

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 11 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 11, the final week of Term One 2014, commencing April 7	Next week is Week 1, Term 2 commencing April 28
Monday	Rock Band	Staff Development Day for staff training Students do not attend Uniform shop is open, watch the website.
Tuesday	P & C postponed	Children return to school Staff to undergo Anaphylaxis training
Wednesday	Band Disco K-2 from 5.30-7 and Years 3-6 from 7-8.30pm	
Thursday	Band	
Friday	Draw the Easter Raffle Easter Scripture Assembly	

Dear Parents,

Welcome to week 11. This is the last week of term but we are still busy. Classes still continue as normal but we have a number of other events planned. I had the pleasure of being with Year 5 in Bathurst for last week and I can tell you first hand, what a great group of young people Year 5 students are. From the kitchen staff, through to tour guides and the bus drivers, they were recognised for their maturity, respect, enthusiasm and knowledge. Well done Year 5, it was my pleasure to travel with you. Thanks for the support of your children this term. I trust your term holidays will be safe and fun. Have a good Easter break and we will see some of you on ANZAC Day at Wallsend. Thanks for returning the Ethics notes, stay tuned for news from School Council in Term 2 regarding where to next. Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Pamela Baas

Ruth Morris

Wednesday

Jemma Greentree

Tammie Jones

Thursday

Michelle Ritter

Naomi Bellears

Frances Lambkin

Friday

Amanda Maguire

Jodi Schipp

Leanne Sendjirdjian

Melissa O'Brien

Monday

Canteen closed – Staff Development Day

Tuesday Week 1, Term 2

Tammie Jones

Wednesday Week 1 Term 2

Kylie Robinson

Irene Stanners

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15am

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Renee Slingo Kylie Robinson
(Tracey Mahoney)

Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm

Suzanna Vale Carolyn Dean
(Renee Slingo)

Friday 8.45-9.15am

Amanda Maguire Kristine Morgan
(Karina Currington)

School Banking

*Another fantastic week!! But first we must do some housekeeping. Token counts started from the first of this term. Tokens from previous terms are not allowed to be used. The children had plenty of time in Term 4 2013 to cash these in. CBA now have a new computer system that keeps count for us and will tell us when the children can redeem their tokens. We will then put a notice into their wallet to tell them, once the child has handed in their form we will order it and the rewards will be held until the last week of each term to receive them. A special day will be set aside. This will stop the rewards from going missing and will minimise time in ordering and handing them out. With the overwhelming results from Term 4 redeeming day this idea was decided upon. In reality a child does not need to receive any tokens... this is just an incentive to bank and collect as the computer will advise and this cannot be over ridden. By doing this the child will have more rewards to choose from as they get to choose from Term 1 and Term 2. **Starting from Term 2 if the deposit slip is not filled out correctly then it will not be banked.** With 130 students banking each week I am sure you would understand that this is very time consuming. With every 2nd or 3^d deposit slip not filled in correctly then this adds on a lot more time to our day. We ask that you fill out your name, student number, date and the deposit amount correctly in either notes or coin or both if necessary plus the total of the deposit (not your bank balance). By doing this it will speed the process up. Also please ensure that your loose coin is in a zip lock bag so the money does not fall out. There were a few deposits where the money did not add up which means that we had to change the deposit slip. Please discuss with your child about ensuring that all the money gets banked... does it go to the canteen perhaps? And now, some good news!! We are going very, very well in the competition. But please do not be relaxed about it. We need every one to bank on Thursday or Friday by 9am (the last day of competition) to ensure we win the prize!! Friday is the last day to process the deposits for the competition. This week we banked \$653 with 120 deposits which is fantastic!! Thank you to everyone who is participating in the program and helping WSPS be in with a chance of winning!!*

JUNIOR BAND PRACTICE BEGINS NEXT TERM

We are excited to announce that as of Monday 5th May (Week 2, Term 2), Band practice will commence for all new band students not yet attending band. All students with a school instrument should now be having weekly lessons and will be required to attend this practice from 3-4.15pm every Monday afternoon. This practice session will be designed to cater for beginners and will prepare students to join our Senior Band later in the year. If your child has hired an instrument, however, and has decided not to go ahead with band, please return the instrument to Mrs Moloney ASAP. A note will be sent home with your child in the next day or two that will provide the information regarding Junior Band Practices and will include a student information note that will need to be filled in and returned to band teachers before practices commence. We look forward to the start of some serious fun!

ALL BAND FEES NOW DUE

Some band fees are still outstanding and should be paid as soon as possible. Please make a payment of \$50 for your instrument hire (percussionists also), and \$120 for conductor's fees (a total of \$170 for the year if you are using a school instrument). If you break this cost down you are paying \$4.25 a week to receive 2 additional tuition sessions and a maintained instrument - super cheap! Junior Band students (who have not yet started attending band practices sessions) are required to pay \$90 for conductor's fees (3 terms) and the balance outstanding on their instrument hire (if a \$25 deposit was paid, \$25 remaining should also be paid now). It is also a good time to ensure that your instrument is being carefully maintained. If you are unsure of the correct way to clean your instrument, check with your child's tutor or see band teachers. Thank you for caring for your instrument and for staying on top of payments.

Mrs Moloney, Mrs Lennard, Mrs Allen (Kuranty)

PERCUSSION GROUP UPDATE

Our wonderful percussion group has had a great term of making some cool beats. We purchased some new equipment for the group to use. These 'Boomwhackers' have been an awesome addition and are lots of fun to play. Thanks to all of the children who turned up this term. We have decided to continue with this group of students into Term 2 to put together some great performance pieces. We will waive the fees for these sessions, just continue coming along. We apologise to any students who were wishing to join in on the fun, however, there may be further openings in Term 3. Practices will recommence straight after the holidays, continuing on Tuesdays at lunch times in the hall.

