

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

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Week 10 Term 3 2018

The Wallsend South Public School community values and respects all people as individuals and believes in life-long learning, the celebration of success and the achievement of academic and social potential for all, in a secure, stimulating and challenging environment.

Day	This week is Week 10 Term 3 Commencing Monday September 24.	Next week is Week 1 Term 4 Commencing Monday October 15.
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Junior Band 3.15 – 4.15 pm ✓ Gymnastics (catch up session from last Thursday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Junior Band 3.15 – 4.15 pm
Tuesday		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Year 6 Farewell Parent/carer meeting in 6N at 5.30pm ✓ Colour Fun Run
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Senior Band 3.15 – 4.15pm ✓ Lambton High CAPA performance for Year 5 students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Senior Band 3.15 – 4.15pm ✓ Year 4 to Myuna Bay
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Senior Band 1 -1.40 pm. ✓ Gymnastics 6V, 6M, 6N, 5A, 5D, 5L, 4J 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Senior Band 1 -1.40 pm. ✓ Year 4 at Myuna Bay
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Banking ✓ Gymnastics 3P, 3M, 3S, 4S, 4H ✓ Treat Day ✓ Last day of Term 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Banking ✓ Year 4 return from Myuna Bay

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday	Not open	Tuesday	8.45 - 9.15am	Wednesday	2.30 – 3.00pm	Thursday	Not Open	Friday	8.45- 9.15am
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What a big week last week was! The Year 5 students returned from Dubbo exhausted but excited. I was contacted by the Red Hill Environmental Educational Centre, near Gulgong, last Tuesday to say how marvellous our students and staff were when they visited. To congratulate the school they used words like sensational, beautiful, superb, staff extremely professional. You can imagine how proud I was to be taking that call! Well done to our Year 5 students. You make us all so proud!

It was such a pity we had to postpone the Colour Fun Run. With the way the weather was – freezing and thunderstorms forecast - thank you for your understanding as I was concerned you would have sick children for the holidays.

The Jets training session was met with great enthusiasm from the winning students. It was inspiring listening to some of the players' stories of their rise to success.

I'm told the PSSA finals were exciting matches to watch. Again our congratulations to all team members for the way they represented the school. Well done!

Following staff discussions over the past week, we have found that teaching time is being interrupted by people wanting to meet with the class teacher. Could I remind those wanting to speak with the class

teacher to please make an appointment for a mutually convenient time? This can be done through the office. Time before school is essential for class preparation and this can be hindered if teachers are trying to discuss issues with parents “on the run”.

I also ask that if, for any reason, you have a teacher’s mobile phone number that may have been given to you for a camp etc, that you delete their number from your contacts as contact with teachers should come through the Front Office.

Last week we wished Max Miller all the very best as he competed with his team at the School Sport Australia Football Championships in Sydney. I am pleased to announce that his NSW Invitational team came 4th overall. Max was awarded his team's Coach & Manager's Player of the Tournament for his efforts during the four day event. A great effort Max!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday with your children. If you don't have the time off from work , I hope you get the opportunity to spend quality time with your children before the hectic onslaught of Term 4 begins.

Enjoy your week,
Colleen Innes - Relieving Principal

Student Absences

The Department of Education requires that if a student is absent from school an explanation must be received by the school **within 7 days of the absence** otherwise it is recorded as an unexplained and unjustified reason.

If you receive an attendance letter from the school requesting a reason for an absence, this letter **must** be returned the next day so the absence can be recorded as explained. If this letter is not returned within a couple of days of receiving it, the school is unable to enter the absence explanation and it remains recorded as unexplained and unjustified.

Skoolbag App.

PLEASE NOTE : There are NEW instructions for downloading the Skoolbag App. If you are using the old App. you will not be receiving notifications. Please delete the old App. and re-download the new App. using the following instructions

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

SkoolBag

Coming up...

Junior & Senior Choir

Both choirs will resume rehearsals on Wednesday 26 September 2018 (Week 10) at the usual time of 8.15am.

Year 6 Farewell planning meeting

It's hard to believe that there is only one term left of year 6!!! Our planning now turns to the Year 6 Farewell on **Monday 17 December**. We would like to have a parent/carer meeting on **Tuesday 16 October (week 1, Term 4)** at 5.30pm in 6N classroom. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss how the Year 6 Farewell operates and form organising committees.

WSPS website: <https://wallsends-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Recently our school website was migrated to a new platform by the Department of Education. As with any new system there have been gremlins. While 90% of the documents and information have migrated to the new website some have not. The Tallong is still available on the website. We are currently in the process of uploading and cross checking the site to ensure all information is current. We expect the website to be correct by the beginning of Term 4.

Selective High School Placement Test 2020 (currently Yr 5 2018)

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Naylor.

"Let's Ride" – Free Bike Skills Program in Term 4

Great news! We have again received funding from Sporting School Australia to run a 6 week FREE bike skills program on Monday afternoons straight after school from 3 pm until 4pm. The program is run by a registered coach and supervised by Mrs Jackson. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and is interested in participating, please email your child's name and class to michelle.l.jackson@det.nsw.edu.au asap. Places are limited.

