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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday September 9 Week 9 Term 3

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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 9 Term 3 commencing Monday September 9	Next week is Week 10 commencing Monday September 16
Monday	Ms Preedy on leave Mrs Leary on leave Mrs Matthews on leave	Zone Spelling Bee @ Lambton PS
Tuesday		Year 6 Rugby League and Mr Bradshaw @ Callaghan College Wallsend
Wednesday	K – 2 Sports Carnival Junior Choir	Boys cricket Hunter Trials – Liam Cathcart @ Thornton
Thursday	Girls Touch Football @ Wallsend – Upper Reserve 10.00	
Friday		Talent Quest showcase @ 11.30am Breakup – yipppeeeee!

Dear Parents,

Week 9 has been a busy week with students representing the school at numerous sporting activities, the School Disco and students eagerly practising their Talent Quest routine. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful members of the P & C who supervised at the Disco on Wednesday night and thank you also to the parents who helped with the catering for Year 6. Again, we are advising parents about Chicken Pox. We look forward to seeing K-2 parents and carers here on Wednesday to watch the K – 2 Sports Carnival. We hope we have beautiful weather. Good luck to the girls playing touch on Thursday. Have a great week!

Colleen Innes
relieving for
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday 10 September

Carmel Stormer Emma Watts

Wednesday 11 September

Kirrily McMurtrie Tammie Jones

Thursday 12 September

Vicki Odgers Krystal Longworth

Jo Ward Skye Higgins

Friday 13 September

Melissa Dimovski Danielle Harvey

Leanne Sendjirdjian Sally Ellenor

Monday 16 September

Carolyn Dean Jasmin Polley

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45 - 9.15am

Simone Hanks Tammie Jones

(Kristine Morgan)

Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm

Kirrily McMurtrie Renee Slingo
(Melynda Bailey)
Friday 8.45-9.15 am
Ann Marie Campbell Helen Honnery
(Kristine Morgan)

SAS Staff Recognition Week

This week we celebrate the contribution to our school community from our School Administrative and Support staff. We appreciate their dedication to ensure the smooth running of the school. Their positions are vital to education. We value our SAS staff and say thank you for a job well done!

Canteen

For those of us that tasted Sambusa a few weeks ago – it is on again in the Canteen tomorrow. Yum, yum!

Year 3 and 4 Boys Rugby

On Wednesday the school sent a year 3 / 4 boys team to Newcastle's 9 a side Rugby League Fun day. The weather on the day was perfect which allowed for some exciting rugby league to be played. All players showed the sportsmanship that WSPS students always demonstrate at sporting events and were equally matched by the support of their parents. The boys played 3 games all against Waratah West and won all 3 games. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and much cheering.

A great day for all who were involved!

Swimming Notes

A reminder to the students of years 1 – 3 that both swimming notes and money need to be returned to the school as soon as possible so that numbers can be finalised before the end of this term.

Our value of Fairness being extended to our local residents

Local residents are having difficulty with people moving bins prior to them being emptied. If you need a park near the school could you please ensure that the bins of our local residents can still be emptied by the garbage truck.

Year 6 parent Helpers

Many thanks to the Year 6 parents who assisted with the running of the canteen and BBQ at the disco last week. A special thanks also to Mrs Quinn for loaning the canteen and her time to help raise money for the Year 6 farewell. Mr Naylor and Mr Lord were also generous with their time, cooking

sausages for several hours!
Year 6 Teachers

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2013

Students from Year 6 recently completed an educational tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. Wallsend South PS was able to help families by quoting a discounted price for the trip, thanks to a rebate from the Australian Government. The government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards individual excursion costs.

Places visited on the Year 6 Canberra excursion:

- Parliament House and Parliamentary Education Program
- Old Parliament House – National Electoral Education
- Australian War Memorial
- Questacon – National Science and Technology Centre
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Royal Australian Mint
- National Gallery of Australia
- Geoscience Australia – The Earth Science Education Centre
- Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre – Cooma
- Kosciuszko National Park
- Tube Town at Perisher

So Year 5, are you excited for the 2014 trip? You should be!

