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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Term 2, Week 9 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 9 commencing June 18	Next week is Week 10 commencing June 25
Monday	Ted Prior to talk to K,1,2 University Writing Test	
Tuesday	Year 6 Raw Art University Spelling Test	Stage 1 Assembly Fundraising Meeting at 2.00pm
Wednesday	LHS Transition Pie Orders Due Back Binless Day	DISCO
Thursday	Out of Uniform- Come as someone you want to be	Farewell for Peta Finnane Pie Order pickup
Friday	Athletics Carnival- STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 8.15am	Gymnastics 3 & 4

Staffing: Miss O and Miss Harwood to State Hockey on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 9. What a week last week was. The Choir and Year 4 students presented a stunning spectacle at the Entertainment Centre as they played their part in the Starstruck extravaganza. Well done to everyone involved, Teachers, Parents and our star students. Work started on our bus shelter near Pick up and Go, thanks to P&C, School Banking and some school funds. We had a Newcastle Knights visit, the Band played for the seniors at Pioneer Hall, Stage 2 had a great visiting performer that talked very entertainingly of Australian history, P & C and School Council met, Year 6 went to Lambton High, Year 5 environmentalists went on a catchment safari and it stopped raining. All this in only 4 days! What will 5 days bring?

One of the highlights I believe, however, didn't even

take place at WSPS although it reflected very strongly on our academic programs. A number of parents had been at the Lambton High School ROSE awards (Recognition of Student Excellence), and they could not help notice the domination of each group by WSPS students. It is great to know our students continue to do well at High School. Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Kara Webber Nicole Greentree

Wednesday

Leanne Ryan Alison Townsend

Thursday

Vicki Odgers Tammie Jones

Friday

Sue Farrow Melissa Dimovski Danielle Harvey

Monday

Caryl Mallaby Richelle Armstrong Connie Peate

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Rachael Hawkins Megan Virtue
(Jacqui Pitkin)

Wednesday

Kirrily McMurtrie Kylie Padgett
(Kristine Morgan)

Friday

Meredith Flynn Jaalah Mallaby
(Kristine Morgan)

PIE & LAMINGTON DRIVE - Orders due by

Wednesday

Orders for the Lamington / Pie Drive are due back to the school office by Wednesday of this week at the latest (20th June). More order forms are available from our office ladies if required. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser already. Orders will be ready for pickup next Thursday 28th June, between 12.00 and 4.30pm from the meeting room. Band parents will be organising the packing of the orders however if any other parents/grandparents are able to give a hand between 10-11.30ish on Thursday morning (28/6) please see Mrs Moloney or Mr Hamilton. Thank you for your support.

Where's Wallsy

Wallsy was recently seen, safely soaking up the sun in Bali with Blake & Emily Ryan, Lachlan Morley and Makenzie and Kendall Porter. He apparently has also had a visit to a local school in Bali, great to know a little piece of us is enjoying the warmth while the rest of us shiver in the cold. Also trying out at Movie World was Wallsy and the beautiful Piper and Scout Walter.

DISCO

The P & C have organised a Disco for students on Wednesday June 27. From 5.30pm until 7.00pm Years K,1,2 are invited to attend. Entry will be \$3.00 and supervision is kindly provided by teaching staff. Year 6 will run a sausage sizzle and will have a small canteen operating. From 7-8.30 students in Years 4,5, and 6 are invited to attend. The Disco is for WSPS students only and children need to be dropped to the hall and picked up from the hall at the end of their respective Disco. Please use the doors on the COLA side of the hall to drop off and the doors on the playing fields side to collect children. This will minimise movement and make entry and exits safer.

The Coles Sports for Schools program is back!

Wallsend South is excited to announce their participation in this year's program, collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment. Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from June 13 to August 14 and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school.

Collecting vouchers is easy! By simply shopping at Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay stores, every \$10 spent will earn 1 voucher.=

We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

Please visit sportsforschools.com.au for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available to see what equipment we are aiming for.

A collection box will be located in the office foyer so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box.

Mrs Finnane's farewell

On Thursday June 28 at 2.15 in the school hall, the students will be farewelling Mrs Finnane with an Assembly. Mrs Finnane will be remaining after the assembly for a while if you would like to come and say goodbye.

Out of Uniform Day

SRC have organised an out of uniform day for all students on Thursday of this week. Students are invited to come as someone they would like to be in the future. A gold coin donation would be appreciated as they try to raise funds for Kidz Wish, a children's charity who attempts to raise money for needy children to attend a large Christmas Party at the end of the year. Sensible shoes and a school hat are still required.

Uniform Shop

We are now planning the volunteer roster for Term 3,2012. If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete and return the form attached by Friday June 22, 2012.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped in the Uniform Shop throughout Term 2. (If you are able to continue into term 3, you don't need to return a form.)

Hockey Representatives

We wish Jemma Wilson, Gabby Virtue and Chloe Burt all the best as they head off to the State Hockey Carnival this week. Miss Harwood and Miss O'Sullivan will also be attending as Manager and Coach respectively. Well done ladies.

Transit of Venus – we saw it!

On Wednesday 6th May good fortune came our way twice! The clouds parted and we were visited by Dr Angelo Fraietta from the Newcastle Astronomical Society who brought along his special equipment for observing the sun safely.

Dr Fraietta set up his telescope towards the sun and projected the light from the eyepiece into a cardboard box so students and staff could look at the bright circle of light, the sun, and Venus against it as a little dark circle. Students also noticed a few other tiny dark dots on the sun which are called sun spots. Many classes came out to have a turn looking at the projection of Venus transiting the sun during the hour Dr Fraietta was available to us. Sometimes we had to wait for the clouds to clear again but the experience of seeing the transit of Venus 'live' was worth it.

Our class teachers also used websites showing images from observatories in Australia and overseas to show the transit of Venus to students in their classrooms.

Names on Containers

As part of Binless Day students are reminded to label all their take home lunch boxes in case they go missing.

'Grug' Author

Today K,1,2 had the chance to meet Ted Prior, the author of the Grug series of books. He entertained the children with stories and talked about how he goes about writing the books. Should you be interested Ted Prior will be at Morpeth in the school holidays to meet children and sign books.

Where: Morpeth Gallery, 5 Green St

When: Sat July 7 and Sun July 8 2012-06-18 Time: 10am-45pm each day

Entry is Free

Duplicate Reports

Should you require a duplicate Semester 1 report for any reason, please contact your child's teacher prior to Friday.

Catchment Safari

This morning we received the great news that the artwork belonging to Josie Houston and Liam Symes has been successful in being made into signage by the Council for placing around Ironbark Creek. A number of WSPS students also received a Highly Commended. Well done Year 5.