Your child will need to know how to ride a bike already as this is a skills course, not a beginner's course. They will need to bring their bike to school on this day. Bikes should be well maintained and in good working order. Bike racks are at the back of Mrs Jackson's room. If your child is participating, you will have

to pick up your child at 4pm or provide written permission for your child to ride home to be part of this great opportunity. Depending on interest, we are planning to start the program in Term 4 Week 3 but further information will be sent to participants.

Celebrations...

Out of Uniform – Friday 26 October (Week 2)

The SRC have decided to acknowledge our wonderful and talented athletes by having an out of uniform day on Friday 26 October (Week 2, Term 4). Students can come dressed as their favourite athlete or clothing of their favourite sporting team or just wear colours of their favourite team or sport. **No gold coin is required** - this is just an out of uniform day. At the Friday assembly we will have our talented athletes stand and be acknowledged by their peers.

Jets Visit a Huge Success

Last Thursday, we were visited by three prominent Jets players as part of our prize package from the “Decorate your Gate” competition. Captain Nigel Boogaard and midfielder Kosta Petratos joined Cassidy Davis from the W-League to address the whole school assembly then run a group of 35 through a skills session. Both the players and the management team commented on the beautiful manners of the students in the assembly and during the skills session. You should be very proud of your children!

We have more prizes to claim as part of our winning package. As soon as we have confirmation of the details, we will let families know.



Crossroads Cup (PSSA Finals)

Over the course of Terms 2 and 3, we have had 70 students representing our school in the Crossroads Cup PSSA Sports competition. Our season reached a climax with finals games last Friday. For the first time in many years, WSPS had all four of our PSSA teams involved in finals. This was a remarkable achievement and one of which all our PSSA players can be most proud.

On a day blessed with perfect weather conditions, our soccer teams journeyed to Federal Park for their finals while our netballers took to the Nancy Dwyer Courts at Cardiff. Our respective games were characterised by gripping play and a demonstration of how our teamwork and skills have improved over the past few months. After some splendid matches, our ultimate results were:

- Our Junior Soccer team came third overall (winning their Consolation Final against Cardiff South after a Semi-Final loss)
- Our Senior Soccer team came second overall (drawing their Grand Final against Elernmore Vale but coming second based on results through the season)
- Our Junior Netball team came third overall (a close loss in the Semi was followed by an exciting one point win in the Consolation Final)
- Huge congratulations to our Senior Netball team who became Crossroads Cup Champions, outscoring a gallant Glendore 25-8 in the Grand Final game!

Mrs Lennard and Mr Johnston would like to acknowledge the commitment of our sporting representatives and their families throughout the 2018 PSSA season. In addition, our teams would like to thank all the lunchtime supporters (both student and family) who cheered them on during home games this year!



P & C News...

Colour A Thon – Rescheduled for Tuesday 16th October

Due to the unfavourable weather last week our **Colour A Thon will now be held on Tuesday 16th October**. This is Day 2 of Term 4.



We would like to encourage all the children to see if they can gather extra sponsors over the holidays to help make it an exciting and meaningful fundraiser.

Don't forget to **return your updated permission slip** to participate in the **Colour A Thon** and don't forget to pack a white t-shirt to wear.

The class that raises the most money for our school will win a CLASS PARTY with P & C providing the class with a lunch of their choice in early Term 4. Date to be determined by the Class Teacher.

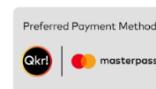
Mega Raffle

It's that time of year again and P & C have started planning our end of year Mega Raffle. We are currently seeking donations for our raffle prizes. If you are able to make a donation from your business or work place, please contact the P & C by email wspc_pandc@yahoo.com.au

All businesses that make a donation towards our raffle prizes will be advertised in our school newsletter and on our school website.

Celebration Night – 5th December 2018

Ticket sale information for **Celebration Night 2018** will be provided in the **Tallong first week back next term**. Tickets will be sold for \$15 each so download the **Qkr!** app over the holidays. Setting up your profile only takes a few moments. Be prepared ready for tickets to go on sale early next term. **Qkr!** is P & C's preferred method of payment.



Canteen – Treat Day

This **Friday** the Canteen will be selling lollies at recess and lunch for our end of term **Treat Day**. There will be a variety of lollies ranging from 10c to \$2 each.

The Canteen will be open as normal for recess and lunch orders.



\$\$\$ School Banking News \$\$\$

Woohoo...what an awesome effect with a total of **69** students banking & a total of **\$275.75** deposited...!

The class with the most deposits was **4S** congratulations...!!! ☺

Let's beat our current school banking record of **146**...*can we beat it?...yes we can*...!!!

Year	Students Banked – 21/9/18
Kindergarten	12
Year 1	8
Year 2	15
Year 3	8
Year 4	17
Year 5	5
Year 6	3
Ex students	2
/Siblings	

Term 3	Student Deposits
Week 1	84
Week 2	91
Week 3	96
Week 4	92
Week 5	98
Week 6	98
Week 7	93
Week 8	83
Week 9	69
Week 10	

Don't forget
School
Banking day is Friday

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Term 3 Super Savers Rewards

- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils

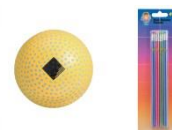
Remember you can still order Rewards from Term 1 & 2 however the Secret Scratch Notepad is now out of stock.

