

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 2 Term 1 2013

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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 Term 1 commencing Monday February 4	Next week is Week 3 Term 1 commencing Monday February 11
Monday		Raw Art for Stage 2
Tuesday	School Council 6.00pm P & C 7.00pm	Raw Art for Stage 2 Parent Teacher Evening
Wednesday	Band resumes-instrument distribution	Raw Art Year 5
Thursday	Band Practice	
Friday		WSPS Swimming Carnival.

Important Notes: Term Costs with this Tallong Important Diary Dates: Parent Teacher Evening Feb 12, Swimming Carnival Feb 15

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 2. Could I take this opportunity to remind all parents it is possible to receive the Tallong by email, simply by providing your address I will add you to the growing distribution list. Please email james.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au and indicate whether you would like the email copy only or both a hard and electronic copy.

The children have settled in beautifully and have begun work for 2013. Staffing is almost complete except for 2A, where we are fortunate to have Mrs Ahrens and her many years of experience while we wait the Staffing decision from State office.

Our values are very important to us at WSPS, and we have high expectations of our students. As adults we have the responsibility to model the appropriate behaviour that we expect of our

children. There were unfortunately two incidents last week that would not be termed respectful interactions between adults on school premises, and I would ask that we are all vigilant in our efforts to treat each other with respect. One situation involved disrespect towards a teacher and the other disrespect towards our volunteers in the Uniform Shop. There is no place for this behaviour at WSPS. Have a great week

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Carmel Stormer

Wednesday

Kylie Robinson Irene Stanners Jasmin Polley

Thursday

Kim Terry Joy Gee Caran Playtong

Friday

Helen Honnery Liz Beggs Sue Siderovski
Louise Biles

Monday

Sandy Curry

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15am

Dannielle Hemsworth Smith Kylie Robinson
(Kristine Morgan)

Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm

Kirrily McMurtrie Jasmin Polley
(Rachael Metcalfe)

Friday 8.45-9.15am

Meredith Flynn Helen Honnery
(Kristine Morgan)

School Banking

Welcome back for 2013!! I would like to welcome all the new Kinders to the School banking program. School banking will resume on Thursday 7th Feb and will be processed each Friday morning. For the newcomers, you have all day on Thursday to drop your banking into the class bag or into the front office. If you forget you also have until the 9am bell on the Friday to get it to the office. Last year was a fantastic year for the school commission. Term 4 resulted in 512 deposits with \$2463 banked. We also had 12 new accounts activated. A commission of \$183 was received from the CBA. In total for 2012 was: 2228 deposits, \$11,232 banked, 67 new accounts and a total of \$896 in commission which is fantastic!! Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

Welcome back Playgroup

Playgroup starts back this week in the hall. This social gathering is for those children not yet at WSPS and runs from 9-11 in the school hall. A donation of \$2.00 is requested to fund craft materials and expendables.

Reusable Canteen Lunch Wallets - THEY'RE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Today you will find an order form for one of our ongoing fundraisers. If you haven't already heard about this awesome new trend in environmentally friendly and convenient lunch bags, you will soon hear people raving about it and we are bringing them to WSPS. The bags are available using the order form which is in today's Tallong. We have included both the basic reusable lunch wallet and the Thermal insulated "All Rounder" lunch wallet which doubles as a daily lunch bag and a canteen order bag. They are super easy to clean, have a zip up window for your money and order and they even stand upright in the class lunch basket! They have been a massive success in lots of other schools, we have sold stacks and once the word starts to spread, your child will be wanting one too! The lunch wallets are

available black with blue/green/pink trim, while the thermal bags come in black only. There is a sample on display in the Canteen and the office if you'd like to have a peek. Never buy another paper bag! Fill in your order form today - gather orders from work colleagues, family and friends. More order forms are available, if needed, from the school office. Forward any enquiries to Tracey Moloney.

Thanks for your support!

Get Thinking Week 2

Mary said to her friend Susie, "I have as many sisters as brothers", her big brother said "I have twice as many sisters as brothers".
How many sons and daughters in Mary's family?

