The Tallong- Term 1 Week 4 2020

Official Newsletter of Wallsend South Public School

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.

Welcome to 2020!

Please click on the link below to view this term's school calendar.

Click on link to Calendar ---------> *** Term 1 Calendar ***

In 2020 you will see our Tallong has moved into the Mircosoft Sway format.

The benefit of using Sway for our newsletter is that it is compatible with mobile devices, making it easier to read and navigate in comparison to the current document form which requires you having to enlarge text and continuously scroll/move the screen so that you can read all messages.

Therefore Sway is more user friendly.

Principal's Message

Welcome to another wonderful week of learning and school life at Wallsend South!

Scripture and Ethics beginning soon

These optional programs will begin at Wallsend South PS on Friday, 28th February. Scripture is offered for Years 2-6 and Ethics for Years 5-6. Permission notes will be sent home early this week and must be returned as soon as possible to assist with organisation prior to the lessons beginning. Please note, students who do not return a note with parents/carers opting out of Scripture will automaticaly attend Scripture each week as per the Department of Education policy. Students who have opted out of Scripture will participate in quiet reading during this time. Students from Years 5-6 who have opted out of Scripture can either participate in Ethics (signed permission note required) or will otherwise participate in quiet reading.

School Value - Random Acts of Kindness

A quick, positive story for you all. Another principal contacted me last week to congratulate me on our beautiful children. She was complimented by one of our students who told her that our focus value was RAOK and this was their attempt. It made her smile and feel good for the rest of the day! :)

School Uniform

Thank you all for encouraging your children to wear their uniform including their school hat. Our students look very smart and proud.

Parent/Teacher Interviews and Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to the many families who were able to take the time to come into school last week for the Parent Information sessions. These sessions are designed to provide you with all essential information you need to support your child at school for the year. Please check in with your child's teacher if you were unable to make the session.

For most classes, parent/teacher interviews are taking place in Weeks 5 and 6 (beginning next week). This provides teachers and parents an important opportunity to discuss areas of focus for the

year as well as make sure that all essential information is communicated to allow for a supported and purposeful year of learning.

Term 1 School Disco and Hat Parade

This year students K-6 will participate in our Hat Parade (just before the Easter holidays). This day will also include our day time school discos for K-2 and 3-6. More information will be provided closer to the event but please save the date (for the afternoon parade) Thursday 9 April which is the last day of term.

P&C / School Council meetings - Notification of change of venue

For parents and community information please note our meetings will take place at Wallsend Diggers in a designated meeting room starting from our next meeting on Tuesday, 17 March. This will address concerns due to meetings finishing later in the evening when the school becomes quite isolated.

Meetings take place consistently in Weeks 3 and 8 of each term on Tuesday evenings. Please see the calendar for specific dates.

Kelly Deakin

Principal

The week ahead...

Monday 17/02/20

- Junior Band 3:00-4:15pm
- Cross Country training to begin this week

Tuesday 18/02/20

- Senior Band 8:00-8:55am

Wednesday 19/02/20

- Senior Band 3:00-4:30pm

Thursday 20/02/20

- Zone Swimming Carnival- Speers Point Swim Centre
- Rock Band Auditions 8:00-8:50am

Friday 21/02/20

Monday 24/02/20

- Junior Band 3:00-4:15pm

Tuesday 25/02/20

- Senior Band 8:00-8:55am

Wednesday 26/02/20

- Senior Band 3:00-4:30pm

Thursday 27/02/20

- Rock Band rehearsal 8:00-8.55am

Friday 28/02/20

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus Expo

1 - Year 7, 2021

Year 6 - Canberra 2020

Earlier this term, Year 6 students received their first Canberra note with information about venues being visited and the deposit amount. The $250 deposit is due by Monday 6 April. If you need financial assistance please contact Ms Deakin. All requests are confidential and treated with sensitivity. The dates for the 4 day, 3 night excursion are: Monday 29 June to Thursday 2 July.

School Cross Country

Our school cross country carnival will be held on ***Friday 13th March (Week 7).*** All students from Years 2 – 6 will be encouraged to participate. Junior runners (aged 7-10 years old) will do two laps of the school course and Senior students (aged 11-13 years old) run three laps. As always, family members are very welcome to come along on the day, watch the cross country and cheer on all our children. Students participate in the cross country carnival not only for themselves, but for their House. Additionally, our fastest runners (in the 8-13 year old age range) will be competing for the opportunity to represent our school at the Crossroads Zone Cross Country Carnival in Term 2.

In preparation for the carnival, students will be practising for the cross country as part of our PE and sport program. Teachers will advise their classes which days of the week are training days. Please ensure your child has appropriate running footwear and a water bottle on these days. We also recommend applying mosquito repellent and sunscreen prior to coming to school.

Further details of the day will be provided in upcoming Tallongs. If you have further questions regarding the cross country, please see Mr Johnston or your child's teacher.

ROCK BAND AUDITIONS

ROCK BAND AUDITIONS ROUND 2

Here is the list of students who have made it through to round 2 auditions for next week; Thursday 8am 20th Feb in the hall, Please note if you were sick or away last week you may still audition; No other students to attend at this stage. Thanks to all the other students who auditioned this week. Please join our wonderful School choir if you were not successful as a singer !!!

