

# TALLONG

Official Newsletter

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## Week 1 Term 4 2019

*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 1 Term 4 Commencing Monday 14 October.	This week is Week 2 Term 4 Commencing Monday 21 October.
Monday	✓ Junior Band Practice	✓ Junior Band Practice
Tuesday	✓ Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting 5.30pm	✓ Junior Band to <i>Bandfest</i> 2pm
Wednesday	✓ Senior Band Practice ✓ Children's University Graduation Notes due to Mr Naylor	✓ Senior Band Practice
Thursday	✓ Senior Band Practice 1-1.40 ✓ Kinder Orientation 9.15 – 10.45am	✓ Senior Band to <i>Bandfest</i> 12.20pm ✓ Swimming Yr 2 9 -11.15am ✓ Yr 3 10am – 12.15pm
Friday	✓ School Banking ✓ Funky Friday	✓ School Banking ✓ Colour Fun Run

### Principal's Message

#### Welcome Back!

I hope you are all feeling rested and relaxed as we gear up for a cracking Term 4! Please keep your eye on the calendar so that you don't miss anything. As usual, it's a busy one.

#### Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Congratulations to Liyana Jahzara who has won a Newcastle District Award in this year's primary competition! Liyana will receive her prize and formal recognition at a presentation function in November. We are all very proud of you!

#### Selective High Schools 2021 Information

Please see the information within this week's (and next week's) newsletter regarding how to apply for a selective high school placement for students entering year 7 in 2021.

#### Green Day

Thank you everyone for participating in our SRC Green Day fundraiser in the last week of Term 3. We raised \$273 for our Environment Club who will spend the money on buying biodegradable cutlery for our canteen to help reduce our use of plastic. After some technical glitches, some of us got to watch Greta Thunberg's original United Nation's address about climate change during lunch. For those who would like to watch it, here is the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFkQSGyeCWg>

## K-2 Athletics Carnival

What a great day! Congratulations to every child for participating and getting into the spirit of the day. It was wonderful to see this fantastic event supported by so many parents, family and friends. Thank you Mr Kandler and our lovely P&C for your organisation which ensured an enjoyable day for all.

Kelly Deakin

Principal 😊

## Coming Up/Reminders...

### Celebration Night 2019

Date: Wednesday 11 December 2019

Venue: NEX, Wests Newcastle

Time: 6:25pm sharp

Cost: \$15 per ticket

### **CELEBRATION NIGHT – ROUND 1 TICKET SALES**

Please be advised that Round One Tickets are now available to be purchased at a price of \$15 per ticket (maximum of 2 tickets per family). You are able to purchase these by the following payment methods:

**Option 1- Pay by the Qkr! App** (this is the preferred payment method)

1. Select 'P&C Events', then 'Celebration Night Tickets'. It is important to select your ELDEST child's profile for this purchase.
2. Select if you wish to purchase ONE ticket (\$15) or TWO tickets (\$30).
3. Select how you would like your 'Distribution of Tickets' to occur. The majority of families prefer their tickets to be sent home with their eldest child, and so this option has been pre-selected for you. If you do not want this to occur, you can unselect this option and alternatively select to pick them up from the school office.
4. Add any seating requests under 'Special Instructions'. Please note that requests will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.

Utilising the Qkr! App as your payment option means no further forms need to be completed and sent into school. It's all done through the convenience of the App.

### **Option 2- Pay by Cash**

If paying by cash, you need to complete the Celebration Night Form. There is a hard copy going home with the eldest child today. Alternatively click on the link below and print a copy.

Please send the completed form with the correct money, in a sealed envelope to the School Office.

**IMPORTANT NOTE-** Whichever method of payment you choose, Round One Tickets will only be on sale until **5pm on Friday 25 October**. This gives families two weeks to purchase them. After this time it will then be confirmed if a Round Two Ticket Offer will occur (it is likely, however there is no guarantee another round will occur). If a Round Two does occur, it is planned for Week 5 or 6 and you will be notified of the offer process through the school's Tallong.

