

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 4 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 4 Term 1 commencing Monday February 18	Next week is Week 5 Term 1 commencing Monday February 25
Monday	Raw Art Stage 1 SRC Badge presentation 2.15 Canteen Committee meeting	
Tuesday	Raw Art Stage 1 Community Chat 9.15 Swimming Ribbons from the Carnival presented at 11.30 Assembly	
Wednesday	Raw Art Stage 1 Fundraising Meeting at 2.00pm	
Thursday	Zone Swimming Carnival	
Friday		Hunter Tennis Trials

Important Notes: SRE for Years 3-6, Permission note for allergies, email and photographs.

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 4 .This week I would like to invite you to Community Chat. This is an informal chat over a cuppa, where we talk about a range of things. This week we will include in our chat, the topic of Composite Classes, but the rest of the time is whatever is on your mind. We meet at 9.15 in my office and adjourn somewhere else if we have a big group.

The Carnival went very well on Friday, with all children showing their enjoyment and their determination. It was great to know the Carnival was going ahead regardless of the weather. Parents could safely take the day off knowing it wasn't going to be cancelled, time away from school was minimised and all students got to take part and join in some house loyalty. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Harwood and Mrs Smart for their

organisation and to the parents who assisted in time-keeping.

We had our first SRC meeting on Thursday and the topics of saving energy and caring for our playground were top of the agenda. Today the SRC received their badges at morning assembly.

Have a great week,

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Leanne Jones Alison Kime

Wednesday

Louise Bailey Dolores Johnson

Thursday

Kim O'Connor Megan Rinkin Kelley Banks

Friday

Leigh Phillips Kristine Morgan Alicia Hutchings

Nicole Hoare

Monday

Donna Terry Emma Steele

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Danielle Hemsworth Smith Renee Slingo
(Kristine Morgan)

Wednesday

Louise Biles Rachael Metcalfe
(Melynda Bailey)

Friday

Meredith Flynn Maxine Robinson
(Kristine Morgan)

Assessment Weeks

I have been asked by several families when is assessment time so that they may plan events that do not clash with this important time. Many assessments go throughout the year but a number take place prior to reporting time. It is best if you can avoid being away from school at the following times,

Term 2 Weeks 5/6 27.5.13-7.6.13

Term 4 weeks 4/5/6 28.10.13-15.11.13

Outstanding SRE notes

If your child is in Year 3-6 and hasn't returned the permission note for SRE stating either choice please do so by this Wednesday so organisation may be finalised.

Rock Band Auditions.....

Over the next two Wednesdays at lunchtime (1.20pm in the school hall), any student from years 5 or 6 who would like to audition for the WSPS rock band please complete the following form and hand it to Chris McDonald at your audition.

Please note, due to the nature (and noise) of the Rock band we are limited to only approximately 8 or 9 students. (eg we only have 4 microphones, 1 piano 1 bass etc..) Priority will be given to Year 6 students. Some students who miss out may be given a reserve placing and an opportunity at some stage later in the year.

Students will only be given 1 - 2mins auditioning time. Singers may use a backing C.D. A guitar, drum kit and piano will be provided for students to carefully use at their audition.

Students should have some form of basic musical experience or tuition (2 years training - not beginners - except vocalists), and be confident to perform in front of the school. Successful students would also be reliable, have excellent behaviour and be willing to attend weekly practices right through to the end of the year.

Practice will probably take place on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings 8- 9 am as well as some lunchtimes. (to confirm).

Chris McDonald (Guitar Teacher / Parent)

Last Week's quiz

There were three cars lined up ready to race, one red, one blue and one yellow

This Week's quiz

Nic and Harry meet to wrestle once a week. On the last occasion they fought three matches. There were no draws and each wrestler came out a winner the same number of times as the other. How is this possible?

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will commence this week. Any students in Years 3 and 4 are welcome to join this choir. Practices will be held in K/1 Purple room on Wednesday mornings. They will commence at 8.15am.

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 from 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

Zone Swimming Carnival THURS 21 February 2013

Congratulations to our swimmers for a terrific day on Friday at The Forum. From our carnival 27 children have been selected to attend the Crossroads Zone Carnival **this Thursday** at Speers Point Pool. All children should have received an information package at today's assembly. Please return permission note and money tomorrow or Wednesday to the office. All our representative swimmers receive a complimentary WSPS swimming cap which has very kindly been donated by Mr & Mrs Gentle. We wish our team all the best and look forward to a great day.

Swimming Champions – 2013

Junior Girls – Meghan Steele
Junior Boys – Kelly Mitchell
Senior Girls – Sophie Carathanassis
Senior Boys - Max Errington

Zone Swimming Team

Brinley Gentle, Mhairi Hammond, Ruby Bishop, Ellie Hanks, Meg Steele, Emily Dimovski, Lucy Thomas, Georgia Schipp, Sophie Carathanassis, Emil Ngo, Stella Brittliffe, Gabby Rupek, Lucy Thomas, Liam Cook, Will Rupek, Thomas O'Connor, Brock Stewart, Ryan Chandler, Drew Conley, Declan Jacobson, Callum Wainwright, Matt Serjeant, Cooper Dearing, Max Errington, Kelly Mitchell, Mathew Honnery, Jacob Honnery.
Congratulations everyone!

Important Note

Attached to this Tallong is an important note requiring your attention. In an effort to keep all children safe we need your permission on a variety of matters, including First Aid, internet use and photographs. Please read and complete where required.

School Banking

Last week's banking will be processed tomorrow due to the swimming carnival on Friday and a child sick today. For security reasons we must have a minimum of 2 people processing the banking at all times. Banking will be as normal this week.