Super Savers Grand Prize Competition

Last chance to be eligible, to win a family trip to Hawaii, students need to make at least 15 school banking deposits before the end of Term 3!

Keep on banking!

From your School Banking Volunteers Team - Holly Spannenberg, Leah Walker (School Banking Co-ordinator), Leanne Outram & Shannon Smith ☺



Lost Property

Has your child lost their glasses? Please contact the office if any of these glasses belong to your child.



SCHOOL DISCO

P & C are hosting a 'Blue Theme' School Disco on **Wednesday 24th October 2018**. Come dressed in your favourite 'Blue Clothes' as we celebrate all of Southy's successes in 2018!

Years K - 2 will be from 5.30pm - 6.45pm;

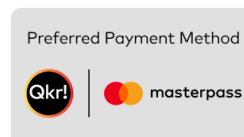
Years 3 - 6 will be from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

*To save the kids lining up twice to purchase entry & a meal deal on the night and to limit the amount of money they need to bring with them to the Disco, we will again be **pre-selling Entry and Meal Deal wristbands** prior to the night.*

Entry Only - \$4.00

Entry + Meal Deal - \$8.50 (Meal Deal consists of Sausage Sandwich, Juice/Water & Packet of Chips)

Our preferred method for purchase of disco wristbands is via our Qkr! app. You can pre-purchase your child(s) wristband via the Qkr! app at any time up until 6pm Monday 22nd October 2018.



If you are not able to purchase via the Qkr! app, Year 6 students will be pre-selling wristbands from **8.45am till 9.00am on Thursday 18th October and Friday 19th October under the top COLA (CASH ONLY)** – please send correct money to assist the Year 6 students to efficiently serve as many customers as possible.

N.B. Wristbands will be handed out to the children after lunch on the day of the disco and are to be worn on the night.

SCHOOL DISCO - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Discos are kindly organised by the P & C and inside the hall is gratefully supervised by the wonderful WSPS teaching staff. The P & C however are calling on parent helpers, to give up a small amount of their time to assist with ticket collection, supervision and end of night tidy-up for our next disco. If you can help in any way, please complete the slip below and return to the Office as soon as possible or email your details and preferred timeslot to wsp_pandc@yahoo.com.au

We really appreciate your support.

The P & C will contact you with your allocated time slot by Tuesday 23rd October 2018. **Thank you!**

SCHOOL DISCO - VOLUNTEER

Parent Name:			
Contact Number:			
Child's Name & Year:			
Disco Time: (Circle Applicable)	Junior 5.30 - 6.45pm Senior 7.00 - 8.30pm	I can assist with: (Circle Applicable)	Ticket Collection Supervision End of Night Tidy Up



Community News

BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Free fun for families

Thursday 4 October, 10am-2pm, Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Road, Minmi (back-up day in case of cancellation Thursday 11 October)

- Free BBQ lunch
- Win great prizes
- Interact with live native animals
- Learn about bats, bees and birds
- Free native plants
- Free activities and craft
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Meet other nature lovers
- Freebies
- Learn about volunteering in nature
- Discover nature near you

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School Holiday Activities

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

SAVE OUR SPECIES

Did you know there are nearly 2000 plants and animals on the threatened species list in Australia? These school holidays you can learn how you can help Save Our Species.

THREATENED SPECIES DISCOVERY WALK

Collect your list of threatened species, your map and a special wetlands pencil and head off on an adventure around the Wetlands. Find 10 threatened species and enter our SOS competition. You could win a fabulous prize!

You can also have fun dip-netting in the pond and nature weaving.

\$5 per person, 3 to 5yrs \$2, under 3 free. No bookings required

BUSH SKILLS ADVENTURE FOR 8 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday 2 October & Wednesday 10 October 9.30am to 12.30pm
 Come on a Wetlands Adventure - learn bush survival skills, make and use a damper, take a guided walk to the Bush Tucker Garden, build a bush shelter and meet some of our resident reptiles.
\$20 per child. Bookings essential.
 Book online at www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 49516466

THREATENED SPECIES ADVENTURE FOR FAMILIES (All ages)

Wednesday 3 October & Monday 8 October 10.30am to 12.30pm
 Take a guided Threatened Species Discovery Walk and see how many animals and plants you can find. Collect natural materials for Nature Weaving creations. Feed the Maggie Geese & meet some of our resident reptiles up close. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.
Cost \$8 per person, under 3 free
Bookings essential. Book online at www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 49516466

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
 A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
 Open 9am to 4pm

Entry: \$5 Per person, Children 3-5yrs \$2 & Children under 3 free.
 There's lots to do at the wetlands in the holidays: Dip-netting, children's playground, reptile display, walks, Maggie Geese feeding at 10.30am daily, canoeing, BBQ & picnic facilities, bring your bikes and ride around or try orienteering.
www.wetlands.org.au

Gift Shop: Ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.
Wetlands Cafe: Open 9.30am to 2.30pm daily
Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.

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