Thanks, Mrs Moloney

Library News

The Library teachers are working on the Junior Fiction section of the library over the holidays. To ensure we can make effective decisions we would appreciate it if all Junior Fiction books can be returned before the end of the term. Junior Fiction books (or picture books) are labelled with a "J" or "JF" on the spine label and back cover label. This week will be the final week for borrowing this term. Thank you.

Cookbook Pre-orders

Did your child come home from school last week talking about the W.S.P.S. photo, where all the children were included? That photo, representing our community, was beautifully organised for the front cover of the vogue style school cookbook. It's still not too late to pre-order your copy before the anticipated price increase. Currently the P&C are waiting on the publishers invoice, so the exact individual cookbook price can be determined. Place your \$10 deposit with your completed pre-order form in the office P&C box to receive your cookbook early in May.

P&C News

Just a reminder that there will be no P&C meeting this week. We will advise you of the date for the next meeting.

Joy Gee (P&C President)

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by May 16, 2014. This application can be done online by going to

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Online applications open on 28 April and close 16 May, 2014.

Disco

This Wednesday night there will be a Disco for students of WSPS. A couple of reminders to ensure all students have an enjoyable evening;

- K-2 are invited from 5.30-7.00pm
- Years 3-6 are invited from 7-8.30
- Children enter through the hall doors on the pebblecrete side and leave from the doors on the Canteen side.
- No children will be allowed to leave the hall without an adult at the completion of the Disco
- Entry is \$4.00
- Good behaviour is expected
- Children on a Yellow Card on Wednesday are not invited to the Disco.
- Year 6 are holding a food stall (see notice).

Uniform Shop

We are now planning the volunteer roster for Term 2, 2014. If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated, as our volunteer numbers have been slowly decreasing. Please complete and return the form attached by Friday 11 April, 2014..

Thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped in the Uniform Shop throughout Term 1. If you are able to continue into Term 2 with no changes, you do not need to return a form.

Disco BBQ

Year 6 will run a fundraising BBQ at the disco. All items will be sold from the new canteen and students can use cash or a voucher at the counter.

Anyone wanting a meal deal special (a saving of 50c) MUST pre purchase this in the form of a voucher from the voucher counter. A meal deal cannot be purchased from the general counter.

Primary students please take note.

Parents wanting to purchase vouchers for their children can do so from the voucher counter at the canteen as they drop their children off. Children can then use the voucher when they need, rather than being given money and risk losing it.

Packet of chips 50c

Fruit juice poppa or water \$1.50

Sausage on a roll \$2.50

Meal Deal - all of the above for \$4 (a saving of 50c)

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Year 6 BBQ at discos

for Little Linguists

The FUN way to become bilingual

- **FRENCH** for 5-12 year olds
- French after school program is now on at Wallsend South PS
 - Wednesday afternoon from 3.10 to 4.10pm in the school library
- Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games

Come and Join us for a Free Trial!!



Enrol for Term 2 before 18th of April and get a 10% discount

Phone 0402 818 034
sandra.peachey@lcfclubs.com.au

Uniform Shop Volunteer Form Term 2, 2014

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Child's Name & Class:

Availability (Please circle your preference)

	Each Week	Fortnightly	Monthly	Once/ Term
TUESDAY 8.45-9.15am	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve
WEDNESDAY 2.30-3.00pm	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve
FRIDAY 8.45-9.15am	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve	Rostered on Reserve

☐ **TICK HERE if you are available at the times you indicated above for the whole year (at this stage)**

Rostered on – Two volunteers are required for each shift.
Reserve - One volunteer who could be contacted if someone can't make that rostered shift.

Is there someone you would like to be rostered with ?

Are you volunteering for the first time ? Yes/ No

If so, we will ensure you are rostered with someone who has volunteered before.

Are you interested in being on a casual call in list, to be contacted only if two people cannot make their shift ?

Yes/ No

AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS

*Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person
who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability,
Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?*

*You are invited to attend our
FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions*

Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton

Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm

Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided

RSVP: Thursday 24th April – For Catering Purposes

Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776

or Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014

- The Impact of being a Parent/Carer – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
- Building Parent Resilience – Jackie Currey, First Chance

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014

- Siblings – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter
- National Disability Insurance Agency – Suzanne Punshon
- Using Assisted Technology – Ben Coombe, Samaritans

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014

- The Importance of Support Groups – Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
- Child Behaviour that Challenges Us – Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
- Discrimination – Your Rights and Responsibilities – Claire Williams – Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

Respite may be available
by contacting
Commonwealth Respite &
Carelink Centre on
1800 052 222



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Visit the Wetlands in the Holidays

There's plenty to do at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland - walking trails, playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. Bring a picnic or enjoy a fresh and delicious lunch at the Spoonbill Cafe. Come along on Easter Saturday for a fun filled morning with craft, face painting, games, BBQ and a special treasure hunt. All entry \$5, school holiday special - children 3-12 yrs, \$2.

The Wetlands Centre is offering fun activities for kids and families these holidays. Kids can learn bush skills, go on a bike safari, make bush perfume or join Tantrum Theatre drama workshops and participate in the creation and performance of 'Reptilia'. Booking essential - go to www.wetlands.org.au for dates, times and costs.

[hunterwetlandscentre](http://hunterwetlandscentre.org.au)