1. Evie Dart - Yr 6 vocals/guitar
2. Bridie Chapman-Cole - Yr 5 - vocals
3. Tameson Moffit- Yr 6 - vocals
4. Emily Jobson - Yr 5 - vocals
5. Lois Graham - Yr 6 - vocals/guitar
6. Isabella Atkinson - Yr 5 - vocals
7. Matteus Zink Yr 6 - guitar
8. Milla Woods - Yr 5 - guitar
9. Luke Hargrave Yr 6 - guitar
10. Les Mooney - Yr 6 - bass
11. Darcy Mitchel - Yr 6 - piano/keyboard
12. Marcus Zink - Yr 6 - piano /keyboard

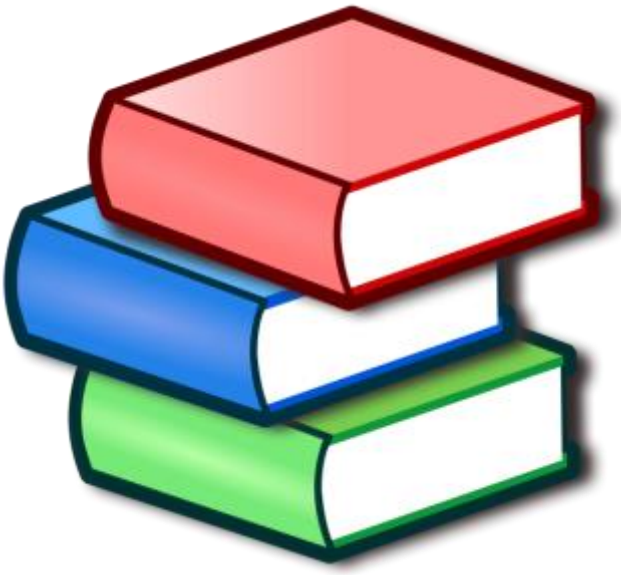
13. Sam Cole -Yr 6 - drums

14. Lachlan young- Yr 4/5 - drums reserve

15. Erik Stepanov- Yr 6 - guitar

thanks Mr Chris Mcdonald

Library News!



LIBRARY BUZZ

Library borrowing has commenced for the year and students are able to enjoy books they take home each week or fortnight from our library. Books may be borrowed for a period of up to 2 weeks, after which they should be returned or re-borrowed. The following limits apply for borrowing:

K = 1 book Yrs 1 & 2 = 2 books Yrs 3 & 4 = 3 books Yrs 5 & 6 = 4 books

It is important for all students to have a library bag in order to borrow. A pillow case or shopping bags are good alternatives. A library bag helps students transport the borrowed books safely to and from home and also allows students to have a defined location for storing books when at home, to avoid them getting mixed up with family owned books.

We are very excited to announce that the new Australian Children's Laureate for 2020-2021 is Ursula Dubosarsky. We congratulate her on the role as we farewell the outgoing Laureate, Morris Gleitzman. Ursula is a well-known and well-loved Australian author of over 60 books ranging from children's picture books to non-fiction books on the English language.

The role of the Laureate is to promote the importance of reading, creativity and story in the lives of young children. During Ursula's 2 years as Children's Laureate, her theme will be 'READ FOR YOUR LIFE.' She is passionate about encouraging children to visit libraries and has said,

"To raise a generation of readers, you need access to lots of books. Every book you read makes you a better reader!"

Keep your eye out on our fortnightly 'BUZZ' where we will share more information about Ursula as she takes on this wonderful, new role. This week, during every library lesson, the children will be listening to a story written by Ursula Dubosarsky. Why not ask your child which one it was?! Perhaps you could take a visit to your local library and borrow one of her many books!

Happy reading! The Library Teachers

'The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the Library!' – Albert Einstein

P and C News!

Our next P & C Meeting for 2020 is on Tuesday 17th March at 7pm at Wallsend Diggers. We have decided to move the meetings offsite and would love to see some new faces, everybody is welcome.

P&C Facebook Group – WSPS P&C 2020

It's been great to be able to add so many new members to our P&C Facebook Group. It's a great way to stay up to date on current events run by the P&C, weekly volunteer lists plus canteen and uniform shop price lists. Please remember to gain access into this group there is a requirement to answer 3 simple questions which are used as safety precautions, these questions allow the administrators of the group to only accept parents and careers from the school community, if the questions are not answered the administrator will not be able to approve your request to join.

Simplest way to find our group is to search under the groups tab for **WSPS P&C 2020**

Entertainment Books are still available to purchase. As of this year books will no longer be available. Digital memberships are a great way to save money as you always have your device with you! Order your copy today: https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/348067 and get Up to 4 months EXTRA MEMBERSHIP + SPEND & SAVE + $20 BONUS WISH eGift Card when you purchase our NEW Multi City or Multi Plus Membership. Offers end 29th February!

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download to start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

Easter Raffle

Soon we will be asking for donations for the P&C Easter Raffle. Donations can be anything Easter themed from chocolate eggs to baskets or stuffed bunnies! Keep an eye out in the next Tallong for more information….

