

# TALLONG

Official Newsletter

## Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 7 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 7 commencing March 5	Next week is Week 8 commencing March 12
Monday		Lambton High School Parent Night
Tuesday	Fete Meeting at 6.00pm P & C at 7.00pm Stage 1 Assembly at 11.20am Uniform Shop Volunteer Meeting 2pm-Uniform Shop	
Wednesday	2G,2M,2P to TOCAL Aboriginal Students Parents Meeting at 3.15-Meeting Room	1A & 1J to Tocal Cross Country 9.30am
Thursday	International Women's Day Binless Day	1K & 1S to Tocal
Friday	Zone Sports Trials-Soccer, Netball Last Day for Kim Butters-parent farewell from 2.00pm Instalment 1 for Year 5 to Bathurst	

#### Important Diary Dates; March 23 Easter Fair and Grandfriends Day

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 7. The P & C invite you to afternoon tea from 2.00pm on Friday to say farewell to Kim Butters, our Canteen Supervisor. They would love to see you there. Our Cross Country for Children turning 8 this year and older has been rescheduled to next Wednesday March 14 due to Friday's weather. If not Wednesday, we will aim for Thursday or Friday. We have had a few cases of Scarlet Fever at school, please read the back page of this Tallong and speak to your GP if you are concerned. P & C meet this Tuesday evening at 7.00pm, last month we had a sensational attendance. We look forward to just as many again. Have a great week,  
Ian Hamilton

#### Canteen

##### Tuesday

Kim O'Connor Kelley Banks Megan Rinkin

##### Wednesday

Kylie Brittlife Kate Hargrove Irene Stanners

##### 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

#### Canteen News

**As Thursday is Binless Day, the Canteen will be selling ice creams in a cone, instead of regular cold treats to minimise the amount of rubbish. Ice creams will be \$1.00.**

### Uniform Shop

#### Tuesday

Karina Currington Kim Harrison  
(Danielle Hemsworth Smith)

#### Wednesday

Kristen Cathgart Kirrily McMurtrie  
(Kristine Morgan)

#### Friday

Meredith Flynn Amanda Maguire  
(Karina Currington)

### 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.

### Selective High School Test

For those students who registered for the Selective High Schools test, a reminder that it is on March 15 from 9.00am-1.15pm at Callaghan College, Wallsend Campus. Parents will need to transport their children to the venue.

### Building

This week we (actually the builder) starts work on 3 / 4 S and 2P classrooms, stabilising the wall ready for the installation of new Interactive Whiteboards.

### YEAR 5 BATHURST EXCURSION

The Year 5 Bathurst Excursion commences on Wednesday 28 March. Many thanks to all those parents who have returned medical forms and permission notes for the excursion and have made payments. A reminder that the first scheduled payment of \$150 is due on Friday 9 March and the second payment of \$145 is due on Wednesday 21 March. Please speak with Mr Lord if you have any questions regarding the excursion. As final numbers are due very soon, we would also ask that if your child is NOT attending, you let us know as soon as possible.

### Mobile Cool Room

Does anyone know of a mobile Cool room that we can borrow for the Easter Fair?

### Easter Fair BBQ Roster

Year 2 parents, we need a couple more volunteers for the roster. If you can help, fill in the blue note or contact Ian Hamilton at school.

### Supervision

Supervision for students begins at 8.30. Students who arrive at or before 8.40 must make their way directly to the bottom sun shelter where they will be supervised. Children should not be in any other part of the grounds. Children need to bring their bag to the sun shelter rather than go to their room, as there may be no supervision there. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### Play Rugby

*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.*

*Contact us now and ask about your free Wallabies tickets.....yep that was FREE Wallabies test match tickets.*

*See you at Walters Park Speers Point.  
GO THE ROOS*

*For further information please contact:-  
Robbie Taylor – 0417309588*



### BINLESS DAY

In conjunction with Sea Week this week, we are challenging ourselves to go binless on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are encouraging the students to pack a low waste lunch with no packaging in order to prevent land fill.

Some great ideas include fresh fruit or vegetables uncut as they don't need packaging (they have their own) and foods packed in Tupperware style containers as these can be reused over and over again.

Not only is this great for the environment but also your wallet! It is estimated that on average a low waste lunch costs \$2.20 and a regular lunch using throw away packaging costs closer to \$4.10 (survey done using Woolworth and ALDI prices by a local environmental group). You could potentially save \$100s a year per student.

The students will be asked to place any packaging sent in this Thursday in recess and lunches back in their bags and sent home.

*Rock Band Practice is now underway every  
Tuesday at 8am in the hall*

*Please bring acoustic guitars, music folders and Capos.(tune up too!)*

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Zone Trials

We wish the following students all the best as they head off for selection trials in a variety of sports.

Rugby League - Lachlan Waters, Ethan Kenny, Lachlan Gibson and Billy Guy.

Girl's Soccer – Anastasia Bachas, Angela Roberts, Emily Mitchell and Lucy Witherdin.

Girl's Netball – Sami Hiles, Jamie Lord, Sarah Evans, Phoebe Gray, Holly McDonald and Madi Ford.

Boy's Soccer- Isaac Sefo, Zac Bailey, Luke Quaas and Kent Harrison.

### Timetable -Cross Country Wednesday March 14

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

### School Banking

*Congratulations WSPS!! What a fantastic week of banking last week. We had our highest total of 66 bankers totalling \$344.40 deposited! Please remember that you can deposit from as little as 5c... it is not the amount that matters but the fact that you are saving and being rewarded at the same time by collecting your tokens and having them redeemed. You may see some of the new handballs around the playground. There were 4 given out last week! I also have watches in stock now too! If you have any questions, please email me at [kirrilymc@hotmail.com](mailto:kirrilymc@hotmail.com).*

### Dads and kids

Kindergarten dads, try to keep Wednesday March 21 free for about 1 hour from 4-5pm. We are hosting an orienteering activity for Dads and kids in Kindergarten to get to know our school. More information will be available in coming weeks.