

TALLONG

Official Newsletter

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Week 4 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 4 Term 3 Commencing Monday 12 August.	This week is Week 5 Term 3 Commencing Monday 19 August.
Monday	✓ Zone Public Speaking St 2 @ Belair PS	✓ Dental Check – Students ✓ Book Week – All week
Tuesday	✓ Interrelate Yr 5	✓ School Council 6pm ✓ P & C 7pm
Wednesday	✓ Zone Public Speaking St 1 Adamstown PS	✓ Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp Yrs 5 & 6 ✓ Lambton High School Transition
Thursday	✓ Zone Public Speaking St 3 @ Kotara South PS ✓ Interrelate Yr 6 ✓ Gymnastics – K, 2, 4, 6	✓ Gymnastics – K, 2, 4, 6
Friday	✓ Zone Public Speaking ESI @ Stockton PS	✓ Newcastle City Council Water Safety Talk

Principal's Message

Congratulations Max!

Recently Max Miller went to Shanghai with the Under 12s Newcastle Jets Academy team.

The tournament was an invitational tournament with teams from different regions of China, Japan as well as Jets 12s who were the only Australian team competing. Max's team played in the under 12s tournament which was an 8 v 8 game. The Jets team was undefeated throughout and won the final 3-1! **Max was awarded the player of the 12s tournament** which was an amazing recognition in among lots of very good players. He was also one of 4 captains of the team as a leader group. The team had to overcome many challenges: long-distance travel, new country, new culture, new food, language difficulties, soaring temperatures, stifling humidity, being away from their home environment and sharing accommodation with their team. What a fantastic life experience and achievement!



Grandfriend's Day

I had the pleasure of experiencing my first Grandfriend's Day last week. I was mesmerised by the talent, commitment and passion from all of our students. From the bands and choirs to the drumming group and then ending with our whole school performance I could not be more proud to be connected to such outstanding young people! Thank you also to our amazing teachers for their exceptional organisation and dedication in providing us with a great experience highlighting public education at its finest. I would specifically like to acknowledge Ava Gilbert for her flawless acapella version of the National Anthem. I have enjoyed reading the many positive emails and notes from parents and grandparents who were present on the day and clearly had a wonderful time.

Kelly Deakin

Principal 😊

Coming Up/Reminders...

ICAS COMPETITION - UPDATE

Due to some recent issues with the online payment system provided by ICAS Competitions, we have set up a manual payment system through the school office. If you have already paid online through ICAS, you do not need to resubmit this payment.

Please ensure payment through our school office is made by Wednesday 21 August 2019.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Lord at school.

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!

Influenza A & B

Over the past weeks we have had an increased number of children being diagnosed with influenza A & B viruses. If your child is presenting with any of the following symptoms, high temperatures, headaches, fatigue, body aches and pains, runny nose, coughing or sore throat it is recommended that they are kept home to rest and recover. The infectious stage can last from 7 to 10 days. Consult with your medical professional for further advise if concerned.

Kinder Enrolments for 2020

Please inform the school as soon as possible if your child will be commencing Kindergarten in 2020. If any family or friends know of pending enrolments for 2020 it would be greatly appreciated if they could contact the school as soon as possible to assist with our future planning.

Late Arrival Notes

Just a reminder that if your child arrives at school after 9.00am (which is when the class rolls are marked) you will need to come via the front office and let us know that you have arrived and be given a late arrival slip.

The slip is then given to the teacher so they are aware that you are here and have been recorded as late in the attendance system.

If a late arrival slip is not collected, then your child will remain marked as absent and you will receive a text message indicating their absence.

Parking

We have received over recent weeks phone calls from neighbouring properties that on morning drop off and afternoon pickups parents are parking across driveways and making it impossible for residents to get in or out of their driveways. If we could all make a conscious effort to park correctly that would be very much appreciated.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule Dental Medical Mobile Service

Permission notes for your child to see the Dentist need to be returned by August 13.

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

Library News...



LIBRARY BUZZ

Hello Everyone!

As you may have read in the Tallong, and also from a note given to all children last Monday, next week, Week 5, is BOOK WEEK. Each year, this event is our most important event in the Library calendar. In all our classes next week, we will be announcing the winners from the five book categories that we are looking at, chosen by the Children's Book Council of Australia. We are very excited to hear the results. Some of our older students have been trying to predict which book will win and they are excited as well to see if their predictions are correct. In the meantime, the students have had fun trying to guess which teacher is behind each mask and guess their secret power!

As written in the note handed out last week, our special Book Week 'Dress Up' day will be on Tuesday, 20 August. Children can come dressed in their pyjamas, as a favourite book character or as a super hero (theme related...secret powers). Don't forget to wear proper enclosed shoes that day for safety reasons. On that day, the children will be read to by their teachers and have the teacher's secret powers finally revealed to them!

A reminder, too, that in Week 6 we will be holding a Book Fair in the Library where children can purchase books. Keep an eye out in the next 'Library Buzz' in a fortnight for more information about this event. Please note that we will not be handing out any Book Club issues this term so that the children can save up their coins for the Book Fair.

Below are two more thoughts about why reading can be a secret power.

Happy Reading! The Library Teachers

10 Ways Reading is a Secret Power

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

3. Reading improves your ability to Wield Words: Reading increases vocabulary and understanding of the way words work in both written and spoken forms.

4. Reading is Free: How powerful is the word 'free'? Books can be freely accessed online and in print from libraries. Reading can be as entertaining as a night out at the movies and some States even have free community reading events.

REQUEST FOR ALL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE LOCAL TRADES PROVIDERS AND SUPPLIERS

The NSW Government has committed the largest investment in planned maintenance at public schools in the history of NSW. A record \$1.3 billion is being spent on an ambitious delivery program, focused on employing local businesses and contractors across the state.

