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Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Monday Week 7 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 7 Term 2 commencing Monday June 9	Next week is Week 8 Term 2 commencing Monday June 16
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	ICAS Writing Year 2 to the Wetlands Touch Football Junior Band
Tuesday	Community Chat at 9.15 Proposed Bullying Workshop at 5.30-8.30 AFL Paul Kelly Cup Finals- Postponed	ICAS Spelling Year 1 to the Wetlands P & C at 7
Wednesday	LHS transition Band Starstruck Combined Rehearsal Year 5 Debate	Spellathon Band LHS Transition Aboriginal Education Meeting at 2
Thursday	Starstruck Rehearsal AECG Band	Year 3 Excursion to Newcastle Band
Friday	Spellathon postponed Starstruck	Water Safety Lectures

Dear Parents

Welcome to week 7. We have had to change the date of the Spellathon due to Starstruck. The new date is Wednesday June 18. As soon as students get their mark out of 20 they are asked to begin collecting their sponsorship money. Someone from P & C will collect the money each day. Next Tuesday night prior to P & C we are fortunate in hosting a talk by Professor Terry Lovat. He will speak on the relationship of a Values Framework and Academic Achievement. Everyone is invited and this will kick off the consultation phase for the writing of the next three year plan for WSPS. It would be great if you could be part of the audience. There will be time for questions and answers. Unfortunately we had to postpone our carnival on Thursday due to overnight rain and an ordinary start to Thursday. We will notify the new arrangements as soon as possible. Our school has registered in the trial of the collection of data for students with a disability. Over the next few weeks, identified students will receive a letter explaining the process. Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday	Janelle Climas	Leanne Jones
Wednesday	Louise Bailey	Sally Ellenor
Thursday	Kim O'Connor	Megan Rinkin
	Kelley Banks	Leasa Gray
Friday	Leanne Sendjirdjian	Kristine Morgan
	Nicole Hoare	Alicia Hutchings
Monday	Natalie Fullick	

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45-9.15	Kylie Robinson	Renee Slingo
	(Simone Hanks)	
Wednesday 2.30-3.00	Jemma Greentree	Carolyn Dean
	(Suzanna Vale)	
Friday 8.45-9.15	Amanda Maguire	Ann Maree Campbell
	(Helen Honnery)	

Chairs for Sale

We have purchased new chairs for the school hall and as a result we have a number of folding chairs that are looking for a new home. If you would like to purchase one or more of these chairs they will be on sale from the top COLA on Wednesday afternoon for \$2.00 each.

My Desert

My desert is crowded with wildlife, with salt that looks like shimmering snow in the blazing, hot sun. As I look out I see the majestic horizon and the reflections on the smooth water. The grasses are like sticks hurting my poor, soft feet. The creeks that feed me are like my tentacles and I am the body and together we are like a jellyfish. But wait! I hear something! It's a pelican gliding across the smooth, pearly waters. My journey is nearly over, I wish I could take this majestic place and keep it for ever and ever. It would be cool whenever I wanted I could come back.

By Imogen Bailey 4H

Wanted: Soccer/Footy Boots and Socks

*Had a mid-season growth spurt?
Boots lying around from last season?
Do you want to give them a new home?
Please consider bringing them in so they can be sent over to Robin's Nest Orphanage in Kenya. There is a collection box in the front office. Please have all boots and socks in by this Friday. Thanks to all who have bought some in already!*
Alison Noy

THOMPSONS LAMINGTON AND PIE DRIVE REMINDER - ORDERS DUE NEXT MONDAY!

Could we please give a big thank you to those people who have already returned order forms and payments for our annual Pie and Lamington Drive. We have included another form with today's newsletter. You will notice that **Apple Pie** has been added to this form. We had a lot of enquiries from people wanting to include this old favourite in their order so this has been done. This is a major fundraiser for our school band and we greatly appreciate your support. There is still time to approach workmates, friends and family to help fill up your order forms before they are **due back next Monday, 16th June**. Remember to feel free to photocopy additional forms or grab more from our lovely office ladies should you need to pass them around. Thanks for your ongoing support of our School Band.

Kind Regards, Tracey Moloney, Erinne Kurranty & Alison Lennard

Aboriginal Education Parent Meeting

A meeting regarding the needs of our Aboriginal children will be held on **Wednesday 18th June** at **2pm** in the **W.S.P.S. staffroom**. This is a very important meeting as we would like our school community to have a say in the direction of Aboriginal Education at Wallsend South Public School. If you would like to be a part of this process please come along and join us to set some realistic and achievable goals.

Helen Smart

Year 4 Myuna Bay Excursion

Please remember that payments for this excursion can be made online anytime or at the office between 8.30am and 11.30am. Many families find it less painful to make smaller payments over time than one large payment.

Wetlands Excursion for Year 1 & 2

The Year 1 (Tuesday 17 June) and Year 2 (Monday 16 June) excursion to the Wetlands at Shortland is next week. Could all money (\$17) and permission notes be finalised and returned to school by this Thursday 12 June at the latest. Students are required to wear full school uniform, hat and joggers. They will also need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. If there are any questions please contact your child's teacher.

1S Straw Towers



My Desert

By Lani Duguid

My desert has a glossy sky at all times. The clouds are reflecting in Lake Eyre with the blazing sun making a big, bright path on the water. As I look around, I see powerful shimmers of Lake Eyre reflect fantastic stars in the night. In the evening a symmetrical pattern appears on the water. The grasses are like a million thorns plunging into my feet as I walk. I hear crunches and crackles when I take each step. The creeks that feed water to the lake make my veins seem large, as the creeks have dead ends and quick turns. Doom fills my heart when I see in the distance, water leaving the small creeks and entering the ginormous lake. But wait! I hear footsteps! Hundreds of them. A lizard makes its way from one crystal rock to another. My journey in the harsh, dry desert is almost over. I wish I could turn into a proud part of wildlife so I can forever observe this magical landscape.

P & C News

Dates for your calendar:

Bunnings BBQ Wallsend: Sunday 3 August

Book Fair: September 1-4

Father's Day Stall: 4 September

Father's Day Breakfast: 5 September

Disco: 17 September

I hope you are all busy collecting sponsors for our upcoming spelling bee. Funds raised will go towards upgrading our library and technology. The class that raises the most money per head will be rewarded with a lunchtime party.

Cookbooks: Have you got your copy of the one and only WSPS cookbook? Limited quantities left. Please place your order at the front office to purchase a unique cookbook featuring students from WSPS.

Major Raffle: P & C are holding a major raffle over Terms 3 & 4, to be drawn at Celebration Night. We are seeking some major raffle prizes, if you or your business is able to assist in any way please contact myself or Ian Hamilton.

Newcastle Permanent: Wallsend South P & C is part of the Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent. If you apply for a loan simply mention you were referred by Wallsend South P & C and once your loan is approved and processed we will receive \$600. All details are kept confidential and no mention of who applied or loan amount are disclosed.

The minutes from the last P & C meeting can be found on the school website, go to Our School then click on the P & C tab. You are all welcome to attend

our next meeting Tuesday 17 June at 7pm in the library.

Joy Gee

P & C President

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS*

**BOOK YOUR NEXT HOLIDAY AND HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
SUNSHINE GETAWAY DEALS**

Escape the winter chill and save up to \$500pp at an all-inclusive Club Med resort. Choose from Bali, Phuket, the Maldives, Bintan Island, Cherating Beach, Mauritius, Mexico and more.

Travel dates :

Now - 31 October 2014

Book by : 26 June 2014

Book now for September school holidays.



*Conditions apply. Please contact me for details.

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