### Colour-a-thon

There has been expressed interest within our school community to participate in the upcoming Colour-a-thon. This is a great idea to maximise fun, participation and fundraising. As a result we welcome family members and younger siblings to participate in the event.

Cost: \$10 per person (payment via Qkr! before 6pm Thursday 24 October or cash payment on the day only)

Please note: A waiver for each participant will need to be signed at the event.

Permission Notes and Sponsorship Forms were sent home with every student in Week 9 of last term. If you require additional sponsorship forms or misplace your child's permission note you can pick up a copy from the school office.

### **Family Band Night – Save the date!**

The date has been set for our annual Family Band Night. This year the evening will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please pop this into your diaries and onto your calendar. We look forward to seeing all of our band members, both Junior and Senior, for a night to showcase our talent.

### **Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting No#1**

The Year 6 Farewell is planned for the night of Monday 9 December (week 9). Year 6 Staff would like to have a meeting to begin the planning process on **Tuesday 15 October**. The meeting will take place in the 6N classroom at 5.30pm. During this meeting committees will be formed. We encourage all parents/carers to attend. The Year 6 Farewell is a partnership between the students, staff and parents/carers.

### **Funky Fridays (week 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)**

In preparation for the Year 6 Farewell, Year 6 students will be fundraising with **Funky Friday** activities. Funky Friday is an annual tradition at Southy with Year 6 students running stalls on selected Friday lunchtimes, offering products and services to younger students (hair gel & braiding, face painting, temporary tattoos, nail art etc). In addition to fundraising, this also provides our Year 6 with an opportunity to organise and promote an event, practise their customer services skills and handle money transactions in an authentic manner. Funky Friday occurs in the hall from 1.20-1.50pm and is open to all students K-6.

#### **Prices**

**Hairstyles:** Gel \$1 / Braiding \$1.50

**Face Painting:** Small design \$1.00 / Large Design \$1.50 / Whole face \$2.00

**Massage:** Head massage 50c / Shoulder massage 50c / Deluxe massage \$1

**Nailart:** One hand: 1 colour 50c / rainbow = \$1.00

**Nailart:** Two hands: 1 colour \$1.50 / rainbow = \$2.00

**Tattoos:** Small 50c / Large \$1

**Lolly Guess:** 20c a guess or 3 guesses for 50c

**Coinslide:** 20c a turn

**Hoops:** 50c for 3 shots

### **Year 6, 2020 Canberra excursion – dates for your diary.**

To help with planning, the dates for the Year 6 Canberra excursion 2020 are: Monday 29 June – Thursday 2 July (Term 2, week 10). The approximate cost will be \$520. If you have any questions please contact Mr Naylor. Further information will be handed out at the beginning of the 2020 school year for Year 6 students.

### **Children's University – Graduation Notes**

Not long now until the graduation at Newcastle University (Wednesday 30 October). All permission notes to attend the Graduation are due to Mr Naylor by this coming Wednesday (this allows time to book buses for the evening). If you have misplaced your note please see Mr Naylor ASAP. Late notes cannot be accepted.

## **School News...**

### **K-2 Athletics Carnival**

Brilliant weather conditions on the last Tuesday of term made our K-2 Athletics Carnival an even more enjoyable day. Our K-2 students had a wonderful morning participating in age races and novelty events. The day was a tremendous success, with excellent participation and sportsmanship demonstrated by all. A huge thank you to our school community who took time out to join us, to our canteen and P & C for helping with catering, and finally Mr Kandler for his organisation of the day.



## Year 5 Dubbo Excursion

In Week 9 of last term, Year 5 headed off on a 3 day excursion to Dubbo and Gulgong. They visited a number of places throughout their trip that consolidated their knowledge and understanding of Science and HSIE units studied throughout the year.

They visited Dundullimal Homestead, The Observatory, Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Old Dubbo Gaol, and Red Hill Environmental Education Centre.

Year 5 learnt more about early colonies, the goldrush and the way people lived during these times, including crime and punishment. They star gazed and saw some planets up close and personal through very large and expensive telescopes.

