

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

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Week 2 Term 3 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 2 Term 3 Commencing Monday 29 July.	This week is Week 3 Term 3 Commencing Monday 5 August.
Monday	✓	✓ Education Week ✓ Yr 6 Debating ✓ Interrelate Year 5
Tuesday	✓ McDonald's Fun Night (6-7) at Wallsend McDonalds. This is a P&C fundraiser event. ✓ Interrelate Year 5 ✓ 2 x Premier's Debating vs Elmore Vale @ WSPS 10am & 10:30am	✓ Zone Athletics
Wednesday	✓ Spelling Bee S3 @10am then followed by S2 @ 12pm.	✓ Grandfriends Day 9 – 11.30am
Thursday	✓ Interrelate Year 6 ✓ Gymnastics – K,2,4,6	✓ Band & Choir Performing Charlestown Square ✓ Interrelate Year 6 ✓ Gymnastics – K, 2,4,6
Friday	✓	✓

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 2 everyone!

We have already had a wonderful start to the week with a moving NAIDOC assembly led by some of our amazing students addressing this year's theme of Voice, Treaty and Truth. Preston's didgeridoo performance was particularly moving. He demonstrated great pride and skill which gave me goose bumps.

I am slowly but surely getting to know the children and welcome the opportunity to meet parents and grandparents. Please come and say hi. I've had my coffee before arriving at school so I can usually hold a reasonable conversation after that. ☺

Best of luck to our debaters and Spelling Bee participants who will each be participating in their areas of expertise this week!

Have a wonderful week!

Kelly Deakin

Principal ☺

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wallsend South PS will be again participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments (Competitions) this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

Payment and Permission Information

For the first time, payments for the assessments will be made online on the UNSW Global website.

If choosing to pay online, visit unsw.global/parentpay and enter the school's unique code (**a998e9938f**) to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. Online payments will close on **Wednesday 14 August 2019**.

The sitting dates for the assessments are set out below. These are all completed within a non-flexible three-day window. Please check carefully that your child will be present for the assessments as no refunds can be given. ****Year 5 students will be at camp during the Mathematics Competition so this will be unavailable to them.**

Digital Technologies	2, 3 & 4 September
Science	4, 5, & 6 September
Writing	9, 10 & 11 September
Spelling	11, 12 & 13 September
English	16, 17 & 18 September
Mathematics	18, 19 & 20 September

The cost for the assessments has increased since last year and has been set at **\$14.50** per test. If you have any questions regarding the assessments please contact our co-ordinator, Rob Lord at school.

Coming Up/Reminders...

Grandfriend's Day

Our annual Grandfriend's Day is on Wednesday 7 August., 2019.

For this year only, specialist groups like Choirs, Bands, and Music groups will be performing – a small change from previous years.

It is our hope in the future to move Grandfriend's Day back to National Senior Citizens Week which occurs earlier in the year.

The order of events is as follows:

- Concert under the Top COLA at 9.00am commencing with the Junior Band
- Morning tea provided by the P & C in the hall after the concert with entertainment from the Rock Band.
- Open classrooms from 10.15 to 11.00am
- Combined K- 6 item on the Basketball Court
- Recess. You are welcome to spend this time with your family.

Additional parking will be available on the bottom field. Please listen to the men in yellow Hi viz vests who will be directing parking.

Toilet facilities are available in the Hall, Library and Administration area. Parents and carers will also be able to use the top toilet block usually marked for Year 4,5 and 6 students. There is also a disabled toilet between the Kindergarten classrooms. We ask you to please NOT use the other student toilets located at the base of the pebblecrete.

The lift will be available to access the top floor rooms of K block.

If the weather is wet, this event will be postponed.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Claim the Date for 2020

Next year our school photos will be on Wednesday March 11 and Thursday March 12, 2020. It will be nice to have our students in summer uniform for a change!

Kinder Enrolments for 2020

Please inform the school as soon as possible if your child will be commencing Kindergarten in 2020.

