

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

Wallsend South Public School

Tuesday July 15 Week 1 Term 3

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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 1 Term 3 commencing Tuesday July 15	Next week is Week 2 Term 3 commencing Monday July 21
Monday	Staff Development Day	Interrelate Year 5 NAIDOC Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday		School Council at 6 Bookclub due back P & C at 7
Wednesday		Zone Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals Kindergarten and Year 4 Tree Planting
Thursday		Zone Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals
Friday	Girls Touch Football Ribbons from Athletics Carnival 11.20	

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of Term 3. As usual there are many things on this term that will engage the children and provide them with a range of learning experiences. With the introduction trial of the Skoolbag app I would ask that you again consider whether the Tallong on line may be an option for your family. All you need to do is provide the school with an email address and you will receive the Tallong immediately on completion. We would like to gradually reduce the hard copies we print each week and a real option would be to receive the Tallong via your email. Please give it some thought. In the meantime remember the Skoolbag app has newsletters, Alerts and the option of doing absent notes. It comes in iphone and android and can be accessed simply by going to your app site, typing in Wallsend South and downloading the Skoolbag app. We have another 2 week's trial before we make the commitment to buy it through the school.

Being sent home with this Tallong are the Term Costs for each student. As Gymnastics starts this week, we need an indication very early as to who will participate.

I trust you and your children will have a great term.
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday

Carmel Stormer Sandra Dart

Wednesday

Kirrily McMurtrie Kylie Robinson

Thursday

Vicki Odgers Dianne Burns Wendy Wade

Friday

Melissa Dimovski Leanne Sendjirdjian Kylie
Brittliffe Danielle Harvey

Monday

Emma Steele

Strategic Plan

It is time to commence our data collection to form the basis of the next three year strategic plan. The Lovat lecture held last term was a great way to kick off our planning and from this evening it was clear the community supports a values framework to base our planning upon. So now we set the directions we want WSPS to go for the next three years. The Melbourne Declaration acknowledges major changes in the world that are placing new demands on Australian Education:

- Global integration and international mobility.
- the increasing need for Australia to become 'Asia literate'
- Globalisation and technological change
- Complex environmental, social and environmental pressures.
- Rapid and continual advances in information and communication technologies.

As such the two goals set for Australian Schools as a result of this declaration are

Goal 1

Australian Schooling promotes equity and excellence.

Goal 2

All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

On the basis of this what I would like you to consider for our school is what we are doing well and need to continue, what we do but we need to do better and are there any practices that we presently have that we need to stop? As well as reviewing existing practices it is timely to gather any new ideas that make WSPS a better place for all students.

The attached sheet (Strategic Planning Garage Sale) may provide a framework for your thoughts. Please be frank, honest and add your name only if you wish to do so. I would like all submissions to be in by the end of week 3 so we can then move to the next phase of planning.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. Participation by schools and students is voluntary.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students who enter and successfully complete the

Challenge will receive a Premier's Reading Challenge certificate for that year and their name may be published on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll.

The PRC website is the main way to communicate with schools, parents and students so it is important to check the website regularly for new information and updates. The booklists, Challenge rules, frequently asked questions and helpful tips can be accessed via the PRC website.

Rules Table

Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC Booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	5-6 , 7-9 , K-2 , 3-4
3-4	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9 , 3-4
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9

Students use individual DET usernames and passwords to access and update their own record. Online entries must be submitted by **Monday 29th August**. You may record any books that your child has read from September 2013 year up until this date.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Mitchell (WSPS PRC Coordinators)

Absences

We have just been notified of a computer glitch on the absences for some classes recorded on the Semester 1 reports. If you think there is a major discrepancy with your child's absences please contact me at school. All permanent records have been adjusted accordingly and the problem will only be evident on some reports sent to parents.

Grandfriends Day Tuesday July 29

9.15-10.00 Concert

10-10.30 Morning Tea hosted by P & C

10.30-11 Open Classrooms

11.00 Recess and 20c Book stall

11.20 Normal Classes resume.

All welcome.

ROCK BAND goes up another level!!!

Our School Rock Band put on fantastic concert late last term to an enthralled lunch time audience.

Josh , Jayden, Ed and Zeke (with Jess Evans on piano) kept a great back beat for Kristy, Jess Mc and Isla to blast out their vocals!

Our "Cool" sunglasses competition was won by Ellie Hanks (4/5s)

thanks for your support

Rock Band

Hats and Play

For the remainder of July we will make hats optional. From the beginning of August we will return to our no hat, play in the shade rule.

UNWANTED KEYS

***If you have any unwanted keys, could you please donate them to 5T for an art project to be undertaken in Term 3.
Thank you. Mrs Thorburn***

NAIDOC Assembly

As NAIDOC Week occurred during the holidays, we have decided we would like to celebrate with an Assembly next Monday morning at 9.00am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Skoolbag

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Wallsend South Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Follow the prompts from then.

Public Speaking

Following our successful WSPS Public Speaking Finals, successful students have been notified about their progression to Zone Finals. Zone finals will be held in Weeks 2 & 3 of Term 3 as follows:

Date Stage Venue

Tuesday 29th July Early Stage 1 Mayfield West DS

Monday 28th July Stage 1 Plattsburg PS

Thursday 24th July Stage 2 Heaton PS

Wednesday 23rd July Stage 3 Shortland PS

• Session times will be advised soon.

Bookclub

Due to the holidays Bookclub goes home today but needs to be back by next Tuesday, 22/7/14.

Term Costs for Term 3

These costs exclude major excursions. Continuing payment arrangements will be notified by the classroom teacher.

For multiple or family payments please use cheque, cash or credit card (details of which are destroyed after processing) and please indicate which child will be paying. Please remember there is a minimum of \$20.00 on credit card use.

If paying by cash it is of great assistance if the correct amount is included.

Office hours for payment are between 8.30 am – 11.30pm due to the timing of security banking pick up. Payment can also be made on line through the school website, but please return this Term Costs sheet for our records.

P & C News

Firstly thanks to all those people who have sent in their Spellathon money. This is proving to be a very successful fundraiser but we would like to finalise the banking so we ask for the outstanding money to come in this week. This means the organisation for the winning Class party can begin.

Bunnings BBQ August 3

Our school has been fortunate to have been given a day on Bunnings BBQ at the new Wallsend store on Sunday 3rd August.

We will require volunteers to prepare, cook and serve the sausage sandwiches and drinks.

We need a minimum of 4 volunteers at all times during the day. Time slots are:

8.30am - 11am

11am - 1.30pm

1.30pm - 4pm

We also need a couple of people to set up this day (organising the drop off of sausages, bread, onions, ice, eskys, drinks, etc).

Volunteers must be aged 18+ years and wear fully closed in shoes i.e. joggers.

Please nominate your preferred time and return this slip to school with your name and contact phone number.

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Name

Phone Number.....

Time Slot.....