

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 3 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 3 Term 1 commencing Monday February 11	Next week is Week 4 Term 1 commencing Monday February 18
Monday	Raw Art Stage 2	Raw Art Stage 1 SRC badges presentation at 9.00am assembly 2.15 Canteen Committee Meeting -Canteen
Tuesday	Raw Art Stage 2 Parent Teacher Evening	Raw Art Stage 1 Community Chat 9.15
Wednesday	Raw Art Year 5	Raw Art Stage 1
Thursday		Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday	Swimming Carnival	

Important Notes: Swimming Carnival Permission Dear Parents

Welcome to week 3. The children have been superb. They have returned with great work habits and attitudes and are already embracing the first of the activities for the year such as Senior Choir and SRC. Friday is the Swimming Carnival for all students 3-6 plus those Year 2 students turning 8 this year. If you haven't returned permission notes and entry fees please do so to ensure your child's attendance. In this Tallong will be some information regarding Special Religious Education classes that will be available for Years 3-6 from Week 4 onwards. Please take the time to read it carefully and make an informed choice on what you would like for your child. It was great to see so many people at P & C on Tuesday night. We covered a number of topics and the conversation was informative and interesting. Uniform is fantastic, with almost 100%. I particularly

appreciate your efforts in getting black shoes, joggers and where necessary white joggers. The children feel justifiably proud of the way they present as a student population. In the next instalment of school policies I have included the relevant section of the Sports Selection Policy for your interest.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Janelle Climas Kim Harrison

Wednesday

Maxine Robinson Jemma Greentree

Thursday

Michelle Ritter Naomi Bellears Kylie Brittliffe

Friday

Jodi Schipp Amanda Maguire Helen Lewsam

Melissa O'Brien

Monday

Natalie Fullick Phoebe Brooks

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Meghan Virtue Rachael Hawkins
(Danielle Hemsworth Smith)

Wednesday

Suzanna Vale Chris Clarke
(Jasmin Polley)

Friday

Amanda Maguire Krystal Longworth
(Helen Honnery)

Congratulations

Makenzie Porter and Emily Ryan from year 4 and Madelyn Stevens from year 3 represented the Wallsend Wolves U10 girls team in the Regional Junior Touch Championships at Nelson Bay on the weekend in cold, wet and windy conditions. The girls finished 3rd on the ladder from the pool of nine teams, winning 3 games and losing one. The girls lost the semi final to a team they beat the day before. The girls travel to Port Macquarie in 2 weeks for the Junior State Cup.



Ritchies IGA

Don't forget to show your card every time you shop at Ritchies IGA. The points accumulated already have meant a healthy \$700 being donated from this chain to our school.

Hard Copy in the Meantime

Thanks to those parents who have supplied the school with an email address for the Tallong. This week we will continue with hard copies, while we check all email addresses are successful. If you have sent in an email address and not received the Tallong electronically, please contact Ian Hamilton.

Parent Teacher Evening

Teachers will be offering you the chance to come into your child's classroom, tomorrow, 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, not 1K

Year 2 at 5.00pm except for 2A

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

Year 4 at 6.00pm as well as 4 /5 R

Year 5 at 6.30pm

Year 6 at 7.00pm

Class 3 / 4 S will be at 5.30pm, 4/5R at 6.00pm

Meetings will take place in classrooms.

SRC

The voice of our students is an important aspect of WSPS. The representatives who have the responsibility of presenting that combined voice are our SRC members. Next Monday at the 9.00am assembly the SRC members for 2013 will be presented with their badges. Parents are most welcome to attend. The SRC members for Semester 1 2013 are;

3H Sophie Greentree

3M Erin Symes

3 / 4 S Sebastian Szaros

4H Isaac Dawes

4M Mitchell Gee

4 /5 R Kelly Mitchell

5P Indiana Myers

5D Georgia Schipp

6O Finn Merrick

6L Piper Walter

6B Patrick Randle

Congratulations to all our elected people. Meetings will be on Thursday at 12.45pm.

