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Official Newsletter

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Week 7 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 7 Term 3 Commencing Monday 2 September.	This week is Week 8 Term 3 Commencing Monday 9 September.
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talent Quest Auditions Yrs 3 & 4 ✓ ICAS – Digital Technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ICAS – Writing ✓ Yr 4 Camp ✓ Talent Quest Auditions K, 1 & 2
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talent Quest Auditions Yrs 3 & 4 ✓ Naplan – Yr 5 Readiness Testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Premiers debating vs Ashtonfield (away debate) ✓ Yr 4 Camp ✓ Talent Quest Auditions K, 1 & 2
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talent Quest Auditions Yrs 3 & 4 ✓ ICAS - Science ✓ Disco Jnr 5.30pm to 6.45pm ✓ Snr 7pm to 8.30pm ✓ LHS Transition Program 1.30 – 2.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Yr 4 Camp ✓ Talent Quest Auditions 5 & 6
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gymnastics – K, 2, 4, 6 ✓ Year 1 Total Excursion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ICAS – Spelling ✓ Gymnastics K, 2,4 & 6
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talent Quest Auditions K, Yr 1 & Yr 2 ✓ Electricity Presentation – Hall ✓ K - 2 10.15am to 11am ✓ Yr 3-6 9.15am to 10am ✓ School Banking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talent Quest Auditions 5 & 6 ✓ School Banking

Principal's Message

Father's Day Breakfast and Book Fair

Happy Father's Day for yesterday for all of our dads, grandfathers and the wonderful people who take on the role of dad to enrich the lives of their children! Our breakfast on Friday was very well attended, as was the Book Fair up in the library. Thank you to our fantastic teachers, P&C and canteen for your amazing organisation and dedication. What a wonderful morning!



Focusing on Fairness – School Handball

Thank you Mrs Moloney and 3M students for inviting me to participate in a game of handball that involved a different structure that allows every person to participate fully and without the focus being on winning and losing. We all had a lot of fun and developed our handball skills.



Parenting Tips for Online Games

Change chat settings

The best way to keep your children safe from online predators is to limit how much they share with other gamers. The main way players communicate in Fortnite is through voice chat. This involves a child using a microphone to talk to other players in their team. Obviously, this exposes children to online predators, hackers and bullying. However, this feature can be limited or not used at all and is not necessary for enjoyable gameplay. There are several ways you can do this...

- Firstly let's open the game Lobby (this is where you go to start playing a match),
- Then click on the **three white vertical lines** on the top right-hand corner.
- Next, you need to click on the settings button, the icon looks like a **gear** and pops up just under those white lines. Now you are in the Settings (to our children's horror I'm sure)!
- Okay so now we need to click on the **Speaker** icon right up the top next to the picture of the sun.

Now you can change the settings!

Set healthy boundaries:

Kids respond well to healthy boundaries and form life-long healthy habits from them. Set time limits, keep gaming consoles out of the bedroom where you can hear and see a lot of what is happening as you go about your own business.

Respect classifications:

Classifications are in place for a reason, and in some cases, you can be fined for ignoring them. Safe on Social is seeing far too many young people (from Yr1) playing R and MA15+ games. Please check the classification before you allow your child to play a game. They are exposed to things that, in some cases, they are not able to handle emotionally at such a young age. And with shooting, rape and other violence in games there is a global concern around desensitisation in young people.

Don't reveal any personal information to other players:

Stranger danger is 24x7 make sure they never meet up with someone they have met online.

Make sure game software is kept up to date:

Don't forget!! Your credit card is often attached, and software updates always include security patches to make sure that your credit card details can't be hacked and stolen.

Watch out for scams:

If you type "free Vbucks" into Youtube, you will see more than 4Million results. All set up to scam your credit card. Make sure you speak to your child about this and that they know that the only place they can get Vbuck is in the game store. Better still, get them a kid's Visa/Debit card. Put their pocket money and birthday money on it, and then they will learn the value of money, and you can teach them how to budget at the same time.

Find out how to block and report:

Learn how they can communicate with strangers in the game and at a minimum, learn how to block and report so you can help your child if they are being bullied or harassed. Remember that the average age of a gamer is 34-36yrs.

Think about your own screen use:

Children take their cues from adults. Bluntly telling your kids to wrap up their Fortnite session while you are yourself glued to your phone sends mixed signals.

Play the game with your child:

Acknowledge their gaming as a legitimate interest rather than an activity to be demonised. Let them know you are willing to meet them halfway and that you understand gaming isn't just a time-waster; there is a greater chance they will reciprocate when you suggest a non-screen-based activity.

Look at the home environment and talk to your child:

Gaming is often escapism, and there may be a reason your child is trying to shut out the real world — and you in particular. What's going on that might cause your child to keep you at arm's length? Excessive game playing can be used as a thought blocker to cope with stress.

