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Official Newsletter

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Week 5 Term 2 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 5 Term 2 Commencing Monday 27 May.	Next week is Week 6 Term 2 Commencing Monday 3 June.
Monday	✓ Reconciliation Week ✓ Junior Band 3-4.15pm	✓ Junior Band 3-4.15pm
Tuesday	✓ Athletics Track Events @ Glendale	
Wednesday	✓ Senior Band 3-4.15pm	✓ Senior Band 3-4.15pm
Thursday	✓ Visiting Performance – The Protectors ✓ Senior Band 1-1.40pm	✓ Senior Band 1-1.40pm
Friday	✓ Hunter PSSA Cross Country @ Cessnock ✓	✓
Sunday	✓ Miles for Millie walk – King Edward Park 9am Sunday 2 nd June	✓

Principal's Reflections

School Leader Events Update

Our Student Leaders recently attended two local events on behalf of *Southy*. The first was held last Friday at Wallsend Cenotaph to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its unveiling. The second was held today, with the opening of a new playground at Cressington Way Reserve Wallsend by our Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes. Our Student Leaders represented our school to the highest degree. We can all be very proud of them. ☺

Senior Band

Can I congratulate all the students, Tina, Mrs Moloney and everyone involved with the Senior Band. The quality of the music and the skill level the children are playing at, is first rate. Well done. It is a pleasure to listen to them perform and to see their enthusiasm. ☺

Canteen and P&C Special Events

The month of June sees a number of special events held at *Southy*, both at the canteen and out of school. These range from *Toy Story 4* at the Glendale Cinema, to *Star Struck*, to visiting performances, school photos and special canteen lunches. Enjoy, get involved and get those orders in early so you don't miss out. ☺

Half-yearly Report Writing Time

It is that time of year where our highly dedicated teachers are commencing assessing, reviewing and writing the half-yearly student reports. These are scheduled to come home on Monday 1st July.

National Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week (NRW) with the NSW theme being, “*Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage*”. NRW is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Electronic School Sign

You may have noticed that our Electronic School sign at the corner of Grandview and Smith roads is not operational. There is a fault somewhere in the system. We have a company currently quoting on how and what needs to be repaired.

Yours in public education

Christopher Parkinson

M.L.M.Ed.; M. Ed. Studies.; B. Ed.; Dip. Teach.

Principal 😊

Coming Up/Reminders...

Year 6 Canberra

Year 6 will be heading to Canberra in the last week of Term 2. All payments must be finalised by Thursday 13 June. Last week students received the following notes: consent and medical, movie and twitter and code of conduct. *All notes are due back **Friday 31 May**.*

Absence Notifications

Starting Next Monday 3rd June

If your child is absent from school we recommend you use the Skoolbag APP to communicate messages. If you have not sent a notification by 9.30am, an alert will be sent to you to ask you to explain your child's absence. When you receive your text, please reply to the text and the message will be automatically uploaded onto our system.

Attendance News

Partial absences cannot be notified through the skoolbag APP. If your child is running late to school you are required to bring them into the school office where they will be signed in. This also applies to a child leaving the school early.

Rolls are marked by 9.30am so if your child arrives after that time, you will receive a text notification. Once you receive this text you are then able to reply via the text message, explaining your child's absence.

Attendance and Absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances eg. attending a funeral
- misadventure or unforeseen event

The Principal may request a medical certificate if the explanation is doubted, or the student has a history of unsatisfactory attendance.

Unjustified reasons for absence may include:

- Taking a holiday (except with prior approval from the Principal)
- The car broke down
- Sleeping in
- Student did not want to attend
- Birthday
- Went to get hair cut etc
- Parent was sick

It is at the Principal's discretion to accept or not accept the explanation.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the Principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Helpful Suggestion:

Following CPR and Anaphylaxis face to face training for staff it was suggested that parents download the following app in the event of an emergency.

The **app** uses a mobile phone's GPS functionality so callers can provide **emergency** call-takers with their location **information** as determined by their smart phone. 'Emergency+' also includes SES and Police Assistance Line numbers as options, so non-**emergency** calls are made to the most appropriate number.

