

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 2 Term 2 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 2 Term 2 commencing Monday May 5	Next week is Week 3 Term 2 commencing Monday May 12
Monday		
Tuesday	Starstruck Rehearsal	School Council at 6.00pm P & C at 7.00pm
Wednesday	LHS Orienteering Day Kindergarten UNI PE	Kindergarten UNI PE
Thursday	Uniform Shop Meeting 9.00am Mr H's office Mother's Day Stall Netball at 12.30	
Friday	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30-8.30 Regional Cross Country	2015 Year 5 OC Applications due

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 2. This week, thanks to the P & C the children have the opportunity to purchase something special for mum for Mother's Day. All gifts are \$5.00 and children can purchase up to 2 gifts. Any stock remaining will be sold on Friday morning before school. So Dads, thank your lucky stars you now can focus the time you would have spent taking the kids shopping on cooking something special to say thanks for being such a wonderful mum to your kids. Mums, if you are free, the gentlemen at school would like to invite you to breakfast between 7.30 and 8.30 on Friday. Please see the slip later in this Tallong. This month is National Family Reading month. We have a number of activities planned, see the Library news later in this Tallong. Please find Term 2 costs attached to this newsletter.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Pamela Baas Ruth Morris

Wednesday

Jemma Greentree Kim Harrison

Thursday

Naomi Bellears Frances Lambkin Sally Ellenor

Friday

Amanda Maguire Leanne Sendjirdjian Jodi Schipp

Leigh Phillips Rochelle Stevens

Monday

Linda Gresswell

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15

Becky Gilbert Ruth Morris
(Kristine Morgan)

Wednesday 2.30-3.00

Jemma Greentree Carolyn Dean
(Kerrily McMurtrie)

Friday 8.45-9.15

Tammie Jones Jo McDougall
(Kristine Morgan)

A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY

As you may have read on the book club forms that were handed out last week, May is National Family Reading Month. Across Australia, we are promoting more reading within families. As part of this, our school will participate in a few activities:

1. As a whole school activity, we are registered to be involved in a national simultaneous story time session. This session will take place on Friday 30 May, where we will all hear the story 'Too Many Elephants in This House' by Ursula Dubosarsky.
2. If you would like to decorate an elephant as a family, send your child up to the library to collect a cardboard one. Naming your favourite book on the elephant is optional. Anyone in your family can decorate the elephant (one per family) and then return it to the library where we will put all the elephants on display. Each participating family member will get a free bookmark.
3. We are also inviting any parent (or grandparent) who would like to be part of 'Lunch Time Story Time' over the next 2 weeks to let us know if you would like to participate. **Please look out for a note coming home this week** with information about how you can be involved.
4. Mr Hamilton will be reading some of his favourite family stories to the children throughout the month of May!

Thank you,
The Library Teachers ☺

Mums, just for you

On Friday the P & C and the male staff are hosting a breakfast just for mums from 7.30-8.30. Depending on the weather we will breakfast in the sun outside the Canteen. Mums are invited to either bring their children or come alone and grab a few minutes with the other mums. We will have tea, coffee or juice for \$1 and muffins, croissants and parfaits for your enjoyment for \$2.00 each. If you think you will be able to make it please indicate below so we can cater appropriately, and return it to the Parent Returns' box at the front office.

I will be attending the Mother's Day breakfast alone /with _____ children.

_____ Name

Class Helper Workshop

A couple of people have approached me recently saying they believe they could be more constructive as a classroom helper / reading helper etc with a little bit of training as to how to correct / encourage / support students within their groups. To this end we could run a morning where a number of these matters are treated along with a question and answer time. If this sounds like you, please return the slip to the box at the front office marked 'Parent Returns'.

I would be interested in hearing more about a Parent Helper training morning.

_____ Name

_____ Child's name and

Class _____.

Preferred day from 9-11 is _____

Thanks to our Banking Students

The children's efforts (supported by their parents and our wonderful banking ladies of course) have resulted in us recently winning the Commonwealth banking challenge. This meant we are now the proud owners of a brand new marquee for use by our children when outdoors. Well done everyone!

Change of Development Day

At the very end of the year the Department allows schools to have two days pupil free when professional learning for staff can take place. We, as a staff, believe one of these days would be better utilised earlier in the year. As such, staff at WSPS will not take a day at the end but instead will stay back on two afternoons until 6.30 to undertake training instead of the last day of term. We will continue with the second last day of term as is ie pupil free and staff training. If you see a problem with this arrangement please email me on james.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school.

Bands

SRC on Thursday discussed the topic of the bands children are making and wearing. They raised a couple of issues and made a recommendation. As a result of this I would ask children not to bring the gear to school to make the bands and if they would like to wear a band, it is limited to one and in school colours only.

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. 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 3rd 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?? Finally some good news!! We are going very, very well in the competition(different to the Marquee 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!!