Allergies

I have been asked by parents of children with severe allergies, what position the school takes in regard to each party's responsibility. I can understand their concern as we all want our children as safe as possible when not in our care. WSPS deals well with children with special needs across a very broad spectrum. Numbers of children at risk of an anaphylactic reaction appear however to be on the increase and it is vital we support their well-being as a whole school community. As a school we have medical action plans for each child at risk, anaphylactic children have the option of wearing the bright green wrist bands as a way of identifying their possible need for closer supervision, staff are trained in anaphylactic response, the canteen has elected to remove nut products from its menu and parents are encouraged to maintain communication with the school about developments in their children's health. To make the school allergen free is not possible, in fact to claim that we would creates a false sense of security. Children with any form of serious medical condition must be eternally vigilant as must we who care for these children. As a community we can assist by considering the foods we send to school. If there is an alternative to products causing reactions, I would request that we use it, but even more important is the need to discuss with each of our children the correct procedures for eating at school. These include not sharing food, washing hands before and after eating and notifying staff of potential risks. I appreciate your efforts to support each and every one of the wonderful children at WSPS.

P & C Meeting

Everyone is invited to the first meeting of P & C this Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the school library. We will discuss plans for the year, so come along with your ideas, we look forward to welcoming back our regulars and welcoming our new faces as well.

Parent Teacher Evening

Teachers will be offering you the chance to come into your child's classroom next Tuesday evening, February 12, to hear about how the class works. We hope to see you there. School Council will be running a free sausage sizzle from 5.00pm-7.00pm, so you might like to stop by and have a bite to save cooking!

The times are as follows;

Kindergarten 2.30pm (Children will be with Year 6 teachers and their buddies) including Kindergarten from K /1 W Purple

Year 1 at 4.30pm including Yr 1 from K /1 W

Year 2 at 5.00pm

Year 3 at 5.30pm as well as 3 / 4 S

Year 4 at 6.00pm

Year 5 at 6.30pm

Year 6 at 7.00pm

Class 3 / 4 S will be at 5.30pm, 4/5R

Meetings will take place in classrooms.

Children going to the toilets

Children are permitted to use the toilet during lesson time at WSPS, but we do encourage using the toilet at the end of breaks and before school. Any child that needs to go to the toilet is expected to take a partner with them. If we believe your child is using the toilet to the point their class work is suffering I have asked Classroom teachers to mention this to you for your guidance and the most appropriate action.

Custody Orders and AVOs

If your child is subject to Custody Orders that impact on school could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the front office. This needs to be done annually to ensure the best care for your child.

Drop Off Zone

The morning drop off zones are designed to get as many children safely dropped to school as possible. Please consider others when using these zones. As you approach the zone ask your children to prepare for exit, once stopped undo seatbelts, have children get their bags, kiss driver, exit on the kerbside, wave goodbye and the child then moves quickly to enter the school gate. It is not a parking zone, and by moving efficiently more children can access this area.

Personal Details

If you have changed personal details eg address, phone numbers including work or mobile please contact the front office to update our records. Also if there has been a change in emergency contact details please speak to one of the ladies in the front office, or email changes to school

Visitor Policy

Below please find an extract from our school's visitor policy you may find useful when there is an issue at school.

Procedures for WSPS

- If parents have a concern or seek information from school personnel the attached flowchart is utilised as a guide
- If staff have a concern or seek information from parents it is done sensitively and acknowledges that a mutually agreed time is vital for successful resolution of issues

Concern	Appropriate Action
The academic process of own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, phone, email or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues
The welfare of own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher for clarification • For more serious concerns (including health issues), make contact as above and arrange for a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member • To convey information about change of address, telephone, emergency contacts please contact the front office and this information will be made available to the class teacher • To convey information re custody issues please contact the Principal.
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially contact the classroom teacher for a classroom problem • Contact the classroom teacher or Principal <i>At no time should a parent approach another child other than their own to address an issue at school.</i>
School Policy or Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact the Principal via the front office, stating the nature of the concern and request a mutually suitable time to discuss the issue.