[Emergency + on the App Store - iTunes - Apple](#)

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/emergency/id691814685?mt=8>

Athletics Carnival – Track Events – Tomorrow!!!

- Arrive at school by 8:30, buses leave at 8:45
- All children are to meet at school to take the bus to the carnival
- Don't forget a jacket, it is predicted to be cold tomorrow
- Bring all your food and drinks
- Apply sunscreen before coming to school, reapply at the carnival
- There will be a canteen operating
- If you are going home with someone other than your parents, you will need a note
- All parents welcome

WSPS Athletics Carnival Program (Years 2-6)



8.45am Year 2 - 6 depart school

9:00am Arrive at Glendale Athletics Centre.

Time	Track	Field		
9:15am	100m Age Races	Boys 8yrs - 12yrs Girls 8yrs - 12yrs		
10:25am	200m	Boys Jnr - 12yrs Girls Jnr - 12yrs		
11:35am	Break - Recess			
11:50pm	800m	Boys Jnr - 12yrs Girls Jnr - 12yrs		
12:50pm	Age Race Finals	Boys 8yrs - 12yrs		
1:15pm	LUNCH			
1:45pm	Relays	Sporting Houses		
2:10pm	DANCE OFF	Sporting Houses -		

2:20pm Collect all personal items and move to the buses

2:30pm Students board the bus to return to school



THOMPSONS LAMINGTON AND PIE DRIVE

Last week you should have received a pink order form for our annual Lamington and Pie Drive. Feel free to photocopy your order form, take it to work and get as many orders as you can. If you require an additional order form these are available from the school office, on our school website or as an attachment on the skoolbag ap. **Please note that this fundraiser has been set up on Qkr, and orders can be placed via the ap.** The Cut-off date for orders is **Tuesday 25th June – Week 9**. Orders are to be **collected from the school hall on the last Wednesday of Term 2, 3rd July between 12pm and before 4.15pm**. Our band is working hard to raise enough funds to purchase more new instruments and this will be our only main fundraiser this year. Your support of our fundraising efforts is appreciated. If band parents are free to help with packing around 8.30am on collection day, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Moloney on tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au with any queries.

Have you registered to walk *Miles for Millie*?



Sunday 2nd June is less than a week away. We are hoping to see loads of people at King Edward Park to join us in supporting our beautiful Millicent and the Campbell family. Tickets should be purchased securely online through Humanitix at <https://events.humanitix.com.au/miles-for-millie-fundraising-walk> or by searching for **Miles for Millie** at www.humanitix.com.au



We are excited to have some gorgeous caps donated that are bound to stand out in the crowd. These hats can be pre-purchased through Mrs Moloney at school for \$20 each. There are only 200 available, and we have already sold quite a few. The hats will be delivered to students this week. If you wish to purchase a cap and support the cause, please send \$20 with your slip (handed out last week) or contact details (contact child and class) to Mrs Moloney at school.

LIBRARY BUZZ

MAY – NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH INVITATION TO PARENTS



National Family Reading Month (every May) is a time to remind ourselves of the power of stories and story reading.

We invite you to visit the school library with your child/children in Week 5 (27/5-31/5). You are welcome to share stories and read the books from the library shelves in our beautiful space, either before school (8.40-9 am), at lunchtime (1.20-1.50 pm) or after school (3-3.30 pm). Please note that you will need to sign the visitors' book in the office area before coming up to the Library.

Available times to visit:

Monday 27/5: 3 -3.30 pm.

Tuesday 28/5: 8.40 -9 am; 1 .20 -1.50 pm.

Wednesday 29/5: 1.20 -1.50 pm; 3 -3.30 pm.

Thursday 30/5: 8.40 -9 am; 3 -3.30 pm.

Friday 31/5: 3 -3.30 pm.

For the rest of this month, take the time to read to your children and let them read to you - and remember to read for yourselves. What a relaxing pastime it can be!

Happy reading,

Library Staff

P & C News...