Encourage healthy habits and interaction with nature:

Sitting around the house all day can lead to boredom, and Fortnite is a ready alleviator of that boredom. So consider activities that will get kids off the sofa and out in the fresh air.

Go on a family bush walk or picnic somewhere, plant a small veggie patch in the backyard. You don't have to take them surfing or horse-riding every day. It is enough that you do something that is fun and involves leaving the house. Whether it's growing veggies in the garden or building a model plane together, kids love meaningful collaboration with their parents. A long-term project in which you have a shared interest will also allow you to bond.

Allow access only after homework and other household chores are done:

Consider whether your child should be allowed to play before they have, for instance, done their homework. The consensus is that it is best that online games are reserved for after everything else has been done.

Don't let gaming consoles become the babysitter:

If you find yourself relying on video games to keep your children quiet, reflect on whether it is you, or your child who has developed the addiction. Not all video games are created equal. Even if you have decided to allow games, you might wish to steer your child towards a non-violent and creative entertainment, such as Minecraft, rather than the mass shoot-out that is Fortnite.

Kelly Deakin

Principal 😊

Coming Up/Reminders...

NAPLAN Online Technical Readiness Testing

With the recent move to online delivery of NAPLAN for students, schools are undergoing tests regarding the technical requirements that will need to be met. To assist in this assessment, our school is conducting Online Readiness Demonstration Tests over the next three weeks for students in Year 3 and Year 5. These are short sample tests to assess whether our technology systems can cope with the high numbers of students participating at the one time, and should cause minimal disruption to learning time. The student results for these tests are not recorded; it is simply a test of computer system capability. Please contact Rob Lord at the school if you have any questions regarding the testing

K-2 Athletics Day 2019

- When: Tuesday 17th of September.
- Where: The soccer field of our school grounds (bottom field).
- Who: Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students, parents and caregivers.
- Time: Races commence at approximately 9.45am.



We would like to invite you to attend this special event to share in the fun and offer your enthusiasm.

Further details will be sent via a note home this Friday.

Ordering Band and Choir Photos

If you would like to order a Band or Choir photo please call MSP Photography on 49668292 to place your order, you can pay by credit card over the phone. Copies of photos are available for viewing in the front office. The cut off date for orders will be 13th September 2019.

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.

Regional Athletics



At the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday, the Senior Girls relay team was one runner down at short notice because of an injury. We couldn't use any junior girls because we weren't allowed. So the only other senior girl was Gabby.H, who was only there for high jump. We asked her to fill in and she really didn't want to because she had never done it before and was very nervous. She showed great school sportsmanship and being a great friend, she said yes to running in our relay team. When it was our turn, we had to stand in the pouring rain and we were freezing cold waiting for our race. We had lots of fun and ran a great race. We just wanted to thank Gabby for saving our relay and being a great friend. It's a race we'll never forget.

Taliah.S, Fern.C and Lois.G

Zone Athletics Team

Wonderful participation and behaviour was exhibited by the Wallsend South Athletics Team at the recent Zone carnival. All members are to be congratulated for their fantastic team spirit. The carnival was a very successful day for the team and we came first overall against 17 other schools.

The following students made the Crossroads Zone Athletics team:

100m- Eamon Gallard, Zane Gallard, Samson Nathan, Isaac Hamilton, Lois Graham, Ella Morrison, Sarah Stokes, Bianca Lancaster

200m- Eamon Gallard, Zane Gallard, Lois Graham, Taliah Smith,

800m- Amy Disher

1500m- Amy Disher, Zoe Holland

4x100m relay- Junior boys: Eamon Gallard, Mason Bartlett, Riley Bull, Mitchell Hooker

Senior girls: Bianca Lancaster, Lois Graham, Taliah Smith, Fern Clements

Shot Put- Sam Enderby, Isaiah Toleafoa, Anna Vogt, Krystal Slater

High Jump- Samson Nathan, Gabby Hinchcliffe

Long Jump- Bianca Lancaster

Discus- Penny Vogt, Anna Vogt

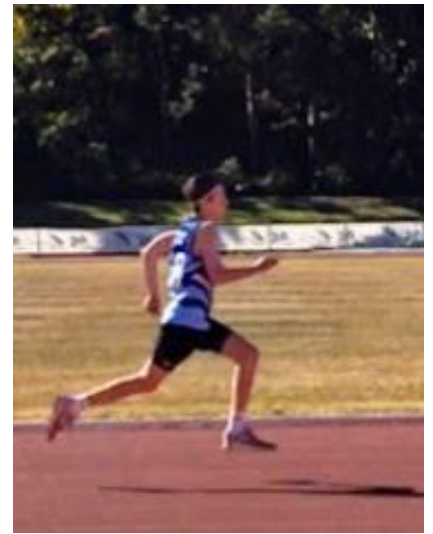
Ms Harwood and Mrs Lennard ☺

Hunter Athletics Team

The Hunter Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 30 August at the Glendale Athletics Centre in less than desirable weather conditions. The reports I have received back from the Zone Team Manager have been that our students represented not only our school, but our zone proudly on the day. Despite the steady downpour there were lots of impressive results produced by Southy students.

