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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 6 Term 1 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 6 commencing February 27	Next week is Week 7 commencing March 5
Monday	Year 5 Raw Art Ms Innes on leave	Ms Innes Returns
Tuesday		P & C at 7.00pm Stage 1 Assembly at 11.20am
Wednesday		2G,2M,2P to TOCAL Aboriginal Students Parents Meeting at 3.15-Meeting Room
Thursday	ES1 Assembly 2.10	
Friday	School Cross Country Jack Styles to Regional Tennis Trials	Zone Sports Trials-Soccer, Netball

Important Notes; Term Costs

Important Diary Dates; March 23 Easter Fair and Grandfriends Day

Staffing; Mrs Bramble will be taking 5K on Fridays.

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 6. This week Kindergarten begin completing a full day. This is a good time I would think to ensure all children now exit the school grounds promptly to their go home arrangements. This way we are alerted early if there is a problem. Thanks to those people who were able to make it to Community Chat. We had some good discussion on a variety of topics with a few recommendations. It is with great regret that I announce this week that Mrs Butters, our Canteen Supervisor will be finishing at WSPS from later this term. It is therefore necessary for us to fill this position. Please see the later section for information.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Kara Webber Jemma Greentree VOLUNTEER

Wednesday

Leanne Ryan Alison Townsend

Thursday

Vicki Odgers Tammie Jones

Friday

Sue Farrow Melissa Dimovski

Monday

Caryl Mallaby Richelle Armstrong Connie Peate

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Rachael Hawkins Megan Virtue (Danielle Hemsworth)

Wednesday

Melynda Bailey Louise Biles (Rachael Metcalfe)

Friday

Michelle King Helen Lewsam (Helen Honnery)

Canteen Manager

We are intending to put a temporary Canteen Manager into the position until after the Easter Fair. If you are interested in this position (23 hrs) until the end of term, three and a half weeks, please provide a 2 page expression of interest addressed to the school marked Canteen Position by Friday March 2.

Thankyou

On behalf of the zone swimming team, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Gentle for their generous donation of the swimming caps. It was great to be able to easily recognise the Southy swimmers in each race.

WS looked fantastic in them and I am sure they made us swim faster.

So thank you very much

Emily Mitchell

Congratulations Sam

This week we are very proud of our very own Sam Jones who scored a bronze medal in the Regional Little Athletics Championships with a PB in the U9 Discuss. Sam is now off to state. Well done Sam!

Housekeeping

Some reminders that you may find helpful

- Make sure your child clearly understands how they are to go home in the afternoon
- Please check that all clothing and hats are labelled with their name
- Make sure they pack their hat everyday
- Discourage your child from bringing valuable items to school
- If one child is staying at school for afterschool activities, make sure siblings know they are still to go at bell time
- If your child is sick in the morning, it is OK for them to stay home - given the coughs, colds and tummy bugs around at the moment, this is probably best for all.

Congratulations Sofia

Our very own Sofia Nolan has been successful in obtaining a role in Oliver to be presented at the Civic Theatre in August. Well done Sofia!

ROCK Band final audition

*The following students have made it through to the final audition stage for the school Rock band to be held this **Tuesday at 8am** in the school hall.*

All guitarists are to bring an Acoustic guitar to the audition.... (1x guitarists will have to play bass).

This year many students were of a similar musical level making the final decision difficult.

singers...

Sofia Nolan

Emily Parkes

Gabby Virtue

Lucy Witherdin

Guitarists... (1x to play bass)

Sam Unicom

Holly McDonald

Anna Bachas

Elijah Harrison

Lachlan Gibson

Piano

Sarah Evans

Drums (1x to be reserve)

Sam Hawkins

Jordan Gillette

A final decision on the format of this group will be decided after the last audition.

Thanks to all other students who took time to participate.

Thanks

Chris McDonald

Year 7 High School Forms for 2013

Year 6 students would have recently received their "Expression of Interest" package for High School placement in 2013. Parents need to ensure that the information contained is carefully read, relevant parts of the form completed and the insert returned to their class teacher by Friday 16 March. If there are any questions regarding the forms, please contact Mr Lord (Transition Coordinator) or Mr Hamilton.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday 32 very enthusiastic Wallsend South Swimmers represented our school at the Crossroads Zone Swimming Carnival. Our team displayed great sportsmanship, camaraderie and excellent behaviour. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who supported and encouraged our team. Our new swimming caps certainly were very eye catching and enhanced our school presence and possibly race performance. Special congratulations to Phoebe Gray who was named 11 year Girl Champion and to Lucy Thomas and Freya Zok who both qualified for the 50m Freestyle at the Regional Carnival to be held at Maitland pool on 8 March. We wish you both all the very best. A selection of photos from the carnival is on display in the foyer.

Helen Smart & Melanie Serjeant

Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Olivia, Zoey, Patrick and Jordan who were all successful in the Zone Basketball Trials held last week.

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY MINI-SHOWCASE

We have decided to include a mini version of our very popular "Showcase of Talent" for our Grandfriends' and Fair Day extravaganza which will be held on Friday 23rd March in Week 9 of this term. The Mini-Showcase will be open to all children from K to Year 6 and will run on an outdoor stage area from 4pm for about 45 minutes (depending on the number of acts who wish to perform). To enter, children simply need to complete the nomination form below, have it signed by a parent, and return it to the box in front of Ms Diehl's room by Wednesday 14th March (Week 8). Children will be limited to performing in one act only. We also encourage the students to limit their acts to 2 minutes, or they may not have the opportunity to complete their performance (be warned, there will be a GONG!).

Our usual "Showcase of Talent" will still be held in Term 3, so children are not to worry that they will miss out if they can't organise a performance in 5 weeks. They will still have an opportunity to perform for the school later in the year.

Name of Act: _____

Performer: _____

Class: _____

Type of act (eg dance, poetry, song): _____

Props required (eg CD, tape, microphone etc): _____

Additional Information:

Parent's signature _____

School Banking

What a fabulous couple of weeks we have had. Week 2 of banking had 60 deposits with \$390.85 while week 3 had 58 deposits with \$314.50 banked. We would love to see a total of 100 deposits each week. With a school of 551 students this should be possible. We have also had a lot of new accounts opened. If you are still waiting for your new bank accounts then hopefully they will be delivered to your child either today or tomorrow. Rewards will also be delivered this week. This includes those waiting from late last year! Please remember that it is only 1 deposit per week allowed and if you missed a week then this cannot be backdated. Please ask your child to remind their teacher that it

is banking day or alternatively drop your bank book into the office ladies before 9am on Friday. Please remember to write your new class on your yellow folder. As you can imagine with 60 deposits a week and half of them not in their class bag then this can get a bit frustrating trying to find which classes they belong too! If you have any concerns or questions please email me on kirrilymc@hotmail.com.

Timetable for Cross Country on Friday March 2

Age Division	No. of Laps	Estimated Start Time	Estimated Finish Time
8 Years Girls	2	9:30am	9:45am
8 Years Boys	2	9:35am	9:50am
9 Years Girls	2	9:50am	10:05am
9 Years Boys	2	9:55am	10:10am
10 Years Girls	2	10:10am	10:25am
10 Years Boys	2	10:15am	10:30am
11 Years Girls	3	10:20am	10:40am
11 Years Boys	3	10:30am	10:50am
12 Years Girls	3	10:40am	11:00am
12 Years Boys	3	10:50am	11:10am