Our next P&C Committee meeting is on Tuesday 18th June at 7pm in the Staff room. All are very welcome to come along & help support our wonderful school. If you are unable to attend & have a fundraising suggestion/s we would love to hear from you via email at wspc_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

Fundraising - Term 2

Woolworths Earn & Learn - For every \$10 you spend you'll get an **Earn & Learn** sticker, place them on a sticker sheet and drop into the collection box at the Office or your local Woolworths at Cardiff, Jesmond or Glendale. Collect between. 1/5/19 – 25/6/19.



Movie Night - Toy Story 4 at Event Cinemas, Glendale, Friday 21st June 2019 at 6 pm All tickets are \$10. EVENT cinemas will have a \$7.50 small popcorn & small drink combo available to purchase on the night. The first 120 families who purchase their tickets on Qkr! app will receive a Disney goodie bag on the night.



There will be raffles (1st prize \$250 Qantas holiday voucher) and a hundreds club, so bring your coins on the night. There will also be a lucky door prize & if you come dressed as your favourite Disney character, you will go in the draw to win a prize. It will be a fantastic night & we can't wait to see you there.

Your 2018-2019 Entertainment Book expires on the 1st June 2019.

Support Wallsend South Public School and buy your new 2019 - 2020 Entertainment Book now.

Ways to purchase....

Follow this link to purchase a book or digital copy and pay online. You will receive the digital copy automatically and if you choose a book it will be sent home with your child.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/348o67>



Canteen News...

State of Origin Blues Burger



Online Qkr! orders only for our first 100 students to receive a Beef burger with salad and potato gems on Wednesday 5th June for lunch. Don't miss out on this lunch deal with limited numbers available. Orders are opened now online until this Friday 31st, so get ordering. Thankyou for supporting our school canteen!

Mon 27 th May	Tues 28th May	Wed 29th May	Thurs 30th May	Fri 31st May
Megan Leo		Kaisey Brogan Maxine Robinson	Tammie Jones	Leanne Sendjirdian Irene Stanners

From Your Canteen Committee ☺



News...

If your child has made it into a PSSA or Knock Out sports team you may like to purchase our Thinskins Sky Blue Football Team Socks for games.

We also have plenty of winter jackets and jumpers now in stock.

This weeks volunteers are:

Tuesday 28 th May 8:45 am – 9:15 am	Wednesday 29th May 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Friday 31st May 8:45 am – 9:15 am
Sandra Dart Tammie Jones R: Kylie Hale	Nicole Crooks Shannon Smith R: Carolyn Dean	Leah Taylor Susie Merritt R: Kim Sparrow

From Your Uniform Shop Committee ☺

\$ School Banking News \$\$\$

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Banking day is every **Friday** during the school Term.

Please don't forget to bring in your deposit books on Friday's and give it to your class teacher or leave it at the Office before 9am.



Our school banking record is **146** deposits & we would love to beat it this year!

Can we beat it...yes we can!

Woohoo...what an amazing effect with a total of **100** students banking & a total of **\$451.80** deposited...!
The class with the most deposits was **1S** congratulations...!!! ☺

Year	Students Banked 24/05/19
Kindergarten	8
Year 1	25
Year 2	19
Year 3	15
Year 4	12
Year 5	10
Year 6	6
Ex-students / Siblings	5

Term 1	Student Deposits
Week 1	81
Week 2	84
Week 3	95
Week 4	100
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

Term 2 Rewards

Icicle Slapband Ruler



Yeti Fluffy Notebook



Keep on banking!

From your School Banking Team ☺

- ❖ We are looking for another school banking volunteer to join our team - if you are free on Friday mornings from 9 am - 10:30 am please email wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

This weeks volunteers are:

Friday 31st May - 9am – 10:30 am
Holly Spannenberg, Leah Walker, & Megan Walsh

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good for Kids good for life

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Children should be getting a least **60 minutes** of moderate to vigorous activity (that makes them 'huff and puff') across the day.

Limiting the use of small screen recreation **to less than 2 hours per day** can increase the time for children to be physically active. Small screen recreation includes using the computer, small screen games or watching TV.

Some tips to decrease the amount of small screen recreation use include:

- Work out a TV viewing schedule with your child.
- Limit the use of computers during the day time, where your child could be having fun playing outside.
- Lead by example and reduce your own screen time.
- Break up long periods of small screen use as often as possible.



Source: Healthy Kids



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

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