

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Term 2, Week 10 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 commencing June 25	Next week is Term 3 Week 1 commencing July 16
Monday		Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	Community Chat at 9.15 Stage 1 Assembly Fundraising Meeting at 2.00pm	Students return
Wednesday	Stopwork all Day	Hockey Gala Day- Boys and Girls
Thursday	Pie Orders to be picked up Mrs Finnane's Farewell	
Friday	Gymnastics Years 3 & 4	Water Safety Talks

Important Notes : Semester 1 Report

Important Diary Dates :

Staff Changes: Mrs Webber on leave, Mrs Farmer to cover KW

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 10. I draw your attention this week to the WILF article in our Tallong. If you would like to discuss this with me I would be happy to do so, please ring the school to set up a time. I would like to make this the main thrust of our end of term Community Chat tomorrow at 9.15 for those of you who would like to meet. We will start in my office, depending on numbers. As this is the last week of Term, could I please remind you that children return to school on Tuesday July 17. Although the weather turned very cold we did have a successful Athletics Carnival on Friday. A big thank you to Miss Harwood and her team for all their organisation. The Band fundraiser Pie Orders will be ready to pick up

from 11.30 onwards. If you are able to pick up your order before 2.00 this would be very helpful as we need the hall for Mrs Finnane's farewell in the afternoon.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Kim O'Connor Kelley Banks Megan Rinkin

Wednesday

Kylie Brittliffe Kate Hargrove
Irene Stanners Kylie Robinson

Thursday

Kim Terry Joy Gee
Claire Tipper Caran Playtong

Friday

Helen Honnery Liz Beggs
Sue Siderovski Leanne Gillard

Tuesday July 17 Kara Webber

Farewell Mrs Finnane

It is with great sadness that WSPS says farewell to one of its oldest and longest serving teachers this week. Mrs Finnane has decided to call it a day and will now move excitedly into the role of retiree, grandma and senior citizen. Mrs Finnane over her years has been an excellent classroom teacher but what we remember most about her is her love of books and the enthusiasm she brings to the Library. The children will be saying farewell on Thursday afternoon from 2.15, you are more than welcome to hang back and say goodbye to Mrs Finnane after the assembly.

Industrial Action 27.6.12 (This Wednesday)

The NSW Teachers Federation has called for a 24 hour stop work meeting on Wednesday June 27, 2012.

The school will be operational but with minimal supervision. There will be no normal lessons.

Should you have any concerns relating to this matter, please contact Ian Hamilton on 49559963.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

WILF

As discussed in the P & C meeting we are adopting the use of WILF in children's work books. This concept is based upon the teaching emphasis in a particular task. For example in a writing task a teacher may be looking purely at punctuation and not spelling or grammar. When this happens the Teacher will have the students mark their text with WILF-Punctuation. This allows the focus to be placed specifically on the teaching emphasis so feedback may be directed to this learning aspect rather than the whole range of outcomes. There will be times however when a piece of writing for example is marked in its entirety and all outcomes are addressed. If you would like to discuss this further please speak to your child's teacher.

DISCO

Unfortunately the proposed Disco on Wednesday night will not proceed. We will organise a DISCO for Term 3.

Reports

Today you will receive your child's Semester 1 Report. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this report with your child's teacher, please contact the school to set up an interview.

Entertainment Books

Thank you to all those people who have assisted in making this fundraiser to be so successful. There are however a couple of books still outstanding which does impact on the profit we make for our students. Please ensure all books and money is returned this week to finalise this fundraiser.
Chris Clarke

School Banking

Banking from last week will be processed today due to the Athletics Carnival last Friday. Books will be handed back to the teachers today. If you do not receive your book by Wednesday please ask your child's teacher. **There will be NO BANKING THIS WEEK.** Banking will resume 1st week back next term.

Venus - It's back – as the 'Morning Star'!

On the 6th of June we saw Venus transit the Sun as a little black dot. For the next few months Venus will be seen before dawn in the morning sky. Look to the East-Northeast this week, about 45 minutes before dawn, where you can see Jupiter, Venus and the star Aldebaran.

The website

www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/ata glance will give you an illustration so you can tell which one is which.

PIE & LAMINGTON DRIVE - COLLECTION 1-4pm THURSDAY

Orders for the Lamington / Pie Drive have been finalised and will be ready for collection from the school hall or meeting room on Thursday (28th June) from 11.30-4pm. Please note that if orders are not collected on this day we may be unable to accommodate cakes/pies in a refrigerator so please ensure that someone is able to pick up your order.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. Band parents will be organising the packing of the orders on Thursday morning from 8.30am however if any other parents/grandparents are able to give a hand between 9.30-11.30ish on this morning (28/6) please feel free to come along and help out. Thank you again for your support.

Community Chat

Tuesday 9.15-Main Topic WILF. Everyone welcome.

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