Absence Notifications

Just a reminder that the preferred and only way of advising of your child's absence is by replying to the text message that you will receive of a morning around 9.30am. When you receive your text, please reply to the text and the message will be automatically uploaded onto our system. Hand written notes are still applicable.

If you receive more than one text message: for example if you have two or more children away on the same day, you will need to respond to each text message individually for each child and this is then uploaded against that child. If you do not respond the absence will be recorded as unexplained.

PLEASE NOTE that the old method of notifying the school through the Skoolbag App has now been disabled and is longer available for notifying of any absences.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

With todays newsletter you will receive an information sheet and an application form for your child to visit DMMSG (Dental Medical Mobile Services Group) who provides high quality, on-site, general dental care services to children aged 2-17 years.

Please read the enclosed information sheet to see if your child is eligible for the free service. If you would like your child to be involved with the program please complete the enclosed form and return to the school office no later than 13th August 2019.

The dates for the service here at school will be the week of 19th August to 23rd August.

Spelling Bee

The School Spelling Bee will be held this Wednesday. Students from each class in Stage 2 and 3 have been busy sharpening their spelling skills for what promises to be a very exciting competition. The times for each stage are:

Stage 3 10.00am

Stage 2 12.00pm

Visitors are most welcome to attend. We wish all our competitors the best of luck.

Library Buzz...



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to our BOOK WEEK term. What an exciting time we have ahead with craft, games, competitions, a Book Fair and a Book Week Dress Up day planned! The focus for all library lessons this term is to introduce the children to new quality literature through the beautiful selection of books chosen by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). Halfway through the term, numerous judges will decide on the winners and runners up of already selected shortlisted books across 5 categories in the annual CBCA awards. In the meantime, each grade will be involved in reading these books and creating some beautiful displays for our library.

The theme for Book Week this year is 'Reading is my Secret Power'. Each Library Buzz entry this term will include two thoughts about why reading can be a secret power. See below for the first two. We will be encouraging the children to think about this theme and what it means to them throughout the term as well. The teachers have been brave enough to reveal their secret powers and the children will have fun guessing which secret power belongs to which teacher! One teacher's secret power is reciting the alphabet backwards. What is *your* secret power?

Just as a heads up, in Week 5 we will be having a dress up day where the children can come to school for the day dressed up in their PJs or as a favourite book character or super hero. Keep reading our Library Buzz news every fortnight for more information on that, as well as the Book Fair in Week 6.

Happy Reading! The Library Teachers

10 Ways Reading is a Secret Power

(Taken from the Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network, 2019)

1. Reading is Mindful: When engaged in reading, you aren't distracted by devices, chatting or problem solving. It creates quiet spaces in your brain and focusses your attention.

2. Reading reduces Stress: When in the flow of a good book, perhaps with a cup of tea, there are few better ways to momentarily halt the stresses of life. Hold on tight to this feeling.

School News...

Interrelate Year 5 & 6

Last term students in Years 5 and 6 received a permission note regarding a program offered by *Interrelate* about puberty and body changes (course is different from grade to grade). The permission note was due back by **Friday 26 July** and money finalised by this Friday 2 August. Students will only participate in the program if the permission note has been returned. If you did not receive a note or need a new one contact your child's teacher.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Please be advised that our K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held at school on Tuesday 10th September (Week 8). Further information will be provided in coming weeks.

Child Protection

This term, classes are teaching the Child Protection element of the PD/H/PE syllabus. Children will use anatomically correct terminology for body parts and discuss ways of keeping themselves safe. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you would like to know further what will be taught in these lessons.

Term 3 Fees

Attached to Tallong are the fees for Term 3. Not all grades have term costs, but those that do will receive a more detailed permission note about each excursion.

Parents can continue to make part payments to Year 4 & 5 major excursion.



Photos of two of our stars, Partick Lewsam and Cooper Stewart who competed at Perisher at the interschools competition in the first week of the school holidays. They both had a great time.

