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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 4 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 4 Term 2 commencing Monday May 19	Next week is Week 5 Term 2 commencing Monday May 26
Monday	Junior Band 3-4.15	Junior Band 3.15-4
Tuesday	ICAS Computer test Staff Training 3.15-6.15 Paul Kelly AFL Drumming Workshop 10-1.15 State AFL	State Soccer Starstruck Rehearsal
Wednesday	Senior Band 8.00am Kindergarten Uni PE	Senior Band 8.00am BINLESS WEDNESDAY Photos Kindergarten UNI PE
Thursday	Senior Band 8.00am Library Storytime Soccer Gala Day rescheduled	Senior Band 8.00am Starstruck Rehearsal Photos
Friday	Raw Art Stage 3	Raw Art Stage 2

Dear Parents

This week we wish Kristy Allen and Will Bishop all the best as they head off to State AFL. Next week, Jack Pandel and Alex Hilton head off to represent the region at State Soccer. Further to the decision on hat wearing, in line with the Cancer Council we will not be enforcing the 'no hat play in the shade' rule during the months of June and July. The children will choose to wear a hat or not based on the decision you as a family makes. Have you seen the recipe books? They look fantastic and are brimming with great recipes. This project is a credit to P & C and the team that organised them. Today we continued our discussion of respect. We talked about respecting our environment and the effect of littering in general but also the act of dropping rubbish and the message it gives. May I say again how fortunate we are as a staff to work with the children we do. Friday is Walk Safely to school Day, where all Primary School aged children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Carmel Stormer Sandra Dart

Wednesday

Kirrily McMurtrie Tammie Jones

Thursday

Vicki Odgers Dianne Burns Wendy Wade

Friday

Melissa Dimovski Danielle Harvey

Leanne Sendjirdjian Kylie Brittliffe

Monday

Emma Steele

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15

Becky Gilbert Tracey Mahoney
(Kristine Morgan)

Wednesday 2.30-3.00

Suzanna Vale Phoebe Brooks
(Kirrily McMurtrie)

Friday 8.45-9.15

Fiona Symes Maxine Robinson
(Tammie Jones)

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

Jack's Quirky Corner

Who really discovered Australia???

You think it was Captain Cook in 1770 but it was William Jazoon in 1606.

He was Dutch. He discovered Australia when he went up the coast of WA. He came back to Australia in 1609 but did not claim it for the Dutch people.

There are rock carvings from the Dutch saying that they were here in ships.

Jazoon's ship was called the Dulfkin. A replica of the ship was made 8 years ago and is now in the Queensland Maritime Museum.

Hats

Thanks to those people who responded in regard to hats. The decision is that we as a staff will not enforce the wearing of hats during June and July.

There will be an exception on the day of the Athletics Carnival for children turning 8 this year and older, when all children are expected to bring and wear the wide brimmed school hat. For the days other than this one, children are expected to carry out your request at school in regard to wearing or not wearing their school hat.

Drumming Workshop.

On Tuesday our Senior Band students will be part of a special drumming workshop. They will work with the amazing Irrawang High School Drum Corp to put together a little performance for the school just prior to lunch time. We will also get to hear the IHS group perform a few pieces on their own. This group is mind-blowing. We can't wait to hear the group perform. Any students with a set or two of drum sticks at home are asked to bring these on the day. Please ensure they are labelled with names.

Band parents are welcome to join the school in the hall at approximately 12.45 to hear what we have been able to put together, should they wish. We warn you, though.. things are going to get LOUD!!

Debating Adjudicators

Newcastle Primary Schools are seeking community volunteers (parents & carers, grandparents & grandfriends, university & senior high school students) to be adjudicators for inter-school debating. Interested parties need a basic knowledge of debating. A free adjudicator training workshop is scheduled for Monday 16 June at the Wallarah Bay Recreation Club, Gorokan. If you are interested, please contact Mr Johnston for further details (ken.johnston3@det.nsw.edu.au).

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PSSA Soccer

The WSPS football (soccer) teams opened their respective seasons with victories in competitive, fair games against Glendore PS. Our Juniors played magnificent team football for a 3-0 win. Our Seniors won 3-2, featuring two bending goals from corners. This Friday afternoon, we host Edgeworth PS at Walker Field. Our Senior squad also start their State Knockout campaign with a Gala Day on Thursday at Taylor Park, Barnsley. Supportive spectators are most welcome at all games.

Binless Wednesday

Next week we will commence our attempts at Binless Wednesday. This is a day when we as a school try to do something constructive to reduce the amount of waste we produce. We are asking the children to try and bring their food in a reusable container or foods that don't generate waste. The Canteen is on board and limiting packaging as much as possible. Let's see how much of a difference we can make.

A story by Lucas

Wrestling crocodiles is not easy. I'll never forget the day when I tackled him. Then he was on the muddy ground. There was blood everywhere because he cut his knee when he fell.

Then the crocodile had to go to the vet and have black stuff put on his knee. Then his mum came and picked him up and took him back to the farm.

Smallong Quiz

The School Leaders would like to announce the winner of the Smallong Quiz is Abby Stevenson.

Photos

School photos are scheduled for next week, please see attached timetable. Please ensure children are in full summer uniform. Correct money is to be sent in on the day that photos are taken in the envelope provided.

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