Uniform Shop

This week's volunteers are:

Tuesday 18th February 8:45 am – 9:15 am

Tammie Jones, Sandra Dart R: Pam Battle

Wednesday 19th February 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Nicole Crooks, Shannon Smith

Friday 21st February 8:45 am – 9:15 am

Jess Alexander-Lillicrap, Helen Taylor R: Wendy Wade

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 or send an email to wsps_pandc@yahoo.com.au.

Uniform Shop Price List for 2020

Please click on the link below to view current prices:

Click on link to Price List ---------> *** Uniform Price List***

Uniform Shop Clearance Items

Please click on the link below to view clearance items:

Click on link to Price List---------->***Uniform Shop Clearance Sale ***

Uniform Shop online orders are generally delivered within 2-3 days, depending on availability of volunteers. Also, online orders cannot be picked up from within the store. To use Qkr! instore, it's best to have downloaded the app and entered the relevant details and updated your password before coming in to allow for a smoother transaction.

Qkr! App Instructions

- **Download the app – Qkr! by Mastercard on either Android or iPhone.**

Qkr!™ by MasterCard

- **Sign Up**
  - Email Address
  - Name
  - Chosen Password
  - Phone Number
  - Accept
- **Enter credit card details for future payments.**
- **Select Wallsend South Public School**
- **Add Profiles** – Your Child at WSPS..
  - Child's Name
  - Gender
  - Year
  - Class
- **Each Child will need their own profile, add additional profiles.**
- **Main Homepage**
  - **Menu** – Option to order online from the Uniform Shop and Canteen. Option to pay for any P&C Events such as discos, colour fun run etc.
  - **Profile** – View Children's details. These will need to be updated each school year.

Canteen News!

This week's volunteers are:

Monday 17th February-

Tuesday 18th February- Sandra Dart

Wednesday 19th February- Linda Gresswell

Thursday 20th February- Tammie Jones & Francis Lambkin

Friday 21st February - Tania Barnes & Kim O'Connor

The Canteen is still in need of some more volunteers to help out. If you can spare a day a week or fortnight or anytime, please call into the Canteen and speak to Nicole or phone her on 0438538531 and she will be able to answer any question you may have. Remember you will be supporting the school in providing lunches for our hungry munchkins!!!

Qkr! Reminders

When logging into Qkr! for the first time this year, you will be prompted to update your child's year and class. It's also a great time to check your payment details are up to date. This helps us to deliver lunch orders and uniforms to the right class.

Canteen orders need to be placed by 9am each morning. If ordering recess and lunch, they **MUST** be placed as 2 separate orders otherwise it is processed as a lunch order and your child will miss out on receiving their recess order at recess. Also, please remind your child, they need to pick up their recess order from the canteen while lunch orders are delivered to classrooms.

School Banking News!

Please click on the link below to view banking news:

School Banking Week 3

Community News!

Disclaimer: Wallsend South Public School does not endorse any community business or activities included in this newsletter.

CALLING ALL DADS
OF PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS

DAUGHTERS & DADS Cricket

The world-first Daughters & Dads Cricket Program is coming to Newcastle!

DO YOU WANT TO...

- **Improve your daughter's cricket skills?**
- **Participate in a fun program together to improve your daughter's enjoyment and engagement in cricket?**
- **Help your daughter improve her social-emotional well-being?**

WHAT IS THE DAUGHTERS & DADS CRICKET PROGRAM?

- Consists of 8 x 90 minute sessions including:
  - 1 x dads-only workshop.
  - 7 x daughters and dads sessions.
- Daughters and Dads attend weekly sessions together, focusing on:
  - Cricket skill development (e.g., batting, bowling, fielding).
  - Well-being education aimed at developing your daughter's self-esteem, emotional regulation, confidence and resilience.
  - Rough and Tumble Play.
  - Cricket games and fitness.
- Targets primary school girls aged 7-12 years old and their dads (or father figure).

Date:	Tues 18th February - 7th April, 2020
Location:	Kotara High School Lexington Parade, Adamstown
Time:	5:45 - 7:15pm
Cost:	$110 (per Daughter and Dad pair)
Book online:	https://[illegible]

There are limited spaces available.

BOOK ONLINE

Need more details?

Contact: Emma Pollock
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Wallsend West Newcastle Swans AFC

Steve Lewer 0459 082162

Open for boys and girls 5-17yo

AFL Sign up for junior footy **play.afl**

Good for Kids good for life

MASTERING THE SPRINT

Sprinting is one of 12 Fundamental Movement Skills which requires practice. Fundamental Movement Skills are taught at school but you can help teach your child these important skills at home.

To master the sprint:

1. Lift knees high
2. Bring heels close to the bottom
3. Focus eyes forward
4. Don't let heels touch the ground
5. Land on balls of feet
6. Bend elbows at 90 degrees
7. Drive arms forward and back in opposition to legs

For a demonstration search: 'Get Skilled: Get Active – Sprint' on YouTube

NSW Health Hunter New England Local Health District

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

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The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

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