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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 7 Term 1 2014

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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 March 10	Next week is Week 8 commencing March 17
Monday	Rock Band Rescheduled Tennis Trials	Rock Band Band Committee Meeting at 3.10
Tuesday	Interrelate Year 6 6-7 Transition Meeting LHS Percussion Workshop	Interrelate Year 6 P & C at 7.00pm (No School Council)
Wednesday	Band Year 6 Raffle stamping	Band
Thursday	Canteen Meeting 2.00pm Band Merewether Test for 2015 Candidates	Band
Friday	Zone Netball and Soccer Trials Presentation of Cross Country Ribbons-11.25-all invited.	

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 7. Well done this week to Tye Donaldson who made the Crossroads Zone League team. Also congratulations to the WSPS swimmers who went off to the Regional on Thursday. The team was Matthew Honnery, Georgia Schipp, Harry Leo, Mhairi Hammond, Declan Jacobson, Jessica McDonald, Courtney Hiles and Emily Ryan. The Cross Country was run on Friday and a big well done to Miss Kuranty for her organisation and Parents and Staff who made the event so successful. This week in assembly we spoke about our responsibility of including all children in our lunchtime play. We spoke of our responsibility as a WSPS student, if we see someone on their own, we invite them to play. While we understand some people like their own company, if it means we are a little uncomfortable asking it is better than having someone feeling lonely because they are not sure how to join a game or activity. This week we are

visualising in reading. Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Pamela Baas Ruth Morris

Wednesday

Jemma Greentree

Thursday

Michelle Ritter Naomi Bellears Frances Lambkin
Sally Ellenor

Friday

Amanda Maguire Jodi Schipp Leigh Phillips
Melissa O'Brien

Monday

Sally Ellenor

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15am

Kylie Robinson Ruth Morris
(Simone Hanks)

Wednesday

Suzanna Vale Phoebe Brooks
(Rachael Metcalfe)

Friday

Ann Marie Campbell Helen Honnery
(Jennifer Westoby)

CAMBODIA DONOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Thanks again to all of the people who have donated towards our Cambodia appeal. This week we received donations from Jack Hodgins, The Zok/Jackson Family, The Deeg Family, The Cartwright and Ryan Families. I would love to be able to send a photo of our donors to the families in Cambodia who will receive your kind gifts. If possible, could you please forward a photo of your family/group possibly holding a sign saying something along the lines of "*with love from the ... family*" and email it to me at tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au or send it in to me at school. I would love to receive these ASAP as we have just over a week until Mum and Dad are up and away!

Thanks again for your support throughout this journey. You've made dreams come true.
Mrs Moloney

Whooping Cough

We have had a couple of children in Year 6 and Year 3 diagnosed with Whooping Cough at the end of last week. Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial disease in the early stages. A child is no longer infectious to others 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment with erythromycin. It begins with cold-like symptoms which progress to a cough. If you have any concerns please speak to your doctor.

Jack's Quirky Corner

Dr Who – William Hartnell born January 8th 1908, was the first doctor of Dr Who. Before he did Dr who, he was very unhappy, until one night when the producer and her friend talked to him about the script. He said yes. Did you know he loved being Dr Who because it gave him another series? He had a Granddaughter who was very nice too. Until one day in 1966 Sidney Newman the creator of Dr Who said it was time to go. He died on the 23rd April 1975 aged 67.
by Jack Hodgins

Swimming Carnival 2015

It is already time to make bookings for the Swimming Carnival for 2015. The main purpose of the 2-6 carnival is to select the swimmers to go to the Zone carnival, ie the best swimmers in each age group to represent WSPS at the Zone Carnival. We presently maintain a booking at the Forum at the Uni. The positive arguments for this location are;

- it is a 50m pool
- it is indoors we can proceed regardless of the weather
- The children are sun safe
- It provides good viewing for parents

The negative arguments are

- The cost of using the pool
- The cost of buses to get there
- The cost of parent parking
- The depth is a challenge for non-competent swimmers during novelties.

We, as a staff are at a crossroads in our thoughts about the best structure for this carnival and would like your thoughts. We see there are basically two options....

Option 1 Maintain the present

Issues

- Cost factor for all students
- As we get more swimmers the time available for novelties decreases,
- The depth of the water for non-swimmers,*and on the positive*
- All kids turning 8 and over are able to attend and
- It encourages Sporting House spirit.

Option 2 Run a selection Carnival only, that doesn't include novelties, and children only attend if they wish to be considered for Zone Selection.

Issues

- Doesn't involve all children
-*and on the positive*
- Children who don't wish to attend, don't
- Safety becomes less of an issue as children attending are competent swimmers, and
- A large number of parents don't pay for a limited time in the pool for their children for the novelty events.

We are interested in your thoughts. If you could spend a few minutes thinking about this and return the slip to school by Wednesday, we would very much appreciate it.

Swimming Carnival 2015

My preference for the 2015 Swimming Carnival is (please circle)

Option 1 or **Option 2.**

Name _____

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Other comments _____

School Banking

What a fantastic few weeks we have been having! Last week we saw 115 deposits resulting in \$530.15 banked. A few weeks ago I mentioned about the competition that CBA is running within the Newcastle area. The prize is a new pergola. I am asking for everyone who hasn't banked this year or is new to open an account and deposit as little as 5c in a hope that we will win this competition. Last year we had the highest amounts of deposits in the area. So please dust off those bank books and hand them into your teacher every Thursday to be processed and don't forget the school also gets 5% commission on every deposit and \$5 for every new account opened! What a fantastic way to raise money for the school and also to raise the funds in your account!

Band Committee Meeting Monday 17th March

If you are a parent of one of our incredibly talented band students and you would like to be part of our committee to organise fundraising, planning and management of the band, we would love to see you for our first meeting next Monday, 17th March at 3.10pm in Mrs Moloney's room. Bring along your ideas! We look forward to seeing you then!

[Tracey Moloney](#)