

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 7 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 7 Term 1 commencing Monday March 11	Next week is Week 8 Term 1 commencing Monday March 18
Monday		Uniform Shop Meeting 2.30pm
Tuesday	Year 6 Interrelate LHS INFORMATION NIGHT	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Merewether Testing	
Friday	School Cross Country Visiting Performance	Hunter Rugby League Trials

Important Dates: Cross Country 15/3, Yr 6 Easter Raffle Draw 28/3, Grand Friends Day 11/4

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 7. What a morning we had last Wednesday. It was great to see so many families involved with our KOFM breakfast. The kids and parents interviewed well and it was a positive statement for our great school. I have included in this Tallong a copy of our Asthma Management strategies for your information. If you would like to discuss this further I would be happy to meet with you. I have seen some absolutely wonderful examples of work this week. Corey, Brock and Patrick showed me their excellent responses to their aural comprehension activity and Jed and Angus gave me the best explanation of the jump strategy and how it is used to add big numbers. Our Softball teams have now begun practice in readiness for their first game. Canteen lines had the pleasure of listening to Mr McDonald coaching Liam, Sam and

Jackson on their electric guitars on Thursday. Zone trials are in full swing and last week we sent a fine group of athletes off to try out for a position in the various Zone teams. The results are later in this Tallong. Wallsend South PS is certainly up and running at full throttle.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Janelle Climas Kim Harrison

Wednesday

Jemma Greentree Phoebe Brooks

Thursday

Michelle Ritter Naomi Bellears

Kylie Brittliffe Jo Hinchcliffe

Friday

Jodi Schipp Helen Lewsam

Melissa O'Brien Amanda Maguire

Monday

Natalie Fullick Phoebe Brooks

Uniform Shop

Tuesday

Kim Harrison Kelley Banks
(Dannielle Hemsworth Smith)

Wednesday

Suzanna Vale Chris Clarke
(Louise Biles)

Friday

Amanda Maguire Krystal Longworth
(Kristine Morgan)

Where's Wallys

This week Wallys was checking out real estate on The Block with Piper Walter.

Wallsend South Public School Asthma Medication Arrangements

Features of this plan

1. All children requiring asthma medication must have a current Asthma Medical Plan provided by parents
2. K-2 will access their reliever medication from the office and staff will record details
3. Years 3 - 6 are able to carry a puffer on themselves
4. Years 3 - 6 have the responsibility of recording their use of reliever medication on their Asthma Plan in their classroom. They will have the responsibility to take and advise their teacher and/ or parent of use. Parents are to monitor usage and expiry date of medication.
5. A reliever medication and disposable spacer will be provided for all Playground bags as well as the First Aid Office.
6. Should staff need to access a spacer for children's use before PE / Cross Country etc., they may access the ones from the Playground bags. Generic Asthma Plans and guidelines will be included in playground bags.

Please note: Asthma plans for all students are to be displayed in the child's classroom and office.

Reliever medication includes Ventolin, Asmol

Leave school promptly

Recently I have been relieved of Pick up and Go for a couple of days while I observe some different parts of the playground at home time. I have been particularly pleased with the speed that most children exit the grounds. This is important as there is no supervision after the bell in the playground and

children need to move to their after school arrangements as quickly as possible. Thanks also to the parents who are vigilant in reminding children that the fixed equipment is out of bounds after school.

Long Jump Pit

It is fast approaching athletics season and we are trying to update our long jump pit. What we are intending to do is dig a new pit where the demountables were as there is an excellent run up path available. To do this we need either a great deal of a working bee to dig a pit 6mx5mx0.6m or avail ourselves of the overwhelming generosity of someone with a backhoe, dingo etc. Any thoughts?

Extra Underwear

Small children can still have accidents at school. Could all parents please ensure their young children have a spare set of underwear in their bag, just in case it's needed.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club – Issue 2: Orders due by 15 March

Today, your child will be bringing home Book Club order forms from Scholastic Australia. Scholastic Book Club provides a great opportunity to buy attractive and affordable books for your child or as gifts for others. Our library and classrooms benefit from any purchases made by parents and teachers with free books and/or ones at reduced prices offered to our school.

Books can be purchased from any Book Club issue, offered at least four times a year, so it is up to you if/when you wish to buy some. Should you wish to purchase any books, please return the order forms in an envelope (with the correct money inside) to the library. Credit card details or cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia are preferable. If you have any queries regarding Book Club, please see me before or after school.

Thank you. Tracey Lovat

Cross Country

Children in Year 3-6 will take part in this event at school. Year 2 however are given the option. There is no event for 7 year olds at Zone level and 8 year old Year 2s will compete against Year 3 students of the same age. Therefore if you would like your Yr 2 child to participate in the Cross Country for possible selection in the team to go to Zone I would ask you to return the slip below to your child's teacher.

I would like my Year 2 child

_____ of Class _____
to participate in the School Cross Country on March 15.

_____ (Parent / Guardian)

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Zone Teams

Congratulations to the Wallsend South students who were successful in gaining a place in the Zone Netball team;

Kristy Allen
Madi Ford
Abby Holbrow

Sophie Caranthanassis

Congratulations to the boys who have made the Crossroads Zone soccer team for 2013:

Jack Pandel
Sam Siderovski
Zeke Gentle
Lachlan Morley
Christopher Urdarov
Cooper Dearing

School Banking

Congratulations! Another fantastic week, another record! 113 deposits and a massive \$669. I am still waiting for the rewards to come in. There was an error in the delivery that I received so I am waiting for more to be delivered. Please keep in mind when ordering your rewards that you can only order 1 of each money box and only 1 of each of the other items per year. You can also only order the items if they are available in the current terms eg calculator is only available after term 3 and until sold out.

P&C News

At last week's P&C meeting we planned our fund raising calendar for 2013. Some important dates to add to your calendar include:

Term 1 School Disco - Wednesday 10 April

Grand Friends Day - Thursday 11 April

Family Portraits - Term 1, just in time for Mothers Day (Date to be finalised)

Entertainment Books - End of Term 1 (Date to be finalised)

Mother's Day Stall - Thursday 9 May

Trivia Night - Friday 24 May

Father's Day Stall - Thursday 29 August

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 30 August

Federal Election Stalls - Saturday 14 Sept

Shopping Trip - Early Term 4 (Date to be finalised)

Other events that are still being considered include a movie night, an in school "A-thon" and a possible golf day in Term 4.

These events have always proven to be very successful in the past due to the hardworking parent volunteers from the school.

So here's where you can help us out:

- We are after tenders from any photographers within the school community that may be interested in taking our family photos. Please email Mr Hamilton with your details, experience and any photography package that you could offer to our fundraising team.
(james.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au)*
- We are after volunteers to assist at the School Disco - please complete the slip below and return it to the office if you can help out*
- Anyone that can assist in serving morning tea to our visitors on Grand Friends Day would also be much appreciated - please complete the slip below and return it to office*
- Anyone that could donate/sponsor our trivia night we would love to hear from you? Please see or email Mr Hamilton if you require a letter from P&C to collect donations*

Thanks for your support

Sally Conley P&C President

School Disco Volunteers (our disco co-ordinator will contact you with your allocated time slot)

Parent's Name (Contact phone no.)	
Child's Name Class	
Disco Time (circle applicable)	Junior 5.30-7.00pm Senior 7-8.30pm
I can assist with (circle applicable)	Ticket Collection Supervision End of night Clean up
Preferable time that I can assist is:	

Grand Friends Day Morning Tea

I would be happy to assist at the Grand Friends Day morning tea on Thursday 11 April from 9am

Parent's
Name: _____
Contact Phone: _____
