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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 2 Term 3 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 2 commencing July 23	Next week is Week 3 commencing July 30 EDUCATION WEEK
Monday	Raw Art for Yr3 & 4 Mrs Webber returns	Open Classrooms from 10.15-Recess
Tuesday	Raw Art Year 5	University English Test
Wednesday	Boy's Softball	School Public Speaking Finals
Thursday	Year 5 Interrelate Gymnastics for Yrs 5 & 6	Year 5 Interrelate Gymnastics Yrs 5 & 6
Friday	National Tree Day Water Safety Presentation Gymnastics K,1,2	Gymnastics K,1,2

Important Notes: Term 3 Costs

Important Dates: Open Classrooms for Education Week Monday July 30-10.15am until recess
Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 2. This week we are sending home the proposed term costs for this term. Please remember this is voluntary and your child's participation in the activities listed is your choice. Please indicate on the sheet if you wish them to participate. If you require financial assistance please speak to me via email, phone or personally. On Friday we are celebrating National Tree Day by planting a tree per class. Now that the old demountable buildings have been removed we are intending to landscape this area. School photographs are being sent home today and as usual the children look superb. Family photos can be collected from the front office. We have had another 2 cases of Chicken Pox reported, please be on the look out for symptoms.

Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Kim O'Connor Kelley Banks Megan Rinkin

Wednesday

Kylie Robinson Irene Stanners

Thursday

Kim Terry Kylie Brittlife Caran Playtong

Friday

Helen Honnery Liz Beggs Sue Siderovski
Leanne Gillard

Monday

Nicholle O'Donnell Meredith Flynn Sandy Curry

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Rachael Hawkins Megan Virtue
(Danielle Hemsworth Smith)

Wednesday

Kirrily McMurtrie Kylie Padgett
(Melynda Bailey)

Friday

Michelle King Helen Honnery
(Kristine Morgan)

Chicken Coup Makeover and the Men's Shed

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the gentlemen from the Men's Shed, particularly Joe and Cookie for their efforts to improve our chicken coup. All our chickens are now smiling, having moved into their new premises. Thanks very much gentlemen. We are now looking for approximately 20m of fencing about 1.8m high. This is to give our chickens another run space. If you can help please contact Ian Hamilton

Child Protection Class Programs

This term most classes will be completing units of work with their classes based around the theme of 'keeping them safe'. In keeping with the requirements of the Syllabus, grades will be using the correct terms for body parts when needed. This will involve language such as penis, vagina and vulva. If you would like more information on what your child will be covering please speak with Ian Hamilton or your child's teacher.

Groups

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have started their first term without children moving between classes for graded reading groups. This decision follows extensive research and professional reading which indicated that ability grouping across grades was not an effective practice. Staff members have been very positive in this move and I commend them to you for the professional manner in which they have approached this change to their pedagogy. Maths groups will continue in Stage 3 until later in the year. If you would like to discuss this further, please make an appointment to speak with Ian Hamilton. I feel secure in the knowledge that teachers will better address the needs of children in their regular classroom.

Discus

Discus is not one of the sports we do at our Athletics Carnival yet there is an opportunity for children to participate at the Zone Carnival in this event. If your child is a discus thrower, with Little Athletics, for example they may wish to bring in their details regarding their age and distance thrown to Miss Harwood. She will be able to make the

determination as to whether they have made the qualifying distance. This need to be done by the end of this week, if you would like your child to be considered.

Leaders Project

The school leaders would like to freshen up the playground art and are seeking donations of paint that can be used on concrete. If you have half tins etc of good paint for concrete that you no longer require, they would appreciate your help. Please send your donation into school this week. We are particularly looking for strong colour.