IT'S SHOWCASE TIME AGAIN

Our very popular "Showcase of Talent" is back! The Showcase is open to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6. It will be held in the hall during lunch time from 1:20pm until 1:55pm in weeks 7 & 8 & 9 of this term. To enter:-

- K,1,2 – require a parent to complete and sign the nomination form below and return it to the box outside Ms. Diehl's room by Wednesday 28 August.
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Fill in one of the performance slots on the A3 booking sheets on the Stage 3 notice Board outside Mrs Jackson's room by Wednesday 28 August .

To cater for the vast multitude of talented performers at WSPS, children will be limited to performing in **one act only**. We also encourage the children to limit their acts to around 2 minutes, or they may not have the opportunity to complete their performance.

Each Grade will perform on the following days:-

- Years 3 & 4 Monday 2, Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 September
- Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 Friday 6, Monday 9, Tuesday 10 September
- Years 5 & 6 Wednesday 11, Friday 13, Monday 16 September

For their performance day, children need to bring music, costumes and anything else they require for their act. Parents are most welcome to attend the lunch time performances.

On Friday 27 September, we will hold a Final Showcase of the most popular performances. This concert is for staff and students only due to the hall's limited seating capacity.

The Final Showcase performances will be selected by the children in the audience, who will vote each day by placing a counter in a closed, numbered ice-cream container. (No parent voting please!) These votes will be tallied each day. The successful acts will receive a note to take home to inform parents their children are performing again in the Final Showcase. Entry to the hall to watch the performances will be free, but if the children wish to vote they need to bring in 50c to exchange for a voting token. All money collected will be donated to the local RSPCA. Each child is only allowed to purchase one voting token each day, however if they wish to donate more than 50c, I'm certain the RSPCA would be grateful!

Karen Diehl

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2

Name of act: _____

Performer/s: (Please record Name & Class for each performer)

Class:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Type of act (e.g. dance, poetry, song): _____

Props required (e.g. CD, tape, microphone etc): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

P & C News...



Our next P&C Committee meeting is on Tuesday 20th August 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 wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

Fundraising – Term 3

McDonald's Fun Night – This Wednesday 31/7 from 6 pm – 7 pm at Wallsend McDonald's we are having a Fun Night. 10% of all purchases made by dine-in or drive thru will go to our P&C to put towards our school. It is a good opportunity to arrange with family and friends a catch-up dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.



Grandfriends Day - Wed 7th August

The canteen will be serving morning tea –

Scones
Biscuits
Orange Juice
Water

Please note: Due to safety issues no hot drinks will be served.

The morning tea will take place after the performances around 10 am.

If you are available to volunteer on this morning from 9.30 am - 11 am to help serve the morning tea please contact Nicole 0438538531.

Canteen News...



This weeks volunteers are:

Mon 29th July	Tues 30 th July	Wed 31st July	Thurs 1 st Aug	Fri 2 nd Aug
Emma McGowan	Julie Dann	Joanne Spratt	Nicole Crooks	Kim O'connor Tania Barnes Suzanne Rigg

Thankyou for supporting our school canteen from your Canteen Committee ☺

Entertainment Book

Have you purchased your 2019/20 Entertainment Book yet? If not, please follow the link below to purchase your hard copy book or digital copy now and support Wallsend South Public School.



<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/348067>

Discontinued Stock - Special Sale

Long Sleeve Polo Size 4, 14s, 16m \$10
 Long Gaberdine Pants Size 4 & 10 \$10
 Microfibre Trackpants Size 16 \$10
 Woolen Football socks Size 8-12 7-10 \$8
 Jacket Button Up – Size 16 \$10

The Uniform shop is in great need of extra volunteers. Please if you can offer just over half an hour on a Tuesday or Friday morning please come to the uniform shop during opening hours and ask to speak to Jemma Greentree. The school P&C values any support you can offer and our school loves the fundraising that in turn it provides our children.