Premier's Spelling Bee

At our recent School Spelling Bee four students were successful in making it to the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. The following students will represent Wallsend South next Monday at Lambton Public School: Dominic Graham, Joshua Noy, Kristy Allen and Jessica Leggett.

K – 2 Athletics

The K- 2 Athletics carnival is on this Wednesday on the bottom oval. The age races begin at 9:45am. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours, joggers, hat, sunscreen and have plenty of water.

TALENT QUEST

The Talent Quest is finally here! It starts tomorrow and will run each day at lunchtime until Wednesday of the following week.

Audience members are welcome to come to the hall to watch the show, but need to bring in 50c for each day they wish to vote for their favourite act. Parents are also welcome to come and watch the lunch time performances but are asked not to vote. All money received will be donated to the RSPCA at the conclusion of the Talent Quest.

The timetable for the Talent Quest has been completed and is on the K-Block notice board.

Please check performance times and days to ensure that costumes and music are brought to school on the correct day. For those who had their entry in before Wednesday and had a timetable sent home earlier in the week, their days have not been changed - unless the children have since withdrawn from the show.

All of the favourite acts, as voted by the children, will perform again for the whole school at a concert on Friday 20th September from 11:30am. Each of these acts will have received a note to take home on the afternoon after their lunch time performance. We request that parents do not attend the concert on Friday as the hall will be too crowded with the children.

If there are any problems please come and see me as soon as possible.

Karen Diehl

P&C News

Well last week was yet another busy week for WSPS.

The disco on Wednesday night was a success. Thank you to the parent volunteers and staff that attended the night. The kids all had a great time.

Our "Election Day" cake stall also went well. A big thank you to the many families who donated cakes and sweets for the stall. The stall raised just over \$500 - not bad for 2 1/2 hrs. I really appreciated the group of volunteers who assisted me from 7:30am in setting up and running the stall.

Last chance for everyone to order their commemorative pavers! Order form is attached. Could you please complete and return with payment by the end of the week. The Xmas shopping trip has also been cancelled.

Sick Students

We have had a number of students who have had to be sent home as they are unwell. If your child is sick during the night we would appreciate you keeping them at home to stop the spread of any germs.

FAMILY BAND NIGHT 2013 - Save the date!

A quick reminder that the date has been set for 15th November. At this stage we are fairly sure that we will be able to incorporate this with a special sleep-over/movie night for our hard working band children so try to save this date for a really fun night.

Children have been asked to start thinking about items they might wish to perform - there will be an expectation that Year 6 students perform either solo or as part of a small group, however, there will be the opportunity for a number of children from other grades to perform also, should they wish to do so. We understand that this date may not be suitable for all families, however, Term 4 is always busy and we have tried to pick a date that will not clash with presentations etc for sporting groups and a date where we can have overnight access to the hall. Please contact Mrs Moloney with any problems and if the date does not suit a lot of members we will reassess.

Thanks, Mrs Moloney, Mrs Lennard and Miss Kuranty

PSSA Netball Snr Girls

On Friday the Senior Girls PSSA team played 2 games of netball. The 1st game we played Barnsley Public School and won 46-10. The next game we played we were down 2 players, but managed to defeat Elmore Vale Public 38-17. We collected our trophy and Mr Lord was very proud of our efforts. By Abbey Armstrong, Morgen Speers, Piper Walter, Abby Holbrow, Georgia Schipp, Courtney Hiles, Jessica McDonald, Madi Ford, Katriana Barnet and Sophie Carathanassis.

PSSA Soccer

On Friday the Senior Boys PSSA Soccer team competed in the PSSA finals day at Federal Park. The boys won the competition defeating Edgeworth 4-1 in the first game and defeating Elmore Vale 2-1 in the grand final. The boys are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and great skill demonstrated throughout the whole competition. Well done, boys.

Knock Out Soccer

The knock out soccer team played Hillsborough Public School last Tuesday at Warners Bay. This round was to decide the top 8 teams in NSW. Unfortunately the boys were defeated 2-0 in a very tough game. The boys are to be congratulated on making the top 16 in the state. A great effort.