Teachers who accompanied Year 5 on the excursion were incredibly proud of their behaviour and ability to uphold the Southy values. It was a magnificent couple of days.

Thank you to teachers for your active participation on this excursion: Mr Johnston, Mr Lambert, Mr Pike, Ms Diehl and Mrs Lennard

Mrs Lennard



## Rock Band Performance

Our WSPS Rock band gave a wonderful performance on the first day of the school holidays at our annual "Rock the Church" at New Lambton.

We were cheered on by a great audience and we also had the pleasure of listening to some of our past WSPS students; Lucy Phillips (Lambton High), Sophie & Joel Greentree (Callaghan College Wallsend) who were all outstanding.

Great work Rock band!

Chris McDonald



## Library News...

Hello Everyone!

Welcome back to Term 4. This term, the children will be looking at Information Literacy and library skills in general. Some classes will be doing author studies, while others will look at what makes a book a favourite. Some of the older students will be continuing with research skills involving the use of laptops. Borrowing books weekly remains the same and we encourage you to remind your children to pack their library bags on their library days for regular borrowing experiences. If you have managed to locate overdue or lost books, returning these this week would be great. Later in the year, we will be gearing up for our annual stocktake where all books must be accounted for.

During the first 3 weeks, we will be having Jo Jobson in our library. Jo currently works at Wallsend Public Library and is doing further study in this field. Her main focus will be learning how primary school libraries work and how public libraries can provide further support to students. We warmly welcome Jo to our school.

An article read by Mrs Chapman in the holidays, written by Morris Gleitzman, connects beautifully with the 10 reasons why reading is a secret power that we printed for you all last term in Library Buzz. Morris is of course the wonderful children's author who visited our school back in May this year. His article focussed primarily on the importance of ensuring libraries and teacher librarians are maintained in schools. We will leave you with an excerpt from that article.

Happy Reading! The Library Teachers

*'A childhood of rich and varied reading is vital to key developmental areas. Going on a story journey with young protagonists facing big problems, and going on that journey hundreds of thousands of times, helps young people to develop empathy and insight into themselves and other people, interpersonal communication skills, and a capacity not only to develop creative problem-solving strategies, but to recognise that their problems are as alive, organic and ever-changing as we are, and can only be defeated with bravery and resilience. All this relates to what have always been called life skills.'* - Morris Gleitzman



# P & C News...



Our next P & C Meeting is this **Tuesday 15th October** at 7pm in the Staffroom. Please come along and join in the discussion about our plans for the rest of the year. Everybody is welcome.

## Term 4 Events:

### Major Fundraiser – Colour-A-Thon – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding our Colour-A-Thon on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. This is our major fundraiser for 2019. We are aiming to raise funds to support the school in the continued upgrade of technology, including upgrading the school's Wi-Fi connection to facilitate increased bandwidth, speed and access for students.



Permission notes for the event need to be signed and returned to school ASAP.

Hopefully you have all been busy collecting sponsors over the holidays. Additional or new sponsorship forms can be collected at the office. All money and sponsorship forms need to be returned to the Office by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Alternatively, you may return all sponsorship forms to the Office and all money via the Qkr! App.

One class from K-2 and one class from Year 3-6 that raise the most funds will receive a class party during mid/late Term 4 that will be paid for by the P&C.

This year we have decided to open the Colour-A-Thon to parents/carers, grandparents and siblings. If you would like to join in on all the fun and help raise money for a wonderful cause all you need to do is pay a \$10 entry fee via the Qkr! App any time from now up to 6pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October or you can pay with cash on the day of the Colour-A-Thon. All community participants will need to sign a waiver before they can join the run and obstacle course.

Remember the aim of the day is to raise money, have fun and get colourful! It is recommended that students wear white, as this makes the colours stand out, as well as sunglasses or goggles. We suggest that students wear older clothes and covered shoes on the day. White shirts can be purchased cheaply from K-mart or Best and Less.

