

Wentworth Public School Newsletter

20th May 2009



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

We thank Judy Pengelly, especially, for her daily attendance at School helping our students and staff, but we also deeply acknowledge all of our community helpers who help with our children. You are very much valued and appreciated.

AFL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Mitch Davison on selection to the Barrier AFL Team. He will now have the opportunity to play against other AFL teams from throughout the State. All the very best.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR RETURN

Mrs Wanda Warren has returned to the school Counselling position but only on a part time basis. This means that our School will have her services for three Wednesdays per month. Wanda is steadily clearing the backlog of assessments, reviews and interviews on a prioritised basis, according to need. Please be prepared for a slight delay but your child will have their needs met.

NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 have now completed their basic skills test. The results will be sent to Schools around September 11th and forwarded home soon after.

WINTER ILLNESS

The winter season is well and truly on us and so are the typical winter bugs. Please ensure that if your child is unwell, they stay home in order to contain the infection. Also, it has now been medically proven that the thorough washing of hands after coughing, sneezing and so on, will effectively contain the spread of germs. This is a good habit for all our students to adopt.

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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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for your support in maintaining our student's wearing of their uniform. We now have 100% students with full uniform. Please remember that the school is able to support families who have financial difficulty in purchasing uniforms. Please contact the Principal if help is required.

UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE

Recently, there has been a few outbursts of totally unacceptable language by some students. Thankfully, this happens rarely and is looked at individually with the support of parents. However, the underlying notion is that all unacceptable language will face a discipline infringement which will result in a school suspension. Please talk to your children about acceptable public language and non acceptable language so they know the difference and won't land in trouble. Thank you for supporting the school in this vital part of children's education.

FISHERS COMMUNITY BENEFIT TAGS

We had a visit from 'Finny' the Fishers' Fish last week who handed out fruit and stickers to the children.

Fishers IGA promote community involvement, with a percentage of your shopping dockets going to the school.

If you would like a tag to present at the checkout, please contact the school.

Have a great week.

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.

office know or write it on the permission note. Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS

Classes have library on the following days:

Monday- 6F

Tuesday- 2/3R

Wednesday- 3/4B

Thursday- 4/5Mac

Friday- 1S

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

SRC 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. We will also be selling Stewie Dolphins and tattoos from the 25th to the 29th May for \$3 for the dolphins and \$1 for the tattoos. This will be

Raise money to support Stewart House.

Morgan Hopcroft

Rhianna Duncan.

CROSS COUNTRY

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

* CHANGE OF VENUE

The Cross Country will now be held on the bike track on the way to Curlwaa.

This has been necessary due to Shire works on our old track. It is not necessary to sign a new Permission Note.

If it is raining tomorrow the Cross Country will be postponed to **Monday 25th May**.

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.

MY BODY CHALLENGE

Do you live in the Wentworth Shire and feel you need help to pursue a healthy lifestyle change? ... Take the Challenge Wentworth— at Wentworth Memorial Rooms. Wednesday 27th May. 12-30pm to 1.30pm

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.

FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM

Family wellness is a dynamic new group designed to assist and support parents and families to develop practical skills, find healthier solutions and share problem solving strategies for common family difficulties.

Family wellness consists of six 'stand alone' sessions making this group flexible in the way in which it can be delivered to families. Over the six weeks, the program will deliver information and strategies in the following topics:

- ⇒ Parents in Healthy Families
- ⇒ Children in Healthy families
- ⇒ Couples in Healthy families
- ⇒ As Children Grow: Change in Healthy Families

⇒ Solving Family Problems

⇒ Drugs, Sex and You

All sessions will be held on six consecutive weeks. Presented by Mildura's Family Services Team, Family Wellness promises to be a fresh, innovative way in which families can work toward positive change and have some fun doing it.

Please contact Centrecare for more information on: 50220470.

PRIMARY SPORT ELECTIVES

The second round of sport electives will finish this week. 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.

TERM 2 CANTEEN ROSTER

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.

INDIAN NIGHT AT MASON'S RESTAURANT

Saturday 30th May. \$30.00 for a 2 Course Indian Meal with some Australian options. Free display of the movie 'Slumdog Millionaire' after dinner.

Bookings Essential: **50273777**.

Supporting Wentworth Pre School.

May/June 2009

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17/5	18/5 Homework Grid	19/5 2/3R Water Bug Excursion	20/5 School Councillor	21/5 Cross Country	22/5 Canteen <i>Weird Shirt Day</i>	23/5
24/5	25/5	26/5 Flying Fruit Fly Circus	27/5 UNSW Computer Skills Competition School Councillor <i>P&C Meeting - 7pm Guest Speaker,</i>	28/5	29/5 Canteen Homework Grid Due	30/5
31/5	1/6 Homework Grid	2/6 Drug Education Years 4,5 & 6	3/6 Police Safety Talk	4/6 Disco <i>Book Fair in Library</i>	5/6 Canteen	6/6
7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6 UNI NSW Science Competition	11/6	12/6 Canteen Homework Grid Due District Cross Country	13/6
14/6	15/6	16/6	17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6

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 the
dead centre of
Wentworth

A: The cemetery

Infant Brain
Teaser

Q: How can I make
75c out of
three coins?

A:

Name:

Primary Brain
Teaser

Q: Which is
greater. The
number of
seconds in a week
or the number of
minutes in a
year?

A:

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