

Wentworth Public School Newsletter

13th May 2009



Last week our students had the opportunity to write and star in a movie. Our thanks to Paul and Ben for their time and skills. The film will be available within the next three weeks. Stand by for news of the viewing times.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Well done to everyone. We have made a great start to our recycling and thinking about the best packaging for products but we can do better. A lot more items can come to school in reusable containers. **For example:** cakes in plastic lidded containers or compostible greaseproof paper. It's also great to see children are having a lot more dried fruit combinations rather than crisps, twisties, etc. Keep up the good work.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program will be completed this Friday. It is the second year of the nationwide test and we will once again be keen to see the results of our students' learning and where our next phase of development will take us. Last year our students' numeracy learning was a difficulty. We will be interested to see if our strategies over the past year have improved our results.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Two projects have been listed for the school. Firstly, to paint the outside of the school and secondly, to replace 4-5 Mac's classroom with a home base and specialty room. Both these projects are still to be costed with more information available for discussion at our next P n C Meeting **27/05/09**. As well, we have listed an additional 15 projects which, when completed in 2011, will have our school as the jewel in the Sunraysia Cluster.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2010

If you would like your child to attend an OC class, please contact the school. OC classes are open to all students in Year 4, 2009.

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Raised**Responsibility
and Values**

*The school values
are;*

*Be polite and
consider others*

*Show respect for
everyone and*

everything

Be an active listener

*Be honest in words
and actions*

Work and play safely

*Have a go and stay
on task*

but only a small selection of schools in NSW run the classes. If you are contemplating an application, please ask for the list of schools.

STAFF CHANGES AND UPDATES

While Janet is having a great overseas holiday, Mrs Di Canning will fill the role of the School Administrator. Also, every Wednesday, Mrs Sandra Bailey will be assisting the School Administration position.

From, July 15, Mrs Rees will be on maternity leave and Mrs Colleen Scolyer will have the 2-3 class until the end of Term 2.

*** Thank you to all the Mums who came to the morning tea- What a wonderful morning.**

HOMEWORK SUGGESTIONS

Some families are finding homework tasks difficult to complete due to a variety of reasons, so we will have a homework session available in the Library every day from Monday to Thursday during the second half of lunch. Please let your classroom teacher know if help is needed or your child can simply turn up and complete homework with the assistance of the teacher on library duty

Hoping this solution solves the homework difficulty.

Please keep us informed.

* Warren Davies

Principal

BOOK FAIR

The library will be hosting a book fair on **Thursday, 4th June**. The library will be open during the disco for parents/guardians to purchase books.

CROSS COUNTRY

We will be having our Cross Country on **Thursday 21st May**. All students will take part in this event.

A permission note is included in this newsletter.

If any parents/guardians, community members are available to assist on the day could you please let the office know or write it on the permission note. Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS

Classes have library on the following days;

Monday- Year 6

Tuesday- 2/3R

Wednesday- 3/4B

Thursday- 4/5Mac

Friday- 1S

Kinder will continue to have library on **Thursday** with Mrs Larwood.

The classes will be in the library for 2 and 1/2 hours. The sessions will also incorporate technology and in the future, there will hopefully, be some healthy kitchen gardening. All classes are in the process of designing a new kitchen garden area for the school. Look out for a display of plans, in the library, soon.

All students have filled in their orders for 'Books In Homes'. This is a great initiative that allows our students to receive three free books for them to keep. Books will arrive and be distributed before the end of term.

Most students should also have received book club order forms. These are to be returned to class teachers, with payment. If any one has not received an order form and would like to, please contact Mrs Hopcroft.

A big thankyou to Judy, James, Steve, Wade family, Nathan and Miss Marzie for assisting with the library changes. Your help was greatly appreciated.

S.R.C. NEWS

On the **22nd of May** we will have a Weird Shirt Day. Children can come to school wearing a bright shirt or a normal t-shirt backwards. There will be a \$1 donation to raise money for Cancer Council Australia. We are sure this event will be a success.