Congratulations to Zane Gallard who secured a place in the Hunter Athletics Team. He will compete at the NSW State PSSA Athletics Championships in Homebush later this year in the 200m event!

Mrs Lennard



REQUEST FOR ALL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE, LOCAL TRADE'S 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 3500.

Due to its success and the fact that we capped the number, we are running a further two sessions. These are:

- Friday 6th September 2019 – 7:00am at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College – The Entrance Campus (Primarily targeted to Company's / Tradespeople on the Central Coast)
- Friday 20th September 2019 – 7:00am at Rutherford HS (Primarily targeted to Company's / Tradespeople in the Lower Hunter/Upper Hunter)

P & C News...

Thank you!

Thank you to all the **volunteers** who assisted with wrapping gifts, serving at the stall and the canteen and preparing the egg and bacon rolls for our Father's Day celebrations. Without the help of **volunteers** these events wouldn't be possible. A big **thank you** to Mrs Quinn for all her hard work organising the food for breakfast and Mr Lord and Mr Naylor for manning the BBQ.



Disco – Theme – 'Colourful'

Wednesday 4th September

Years K – 2 will be from 5.30pm – 6.45pm

Years 3 – 6 will be from 7pm – 8.30pm



You can purchase a meal deal and tickets for the disco via the Qkr! app up to **6pm Monday 2nd September**.

Our school's P&C Committee has a position vacant:- P&C President

(Due to a change in circumstances this role has now become vacant)

Role of the President

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings

The President is automatically a member of all P&C sub-committees. The President should be informed of all sub-committee meetings and decisions, this would occur through written report.

The President also has important responsibilities outside of meetings and is looked to as a leader of the parent community.

The President would be fully supported by an already functioning wonderful P&C Executive and general members. All activities are planned for the rest of the year.

If you would be interested in this role or would like further information please email wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au or contact the P&C Federation's Member Services Team mail@pandc.org.au or 1300 885 982

Canteen News...



Thankyou to all the volunteers that helped out with the Father's Day Breakfast. A special thankyou to Rob Naylor and Rob Lord for cooking the BBQ.

This week's volunteers are:

Mon 2nd Sept	Tues 3 rd Sept	Wed 4 th Sept	Thurs 5 th Sept	Fri 6 th Sept
Angela Mottee	Sandra Dart Tanya Barnes Kim O'Connor Jemma Greentree Leanne Sendjirdian	Linda Gresswell	Emma McGrath	Kate Bosworth Leanne Sendjirdian Julie Butler

Thankyou for supporting our school canteen from your Canteen Committee ☺

The Uniform Shop

News...

The Uniform shop is in need of extra volunteers. If you can offer just over 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

This week's volunteers are:

Tuesday 3 rd September 8:45 am – 9:15 am	Wednesday 4 th September 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Friday 6 th September 8:45 am – 9:15 am
Pam Battle Sandra Dart R: Wendy Wade	CLOSED	Karina Currington Leah Taylor R: Jemma Greentree

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

\$ School Banking News \$\$\$



Woohoo...what a great effort with a total of **70** students banking & a total of **\$279.75** deposited...!

The classes with the most deposits were **1A & 3M** congratulations...!!! ☺

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

Year	Students Banked – 23/08/19
Kindergarten	6
Year 1	16
Year 2	13
Year 3	12
Year 4	9
Year 5	11
Year 6	2
Ex students/ Siblings	2

Term 3	Student deposits
Week 1	52
Week 2	83
Week 3	88
Week 4	85
Week 5	67
Week 6	70
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

Term 3 Rewards

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring



Scratch Art Cards



This weeks volunteers are:

Friday 6th September - 9am – 10:30 am

Leah Walker & Holly Spannenberg

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 wspc_pandc@yahoo.com.au or pop into the Committee 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 ☺

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3-DAY MEGA CAMP

OCTOBER 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

THE BIGGEST MULTISPORTS EVENT OF THE YEAR!

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AGE: KINDER - YEAR 6
LOCATION: MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL
TIME: 8:30AM - 3:30PM
PRICE: \$110 EARLY BIRD OFFER (EXPIRES 20TH SEPTEMBER)
\$125 THEREAFTER
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- 4 MEGA TEAM SESSIONS
- INCREDIBLE COACHES
- NON-STOP MOTIVATION
- UNBELIEVABLE PRIZES

ACTIVE + CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ARE ACCEPTED TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT!!

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