

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 5 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 5 commencing August 13	Next week is Week 6 commencing August 20
Monday	Life Education 1J, 1K, 1S and Yr 2 Callaghan College Wallsend Transition	Miss Harwood starts leave
Tuesday	University Maths Test Hockey at 11 School Council at 6.00pm P & C at 7.00pm	State AFL-Mr Bradshaw Stage 1 Assembly
Wednesday	Zone Athletics Carnival	Kindergarten to Reptile Park Junior Choir to retirement village
Thursday	Gymnastics Yrs 5 & 6	Kindergarten 2013 Parent Information Night Year 6 Opera House Rehearsal
Friday	Gymnastics K,1,2	

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 5. We wish all of our Zone representative Public Speakers all the best as they head off to Zone competitions this week. We know they will represent WSPS proudly. As well our Zone representative Athletes go off to compete and we wish them every success also. School Council and P & C are on this week and it would be great to see you at one or both of these meetings. It is a time of rapid change in schools and your input in how we deal with these changes as a whole school is valuable. Thanks for the improvement in uniform recently, we are still tidying up headbands and shoes. On Friday I reminded students that although the uniform code says black shoes we are willing to accept white as long as laces are of the same colour. I would ask parents to keep this in mind when buying shoes. Simple headbands in school colours are also preferable. Have a great week, Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Jemma Greentree

Wednesday

Leanne Ryan Alison Townsend Linda Stanborough

Thursday

Simone Hanks Vicki Odgers Melynda Mailey Tammie Jones

Friday

Melissa Dimovski Danielle Harvey

Monday

Caryl Mallaby Richelle Armstrong

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Kim Harrison Ann Maree Campbell
(Danielle Hemsworth Smith)

Wednesday

Melynda Bailey Louise Biles
(Rachael Metcalfe)

Friday

Amanda Maguire Helen Honnery
(Jalaah Mallaby)

Requests for Class Organisation 2013

I ask that any parents who have particular issues regarding the placement of their children in classes for 2013, contact me about their request by the end of Week 6. This includes consideration of twins, siblings, children who work well together or best apart etc. Teachers do their best placing children with a friend, where we think they work best, etc but there are sometimes issues of which we are not aware and I would like to hear of any issue that impacts on a child's learning, which may be alleviated by a particular placement.

Where's Wallys?

Wallys went cruising around the pacific islands with Mariea Stormer on the P&O Pacific Jewel. Wallys had his photo taken on Mare island with Mariea. This was only the 4th cruise that had been to Mare, as the islanders have only allowed visitors from April this year!! Could this be another first for Wallys?

Band guessing competition

On Monday the 13-27th of August the band will be running a jelly bean guessing competition. Each guess is 50c. And all the profits will go to the band. The competition will be held under the sun shelter at first half lunch only, for 2 weeks. It will be drawn on the 31st of August and the person who is the closest to the exact number will win the jar. SO START GUESSING!!!!!!!

By Tara Campbell & Jessica Leggett.

Skater Sam

Congratulations to our very own Sam Gillard who is in the Christmas Pantomime for Hunter Ice Skating Club again this year.

Sport in Term 4.

Swimming Opportunity for Years 1/2/3.

We have the opportunity for Years 1, 2, 3 to attend swimming lessons at the Viking centre during Term 4 in place of sport.

The 6 lessons will cost \$42. Years 1,2 and 3 will go on Thursday. Provision is made for all standards of swimming ability in groups of approximately 6-10.

Please note that:

*Payment needs to be made in a lump sum of \$42 by September 21 (Week 10) this term. We are unable to refund for non-attendance of a session as we still need to cover the cost of the swim teacher.

*Lessons will go for 6 weeks beginning Week 2 Term 4.

*Children will walk to and from the Viking Centre unless the weather is extreme. In this case buses will be provided.

*Wearing a swimming cap for lessons is a requirement of the Viking centre.

More information and permission notes will come by a separate note this week.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thanks for supporting our school through the Earn & Learn Program. Keep the stickers coming as we have until Friday Aug 17 to get them in.

Spelling Bee

Students at Wallsend South don't need to rely on spell check judging by the standard of spelling on display at the Spelling Bee last week. The following students were successful in each of the rounds and will go on to represent the school at the Regional final in September:

Zeke Gentle

David Wake

Jessica Leggett

Hugh Fitter

Well done and good luck.

P & C News

P & C will meet this Tuesday night at 7pm in the Library. It would be great to see you there. There are lots of items to discuss, including our upcoming events.

Attached to the back of the Tallong are the details for our upcoming Parent Night. This will be a fun night with live entertainment, activities, nibbles and finger food! It will be a great opportunity to catch up with other parents and friends of WSPS. Tickets are \$20 pp. Please leave your money and details in an envelope in the P&C collection box at the office. Hope you can make it!

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Coles Sports for Schools

As you are aware, we have been participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program by collecting vouchers for much needed school sporting gear. This year we aim to collect new shirts for our representative sporting teams, a long jump run up mat, hockey sticks, balance beams, stop watches and equipment to enhance our regular PE and sporting programs.

We are very busy counting and are so close to reaching our target. As the program closes on August 14, we are appealing for everyone to please donate all remaining vouchers they may have collected. We would very much appreciate you or your children dropping your vouchers into the voucher collection box located at the office foyer.

We don't have long to redeem our points so please drop your vouchers off as soon as possible.

Many thanks to the wonderful parents and students who have spent long evenings counting and bundling the over 50,000 vouchers collected to date!

Bookfair helpers

The P & C would love some extra parents to help with Bookfair sales during the Bookfair. Your attendance is only needed between 8.30-9.30am and / or 2.30-3.30pm on the following days;

Wednesday August 29

Thursday August 30

Friday August 31

Tuesday September 4

If you can help, please return the slip below to the front office.

Leah Waterman & Carmel Stormer

Bookfair Helper

I am able to help with the Bookfair on the following Times

Day _____ Time _____

My name _____

My child's name _____ Class _____

SRC Art Competition

The SRC have come up with an idea to hold an Art Competition. This is for all children from ES1 to S 3. There will be one winner in each stage .

The following rules apply;

- *It has to be 2D*
- *It must be no bigger than A4 size*
- *The theme is something to do with school.*
- *Entries close on Friday August 31 at 4.00pm*
- *Any medium can be used.*
- *Finished Entries are to be handed into the front office*

By Sophie C. and Tara E.