Morgan Hopcroft

Rhianna Duncan

2/3R Water Bug Excursion

There is a permission note attached to this newsletter regarding this excursion.

NUT BAN

As we have students who have a SEVERE allergy to nuts, children are requested not to bring any nuts or products containing nuts in their lunches.

HEAD LICE

Now is the season for Head Lice. Please check your child's hair regularly. Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX - KINDERGARTEN STUDENT SURVEYS

Between May and July this year, schools around Australia are taking part in a nation-wide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI).

The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on **children in their first year of school**.

This will involve teachers completing an online 'checklist' - like a survey or questionnaire - for every child in their class.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities, based on whole groups of children, in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children's development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made, to give children the best start in life.

Parents will receive more information about our school's involvement in the AEDI in the coming weeks. You can find out more about the AEDI at www.aedi.org.au

BEDWETTING

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet, please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or Phone: 1300 135 796

PRIMARY SPORT ELECTIVES

The second round of sport electives is half way through the program. A gentle reminder, that golf and karate, do cost \$1 per week. Please make sure your child has their money for these activities. At the end of this program the students will be involved in preparation for the athletics carnival which will be held at the end of the term. If any one knows anything about high jump, shot put, long jump, relays or discus, we are always looking for helpers to train the students before the carnival day.

AUSKICK STARTS AGAIN

At the Dareton Oval: **Wednesday 29th April** and will run every Wednesday in Term 2. The cost is \$50 per child. All inquiries to Trevor

Radloff, Co-ordinator on: 50279318 or Andy Murdock on: 0427274396.

TERM 2 CANTEEN ROSTER

May 15th Janine Duncan

Jacqui Ives

May 22nd Katherine Martin

Katrina Reardon

May 29th Winnie Wheatley

Sharon Hopfner

June 5th Becky Bysouth

Sonia Norris

June 12th Janine Duncan

Paul Reardon

SCHOOL DISCO

Come one, come all to our school disco. It will be held **Thursday, 4th June** (Week 6) in the school hall. There will be two sessions. The **infant** session will be held from **6-7pm** and the primary session **7-8.30pm**. **Entry** cost is **\$2.50**. This will gain you entry into the hall, a packet of chips and a drink of cordial. We will also be selling glow sticks and glow necklaces on the night. These will range in price from **.50 to \$2.50**. The theme this year is to come dressed as something beginning with the first letter of your name. There will be a prize for the most original costume. We hope to see you all there.

P & C SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Terry Quinn from Mallee Family Care has been invited to talk about services which can be provided to families. Please come along to hear what he has to say. All welcome.

May/June 2009

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10/5	11/5	12/5 NAPLAN Language Writing	13/5 NAPLAN Reading	14/5 NAPLAN Numeracy	15/5 Canteen NAPLAN CATCH UP DAY Homework Grid Due Kinder Bookclub Due	16/5
17/5	18/5 Homework Grid	19/5 2/3R Water Bug Excursion	20/5	21/5 Cross Country	22/5 Canteen <i>Weird Shirt Day</i>	23/5
24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5 UNSW Computer Skills Competition <i>P&C Meeting - 7pm Guest Speaker, Terry Quinn</i>	28/5	29/5 <i>Canteen</i> Homework Grid Due	30/5
31/5	1/6 Homework Grid	2/6	3/6	4/6 Disco Book Fair in Library	5/6 <i>Canteen</i>	6/6
7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6	12/6 <i>Canteen</i> Homework Grid Due	13/6

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET

A compressed version of the School Newsletter is
available on the School's Web page:

www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Joke!!

**Q: What is big,
grey and good
at sums**

**A: An elephant
with a calcula-
tor**

**Infant Brain
Teaser**

**Q:Which saint is
Santa Claus
named after?**

A:

Name:

**Primary Brain
Teaser**

**Q:Which is the
nearest country
to north pole?**

A:

Name:

Darling Street Wentworth

Phone: 03 50273146 or 0350273489

Fax: 03 50273778

E-mail: wentworth-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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