Fixed Equipment

The fixed equipment in the school grounds can only be used when Staff are supervising its use. This means the fixed equipment cannot be used by any students after 2.55pm or during class time without a teacher present. I would appreciate parents supporting this when waiting in the afternoons.

2A

On Thursday we were notified we will have a say in the selection of the teacher for 2A. Hopefully by this time next week we will have a permanent teacher on 2A. Until then Mrs Ahrens will continue to work with the other Year 2 teachers and provide a quality program to 2A students.

Answer to last Week's Question

There are 4 boys and three girls in the Family.

This week's question

How many cars are lined up for the car race if all but two of them are blue, all but two of them are red and all but two of them are yellow?

Staff List for 2013

Principal

Deputy Principal- Ms Innes

Assistant Principal ES1 Mrs Lovat(rel) / Mrs Serjeant (rel)

Assistant Principal S1- Mr Naylor

Assistant Principal S2- Mrs Smart

Assistant Principal S3-Miss O'Sullivan(rel)/ Mrs Caddell

K Blue Mrs Webb / Mrs Lovat (Fri)

K Red Mrs Matthews

K Yellow Mrs Leary

K / 1 Purple Mrs Webber / Mrs Farmer(Fri)

1J Mrs Jackson / Mrs Mitchell (Fri)

1S Mrs Serjeant

1K Mr Kandler / Mrs Durbin (Fri)

2P Mrs Pike

2G Mrs Gillett

2A Mrs Ahrens

2N Mr Naylor

3H Ms Harwood

3M Mrs Moloney

3/4S Mrs Smart

4H Mrs Houston

4M Mrs Murphy / Mrs Ali (Fri)

4/5R Mrs Smith / Mr Bradshaw (Fri)

5P Miss Preedy / Mrs Bramble (Wed)

5D Ms Diehl

6O Miss O'Sullivan

6B Miss Burton

6L Mr Lowrey

Library Mrs Chapman

Support Mrs Dixon, Mr Chandler

School Counsellor Mrs Sacchetti

Front Office Mrs Murray, Mrs Mayers, Mrs Davey

SLSO's Mrs Fennell, Mrs Watt, Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Soldas, Mrs Gibson, Mr Bull, Mrs Bradley

Groundsman Mr Godfrey

Canteen Supervisor Mrs Quinn

Gardener Extraordinaire Mr Roy Stanners

School Banking

WOW!! What a fantastic start to the new year!! Congratulations on achieving 73 deposits and a massive \$414 banked!! If you haven't opened an account yet, it is still not too late... simply visit your nearest CBA or go online if you already have an account with them. This week we saw 30 new accounts commence, 24 of them from Kindergarten! Each new account has been given a student number. When filling out your deposit slip please

remember to write down your name, student number and your account number and the amount banked. This helps us to process your account. You have also been given a new yellow folder. These ones are thicker and therefore should not rip. Please ensure that your new books have been placed in these and that your name and class are written neatly on the front. We will continue to hand out these new folders until everyone has one. We have some fantastic new rewards this year. You will receive an envelope soon with all the details in it. Please keep this safe for when you start ordering your new rewards. Please remember you can only order 1 each of the items per year for every 10 tokens required.

SRE

Part of the Department of Education's Practice is the provision of Special Religious Education in schools by an approved provider. I have been approached by such an organisation that is prepared to provide religious education to Yrs 3-6 on Fridays between recess and lunch. Each lesson goes for half an hour, is non-denominational, based on Christian faith and presented by an approved person (the classroom teacher will be present in the room during the lesson). Children will work from an approved text. As parents you have the right to withdraw your child for these lessons. The Department is clear however, in that, other curriculum areas are not to be taught while SRE is being conducted for the nominated group. This means that if your child does not attend SRE with their class, they will be supervised elsewhere to complete any unfinished work, read etc for the period of the lesson. The children will be grouped with their class peers as much as possible. Please complete the form below in accordance with your wishes and return it to school as soon as possible.

SRE ATTENDANCE

I wish for my child _____

of Class _____ to attend / not attend

Special Religious Education at WSPS.

(Parent/Carer)

_____ Date