To assist in addressing regional school maintenance issues and at the same time provide work for local trade's persons and suppliers across the Hunter / Central Coast regions, over \$100 million is being invested to upgrade and maintain our school infrastructure.

Given this record spend by School Infrastructure NSW, you are invited to an Asset Management Unit industry breakfast briefing. This will provide information to existing and new contractors on how you can get involved.

To find out more by attending our Industry breakfast register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-engagement-information-session-tickets-65766578607> or contact your Asset Management Unit on 4088

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School News...

Inter-Schools Public Speaking Finals

After listening to a total of 40 speeches across our Stage Public Speaking Finals, the adjudicators selected 8 students to represent our school this week at the Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Finals.

Congratulations and best wishes to our representatives:

Early Stage 1: Edith Edmonds and Zane Khafaji

Stage 1: Peyton Dore and Hayden Morris

do yourselves and WSPS proud Stage 2: Georgia Brice and Sienna Jolliffe

Stage 3: Zoe Holland (absent for photo) and Saxon Sparrow

We know you will!



K-2 Athletics Carnival – Date change

Due to unforeseen circumstances the date has been changed to Tuesday 17th September (Week 9) for our K-2 Athletics Carnival.

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.



Signs you may see in school zones

Offences in school zones

Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone
Stop on/near marked foot crossing - School Zone
Stop at/near bus stop - School Zone
Double park - School Zone
Stop in bus zone - School Zone
Stop on/near childrens crossing - School Zone
Disobey no parking sign - School Zone
Disobey no stopping sign - School Zone
Stop on path/strip in built-up area - School Zone
Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land - School Zone

Demerit points apply

For enquiries please call 4974 2000.

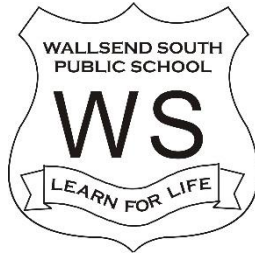
For more information visit:
www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au



Road Safety

- Did you know if you disobey the No Stopping sign it is 2 demerit points and a \$337.00 fine?
- If you are caught stopping on or near the pedestrian crossing or the children's crossing you lose 2 demerit points and are fined \$448.00.
- If you stop in the bus zone you will lose 2 demerit points and are fined \$337.00.

Please obey the road rules for the safety of all our school community



2019

University of New South Wales Educational Australia Assessments

I give permission for my son / daughter _____ of class _____ to enter the following online University of New South Wales Educational Australia Assessments for 2019.

I have enclosed the correct money. Please also ensure that your child's grade is eligible to enter that particular subject.

NB: If paying online though the school please state which assessments you are paying for.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Technologies	2-4 September	\$15.95	(Year 3 to 6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	4-6 September	\$15.95	(Year 2 to 6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing	9-11 September	\$15.95	(Year 2 to 6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spelling	11-13 September	\$15.95	(Year 3 to 6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	English	16-18 September	\$15.95	(Year 2 to 6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics	18-20 September	\$15.95	(Year 2 to 6)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL WITH PAYMENT (OR ONLINE THROUGH THE SCHOOL)

BY WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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

Father's Day Stall – Thursday 29th August

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 30th August

Disco – Wednesday 4th September

Canteen News...



A huge thankyou to all the wonderful volunteers that helped out with Grandfriends day morning tea.

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 30th August

If you are available to help with the cooking of the BBQ from 6.30am please let Nicole know as soon as possible on 0438538531

If you are able to help serve for the Father's Day breakfast from 7.30am please also let Nicole know of your availability.

This week's volunteers are:

Mon 12 th Augs	Tues 13 th Aug	Wed 14 th Aug	Thurs 15th Aug	Fri 16 th Aug
Angela Mottee	Jan Duncan	Jane Peck	Tammie Jones	Suzanne Rigg Caran Playtong John Stewart

Thankyou for supporting our school canteen from your Canteen Committee ☺



News...

This week's volunteers are:

Tuesday 13 th August 8:45 am – 9:15 am	Wednesday 14 th August 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Friday 16 th Aug 8:45 am – 9:15 am
Karina Currington Wendy Wade R: Jemma Greentree	CLOSED	Jess Lillicrap Helen Taylor R: Maxine Robinson

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 Fridays and give it to your class teacher or leave it at the Office before 9am.

Woohoo...what a great effort with a total of 88 students banking & a total of **\$590.95** deposited...! The class with the most deposits was **3M & 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	11
Year 1	20
Year 2	13
Year 3	13
Year 4	11
Year 5	14
Year 6	4
Ex students/ Siblings	2

Term 3	Student deposits
Week 1	52
Week 2	83
Week 3	88
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 & Leanne Outram

Keep on banking!

From your School Banking Team ☺

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>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER

How much water should our kids drink everyday?

1—5 years 1.25L
6—12 years 1.5L



TIPS TO DRINK MORE WATER

- ◊ Show children that you enjoy drinking water
- ◊ Drink water with every meal
- ◊ Take a refillable bottle when you go out
- ◊ Pack water for school
- ◊ Encourage drinking extra water when they play sport
- ◊ Limit buying sugary drinks



Information source: © Cancer Council Victoria 2019



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Biodiversity Day at Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

Free Community Event
Bring a picnic and celebrate!

Thursday 3 October, 10am-2pm

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park
Minmi Road, Minmi

- Free sausage sizzle
- Live entertainment
- Native plants give away
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Culture walks
- Craft activities for all ages
- Interact with live animals
- Learn about volunteering in nature



Disclaimer: Wallsend South Public School

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or activities

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