## Let's Go Shopping!!!!

P&C are organising a shopping trip to Sydney to visit the following locations:

- Peters of Kensington
- Birkenhead Point factory outlets
- IKEA (yes, you can buy flat packs and put them in the bus luggage compartment)



**When** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (7am pick up – 7pm arrive back)

**Cost** –\$50 (includes air-conditioned coach travel, plenty of space for all your shopping, lucky door prizes and lots of fun along the way)

Open to everyone – Mum, Dad, Nanna, Pop, Aunty, friends and next-door neighbours.

**Taking Expressions of Interest Now.** If you would like to join please send an email to [wsps\\_PandC@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wsps_PandC@yahoo.com.au) and advise your name and how many seats you would like.

## Celebration Night –

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – stay tuned for further information.

### Canteen News...

This week's volunteers are:

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct
			Tammie Jones	Tania Barnes Suzanne Rigg Kate Bosworth

Thank you for supporting our school canteen from your Canteen Committee ☺



### News...

It's Term 4 already ... so time for a new polo, shorts or skort. Order online with Qkr! and it will be delivered to your child's classroom within 2-3 days or drop by the store.

The Uniform shop is in great need of extra volunteers. If you can spare about half an hour on a Tuesday or Friday morning, please come to the uniform shop during opening hours or send an email to [wsps\\_pandc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au)

This week's volunteers are:

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 8:45 am – 9:15 am	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 8:45 am – 9:15 am
Sandra Dart Rachel Koo R: Pam Battle	CLOSED	Leah Taylor Jess Alexander-Lillicrap R: Shannon Smith

We appreciate the continued support of all our volunteers and our school community.  
From Your Uniform Shop Committee ☺

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

School banking day is every **FRIDAY!** Please don't forget to bring your deposit book to either the Office by 9am or your teacher to place into the grey class bag.



This weeks volunteers are:

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 9am – 10:30 am**

Holly Spannenberg & Leah Walker

We are looking for a volunteer to help out on a Friday morning from 9 am – 10:30 am, if you are available please email [wsps\\_pandc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au) or pop into the Meeting room (next to the Computer room) on Friday.

***Keep on banking!***

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Wallsend Warriors Swimming Club – Season 2019/20 Registration Day – will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October from 9am to 11am and Wallsend Swimming Pool. First competition night will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 6pm. For more information please email [wallsendwarriorssc@gmail.com](mailto:wallsendwarriorssc@gmail.com)**



High Performing Students Team

**Education**

**Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021**

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at:

[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



**Key Dates**

Application website opens: **8 October 2019**

Application website closes: **10 pm, 11 November 2019**  
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants: **27 February 2020**

Selective High School placement test: **12 March 2020**

Placement outcome information sent overnight on: **4 July 2020**

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents should check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/ahhs-sc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/ahhs-sc) regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team.

**Contact Details:**

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**Please Note:**  
\* In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'

Ever thought about fostering?



Did you know that Aboriginal Children & Young People make up **38%** of the current Out of Home Care statistics in New South Wales?

**Want to be a part of a team that works with Aboriginal kids to get them back to their families**

We are currently seeking Aboriginal people or non-Aboriginal people who are involved with the Aboriginal community who are able to support a child or young person in their home and are:

- Interested in supporting our kids to go home
- Willing to work within a team environment
- Willing to undertake specific training to prepare you to care for kids who are transitioning back to parents or family
- Willing to work with parents or relative/kin
- Willing to support a child or young person for up to 2 years in your home

Be a part of a team that is committed to nurturing excellence through community support, training, and advocacy to ensure every Aboriginal child in the Hunter has access to spiritually enriching, culturally relevant, high quality out of home care services to be able to return to their families.

In return you will receive:

- Great support from the Cultural Journeyz team
- A carer allowance
- Clinical support
- Professional training
- Being part of a team to get our kids home

We have an upcoming information session for interested people to be facilitated on:

**Wednesday 30th October 2019  
6.30pm**

To register your interest or to find out more please contact 49695299.



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