WSPS Hockey Knock – out (boys)

On Wednesday our hockey team went to the hockey centre in Newcastle to play a knock-out gala day. The team is made up of Yr2s to Yr6s. In the hockey team are Darcy Gay, Lucas Neylan, Jye Farrow, Cooper James, Jack Pandel, Sam Siderovski, Gabe Curry, Thomas Robinson, Hamish Watts, Fletcher Rinkin, Anthony Lewsam and William Bergin-Brown. We played excellently, winning all of our games. The first game was a tight game just winning 3 – 1 against Redhead, our second game we won 2 – 0 against Cardiff South, the third game we won 4 – 2 against Kahibah with our hunter player Jye Farrow scoring 8 goals and our youngest player Fletcher Rinkin scoring the winning goal. Well done Fletcher! Well done to all of our players. A big thanks to our wonderful coach Ms Harwood, we couldn't have made it this far without you. Thanks to all the parents who supported the team.
By William Bergin-Brown

Fantastic Effort

Over the weekend Torrie Lewis (year 2, Mrs. Murphy/Mrs.Ali) competed in the Hunter Championships in Gymnastics. She was crowned the overall Hunter Champion in Level 1 Junior with her excellent results.

1st in Floor

1st in Bars

2nd in Vault

2nd in Beam

Torrie was also selected as a State Representative in the Hunter Team to compete at the State Championships on the Central Coast at the end of August.

School Finals for Public Speaking

The presentations will be held in the school hall at the following times:

9.15am – Years 3 – 6

11.30am – Years 1 and 2

2.05pm – Kindergarten

Congratulations to the following students on reaching the finals.

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KL	Kye Playtong Jessica Hargrave.
KM	Anika Gillett Alexandra Jones
KW	Livie Virtue Max Moloney
KD	Kye Griffiths Thomas Leary
1J	Jade Wainwright Emily Lewer
1A	Sarah Holland Sienna Jenkins.
1S	Brinley Gentle Emma St John
1K	Logan Bertwistle Dylan Grime
2G	Thomas O'Connor Ellie Hanks
2M	Kate Bishop Erin Symes
2P	Dominic Smith Emily Jones
3M	Kelly Mitchell Jayde Griffiths
3H	Jessica Evans Madison Ellenor
3/4S	Elyssa Hawkins Zeke Gentle Grace Rinkin
4R	Callum Wainwright Ella Williams
4H	Indiana Myers Grace Jones
5L	Sophie Carathanassis Cooper Dearing
5K	Ivy-Rose Laidler Jacob Smith
5D	Katriarna Barnett Gabe Curry
6L	Sarah Evans Elijah Harrison
6B	Emily Mitchell Phoebe Gray
6OS	Jack Styles Zac Bailey

Senior Choir Practice

There has been a slight change in rehearsal times for our sensational Senior Choir. The WHOLE CHOIR will practise twice a week on:-
Wednesday morning from 8:20am - 8:55am
AS WELL AS

Thursday lunch time from 1:20pm - 1:55pm

All choir members are expected to attend.

We need to be ready in case we are invited to Charlestown Square for Education Week in Week 3 of this Term.

Year 6 members will also be attending the Cluster Practice for the Opera House Concert in Week 7 of this term and need to know the whole repertoire from memory.

A permission note will be sent home for Year 6 choir members next week.

P & C News

Save the Date - Friday 14 September

P & C will be holding an adult social evening at the school on Friday 14 September 2012. Similar to our trivia nights in the past, this is a great opportunity for the adult community of W.S.P.S to relax and have some fun. As this will not be a major fundraising event, ticket prices will simply be to cover the cost of catering and entertainment. More details will follow soon, so for now mark it on your calendar and book the babysitter in!! It should be a great night.

Where's Wallsy

Wallsy was seen in Denmark over the recent holidays and the Sahara Desert, with Dylan and Isla Graham. Apparently he spent the night sleeping on a sand dune after a very cranky camel ride. Wallsy also had a very interesting trip to South Australia. He was an extra hand to Mr Pasquale on a road trip in his very large truck. If you drop into school to look at the Wallsy board, look out for him changing a tyre and refuelling the truck.

Congratulations to...

In the Under 8s Maitland Gala Day, held yesterday, Southy Rockets were the winners of their group and the overall winner of the day! They scored a total of 22 goals and did not let the opposition score a goal against them. From WSPS were the following players;

Brock Stewart, Joshua Noy, Oliver Hilton, Patrick Hickey, Fletcher Rinkin, Charlie Crisp-Manton, Brinley Gentle, Thomas O'Connor.

Well done team! Most importantly they displayed great team work and sportsmanship throughout the competition.