With Grandfriends Day only a week away you may like to use the available time to purchase some new uniform shop items. If you do need to purchase a fresh shirt, skort or shorts remember in Term 3 we are open Tuesday and Friday morning 8.45 -9.15 am and as always you can shop online through the Qkr! app. If you need any assistance using the app feel free to ask in the shop during opening hours or send an email to wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

Thanks to all our customers and volunteers.

This weeks volunteers are:

Tuesday 30th July	Wednesday 31st July	Friday 2nd Aug
8:45 am – 9:15 am	2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	8:45 am – 9:15 am
Sandra Dart Tammie Jones R: Wendy Wade	CLOSED	Wendy Wade Jess Lillicrap R: Jemma Greentree

From Your Uniform Shop Committee ☺

\$ School Banking News \$\$\$



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.

Woohoo...what a great effort with a total of 52 students banking & a total of **\$359.75** deposited...! The classes with the most deposits were **1A, 1S & 5D** congratulations...!!! ☺

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

Can we beat it...yes we can!

Year	Students Banked – 26/7/19
Kindergarten	3
Year 1	12
Year 2	8
Year 3	8
Year 4	6
Year 5	10
Year 6	2
Ex students/ Siblings	3

Term 3	Student deposits
Week 1	52
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

Term 3 Rewards

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring

Scratch Art Cards

This weeks volunteers are:

Friday 2nd August - 9am – 10:30 am
Holly Spannenberg, Leah Walker, Shannon Smith & Sonia Nathan

Keep on banking!

From your School Banking Team ☺

Wallsend South Public School Term 3 Costs, 2019

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Grade	Event	Cost	Details	Total Cost for this child we would like to pay.
K	Excursion to Oakvale Farm	\$28.00	Excursion 27.8.2019	\$28
Yr 1	Total Excursion	\$30.00	Excursion 5.9.2019	\$30
Yr 2				NIL
Yr 3				NIL
Yr 4				NIL
Yr 5	School Magazine	\$15.00	Whole Year School Magazine	\$15.00
Yr 6	High School Transition Visits	\$20	Lambton High School Visits	\$20

- OFFICE HOURS FOR PAYMENTS ARE 8.30AM – 11.30AM
- PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
- **PART PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED for major excursions for Years 4, 5 and 6**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good for Kids good for life

KEEPING ACTIVE IN WINTER

When kids come home from school during the cooler months there is less light for fun outdoor time to burn off energy. Less daylight hours and cooler temperatures does have to equate to more screen time (TV/video games).

Keeping activity is important for everyone even in the cooler months, and the Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines recommend that children get **at least one hour each day of physical activity**.

Try the following indoor activities:

- Make up a dance
- Try 'Just Dance' on a gaming console or YouTube
- Sign up to 'Go Noodle!' for free and move along to your favourite Go Noodle's
- Hula hooping or skipping
- Juggling
- Use the furniture to create an indoor ninja park or obstacle course
- Try a family fitness challenge, e.g. who can do the most push-ups, squats, sit ups, burpees
- Use a pair of socks or a balloon to play volleyball, tennis, soccer or football indoors



HOW TO PLAY SOCK WRESTLING

Everyone needs to be wearing a pair of socks! Clear a space and make sure you have some safety rules and limits so no one gets hurt. The aim of the game is to get people's socks off without losing yours. The last one with a sock on wins!

Image source: <https://picklebums.com/20-fun-ways-to-get-active-with-your-kids/>



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.



Cancer Council's website healthylunchbox.com.au is a one-stop-shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Parents will find information on the five food groups, what constitutes a healthy lunch box, sandwich alternatives, sandwich filling ideas, snack ideas, swaps for unhealthy snack foods, recipes and tips. The website features an [interactive healthy lunch box builder](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) where parents can get their kids involved in planning the lunch box and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

healthylunchbox.com.au

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