results:

Zone Swimming Team

Mathew Honnery, Sebastian Tzaros, Ryan Chandler, Kelly Mitchell, Harrison Hughes, Zeke Gentle, Matt Serjeant, Cooper Dearing, Matthew MacClure, Sam Donaldson, Jack Styles, Blake Ryan, Angus Graham, Chris Urdarov, Jacob Pasovski, Ruby Bishop, Jessica McMurtrie, Meghan Steele, Emily Ryan, Lucy Thomas, Ruby Styles, Georgia Schipp, Phoebe Gray, Emil Ngo, Sophie Carathanassis, Samantha Hiles, Freya Zok, Courtney Hiles, Gabby Rupek, Emily Mitchell, Jessica McDonald and Gabby Virtue.

Swimming Champions for 2012

Junior Boys Champion	Junior Girls Champion
Zeke Gentle	Ruby Styles
Senior Boys Champion	Senior Girls Champion
Matthew MacClure	Samantha Hiles

House Champions for 2012

1st – Goulburn
2nd – Allyn
3rd – Paterson
4th – Hunter

Community Chat

Next week (Wednesday Feb 22 at 9.15am) we have our first Community Chat for the year. This is where we simply sit and chat about some of the issues to do with our school and come up with recommendations and suggestions for improvement or maintenance. It is not a formal forum but a low key chat with a cuppa. It would be great if you could come along. Suggested topics for our first group include:

the 2-6 Swimming Carnival, Parent Teacher meetings, the Tallong. I would appreciate your input. See you there.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

Students will again have the opportunity to participate in the University of New South Wales Competitions in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. All competitions are open to students from Years 3-6.

The cost involved for each competition is outlined below. Please check the dates for each competition as refunds are unable to be given if your child is unable to attend. All entries (with correct money) must be forwarded to the Class Teacher by Friday 23rd March, on the sheet sent home with the Tallong. Late entries will not be permitted.

Computer Skills – Tuesday 22 May (\$7.70)

Science – Wednesday 6 June (\$7.70)

Spelling – Tuesday 19 June (\$11.10)

Writing – Monday 18 June (\$16.50)

English – Tuesday 31 July (\$7.70)

Mathematics – Tuesday 14 August (\$7.70)

If you have any enquiries regarding the competitions please contact Rob Lord.

School Banking

*What a fantastic start to the year. Our first banking week and we had 39 students depositing \$336.35. Please remember that bank books are to be handed into your teacher on Thursday morning and they are processed Friday morning. If your child does forget to bring their book in on Thursday then they may hand it into the office before the start of school on Friday. I have quite a few new accounts to process this week. Please keep in mind that it will take about 10 days to receive your pack. **NEW TO 2012:** School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.*

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as driver's license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well! The school gains their commission once you have made your first deposit through the school banking program. If you have any questions then please email me at kirrilymc@hotmail.com.

Junior Choir

This starts this week on Wednesday at 8.20 in Miss Kuranty's room.

Rock Band Auditions.....

Over the next two Wednesdays (at lunchtime in the school hall), any student from **years 5 or 6** who would like to audition for the WSPS rock band please complete the following form and hand it to Chris McDonald at your audition.

Please note, due to the nature (and noise) of the Rock band we are limited to only approximately **8 or 9 students**. (eg we only have 3 microphones, 1 piano 1 bass etc..) **Priority will be given to Year 6 students.** Some students who miss out may be given a reserve placing and an opportunity at some stage later in the year.

Students will only be given 1 - 2mins auditioning time. Singers may use a backing C.D. A guitar, drum kit and piano will be provided for students to carefully use at their audition.

Students should have some form of basic musical experience or tuition (2 years training - except vocalists), and be confident to perform in front of the school. Successful students would also be reliable, have excellent behaviour and be willing to attend weekly practices right through to the end of the year.

Rock Band Auditions-

Name:

class:

Instrument/or vocal:

Musical experience/training:

Complete form and hand to Chris McDonald at your audition

Practice will probably take place on Tuesday or Wednesday morning 8- 9 am (**to confirm**).

Thanks Chris McDonald

School Cross Country

Our school cross country will be held on **Friday 2nd March** in our back oval. All students from Years 2 – 6 will be encouraged to participate. 8, 9 and 10 year olds will run for 2km (2 laps of the course) and 11 & 12 year olds run for 3km (3 laps of the course).

Students will be practising for the cross country at school as part of our fitness program, however going for a jog with mums and dads at home would be a great way for you to spend time together and

give your child some extra training for the event. On the day please send your children to school with a water bottle and apply some sunscreen in the morning. Roll on insect repellent is also handy. We encourage the students to participate not only for themselves, but for their House as well. Students' individual results will be used to contribute points towards their House and will be tallied at the end to determine an overall House Champion. Students are also encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their House colours to support their team. We will also be awarding Junior and Senior Champion ribbons to those students with the fastest overall time in these categories:

Junior Boys (8, 9 & 10 Yrs)

Junior Girls (8, 9 & 10 Yrs)

Senior Boys (11 & 12 Yrs)

Senior Girls (11 & 12 Yrs)

Family members are very welcome to come along on Friday 2nd March to watch the cross country and cheer on all our children. The fastest four runners in each category will be given the opportunity to represent our school next term at the Crossroads Zone Cross Country Carnival later in the term. If you have further questions regarding the cross country, please see Miss Kuranty.

Wanted

Jars and lids for Year 1 Fete stall. Clean jars can be left at school for collection.

South Wallsend Netball Club

South Wallsend Netball needs two players for the 9 years division? Interested? Contact phone number is Anne on 0412 516843.

South Wallsend Netball Club is also urgently seeking new players for their U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14 and U/15 teams for 2012. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Lorraine Shields (Ph: 49558710) or Anne Attwood (Ph: 49516843) as soon as possible.

Senior Choir

Senior choir will be on again this week, (everyone is welcome, we do not audition) on Wednesday morning from 8:20am until 8:55 in Ms. Diehl's room. Some of the choir events to look forward to this year are: - Grandfriends' Day, Education week performance at Charlestown Square, Performing Arts Concert at school, 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.