This will be the final newsletter for 2014. I look forward to catching up with families at our Annual Presentation Night on **Thursday 11th December** at the Wentworth Club. We need students and adults to be seated by **6.45pm for a 7.00pm** start.

While we wish all students could receive Awards for individual triumphs, on the night this is NOT possible. Please have a discussion with your child prior to the event to make sure they understand this concept and are not disappointed on the night.

This year there are a couple of changes to the Awards. One is the introduction of two (one boy and one girl) Compassion Awards per class. These have been kindly donated by Pastor Bob Spary. We have also selected two students per Stage in each of the Literacy Groups.

To cater, for the different grade levels in each Literacy Group, two students per Stage have been chosen to receive Literacy Awards.

**2015 CLASSES**

Thanks for the feedback on the proposed class arrangements for next year. I have let students know today who will be their teacher next year to help them prepare for the change.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter the consultation process to base the classes on ability levels was not taken lightly.

As a staff we have spent a great deal of time analysing comments and Assessment Data consulting support workers such as the School Counsellor, Speech Pathologists and the Learning and Support teacher to make sure we were doing the best for all the students.

Due to classes having a range of ages in them, we will be looking at doing some activities to allow opportunities for peer groups to work together. This may include lunch time activities just for 3/4 and 5/6 student groups.

The afternoon sessions may also involve these groups working together on different Key Learning Areas. At the end of Term 1, we will be seeking feedback on the class arrangements. Please contact me or any of the staff to discuss further or make comment.

**MAX EMPLOYMENT**

Thanks to an arrangement we have with Max Employment we have had the pleasure of having the following volunteers working in our school throughout Term 4. Sarah (Office), Karin (Office), Maria (K/1/2 Classroom), and Richard (Grounds).

We really look forward to continuing this partnership in 2015.
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### This Week's Newsletter

**Attachments**

- Receipts

### Graduate Profile

When I leave Wentworth Public School, I want to love to learn new things and be able to complete reading, writing and numeracy tasks confidently. I want to be respectful of myself and others and have good communication skills.
STAFF INFORMATION

Miss Marzie has been away recently and will not be back on the 3/4/5M Class for the rest of this year due to her mother being ill. We wish Mrs Marziano a speedy recovery.

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.


Have a safe holiday break!

IN BRIEF

- Thanks Mrs Vines for making new aprons for the Kitchen.

- Casual Dress this **Thursday 11th December** to allow clean uniforms for Presentation Night.

- Reports will be going home **Tuesday 16th December**.

- Casual Dress **Wednesday 17th December**—last day of Term.

- School Magazine can be collected from Presentation Night if ordered.

- Year 6 Farewell **Monday 15th December** at the Wentworth Tennis Club **5.45 pm**.

Thank you to the Staff, Students and School Community on a great year.

Have a Safe and Merry Christmas, See you next year,

Natalie Hopcroft, Principal.
* The next Donut Day for Term 4 will be on the 12th December

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please also send me an email if you are able to help out one Friday a term next year as a canteen volunteer, or if you are a current volunteer who is unable to be on next year’s roster.

Thanks, Kathryn
0407 847 717 / kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com

**P&C RAFFLE BOOKS**

Please return your raffle books and money (and any unsold tickets) to the office by tomorrow morning.

No tickets will be entered into the draw if returned at the Presentation Night.

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER - DISCO**

As part of our Year 6 Farewell Dinner celebrations on the 15th December, we will be holding our traditional disco. Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend this part of the night. The disco is held at the Wentworth Tennis Club and begins at 7.15pm and runs until 8.30pm

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS PRICE RISE FOR 2015**

- Shirts from $15 to $20
- Shorts from $10 to $15
- Hats from $6 to $10

**5/6 G CHRISTMAS SKITS**

5/6G class have been busily writing and practising their own written Christmas skits to the whole school. The students will perform on Tuesday the 16th at 9:30am in the hall. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the 4 short Christmas based skits.
Hello Everyone,

Firstly, a huge thankyou to everyone who contributed to the Volunteer’s lunch today, it was very much appreciated. And on behalf of all of K/1/2B, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who generously give their time to help out at school.

Congratulations to all Year Five students who presented speeches last Friday. You all did an amazing job and should be very proud of yourselves.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Presentation evening tomorrow night. Students are able to wear casual dress on Thursday so they have a clean uniform to wear for Presentation Night.

As an end of year celebration, K/1/2 are planning a movie afternoon next Tuesday. Students may bring a pillow from home to get comfortable on. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Keep smiling.

Leanne Byrnes

EARLY LEARNING GROUP

Last week, ELG listened to Year Five (their Buddy class) present their Captains Speeches to the school. Well done to them all for sitting so beautifully and showing wonderful manners. This Friday is our final session and we will have a Christmas focus.

It has been great getting to know all the 2015 Kindergarten students. They have certainly grown in confidence after attending these sessions and this will make the transition to school next year less stressful for them.

Have a great week

Leanne
YEAR 1/2S NEWS

It is hard to believe we only have one more week to go! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your support this year. It has been wonderful teaching the 1/2S children this year. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Thanks to all who sent in an ingredient for our sandwich making. We had a great time making sandwiches with our buddies 3/4/5M this morning. The Volunteers Lunch was a success again!

Tomorrow night we have our Presentation Night starting at 7pm. It would be wonderful to see all children attend the night. Hope to see you there.

A few reminders:

- Please return all library and reader books as soon as possible.
- Next Tuesday is our Fun Day and Movie Evening. Information went home last week. Please return RSVP’s by this Friday.
- Children wear casual dress tomorrow to keep uniforms clean for the Presentation Night.

Hope you all have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 3/4H NEWS

Our reward sleep over went very well on Friday night. I would like to thank everyone who helped me out at the swimming pool and Craig and Rachel Wellard for supplying our tea. I must also thank Mrs Hopcroft, who spent the night sleeping on her couch to help me out.

We had a wonderful volunteer’s lunch today. Thank you to everyone who donated fruit for the event.

A few reminders:

- I am going to begin packing up the classroom early next week. I am hoping that all students will bring in a couple of plastic bags to help bring work home in.
- Thursday night will be Presentation Night. Students are able to wear casual dress to school Thursday, so that their uniform is all ready to go on the night.
- Year 3 and 4 students are invited to attend the Year 6 leaver’s dinner disco on Monday the 15th at the Tennis club. The disco will run from 7.15pm till 8.30pm.

Have a great week everyone. See you at presentation night.

Jenny Halls
YEAR 5/6 NEWS

Next Monday is the Year 6 Farewell. Please make sure that your Year 6 child has prepared their farewell/thankyou speech.

Thank you to all the parents and students that have made 2014 such a fantastic year in 5/6G. It has been wonderful to see the kids stepping up and into their role as school leaders. I wish all of the Year 6 students the best of luck as they begin their high school journey.

I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and enjoys their time over the summer. Remember kids; keep up your reading over the holidays!!!

Cheers,

Brian

Purpose Statement

Wentworth Public School prepares our students for a successful future by providing quality educational opportunities for all, which encourage life-long learning. We emphasize strong reading, writing and maths skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.

Achievement Certificates: Showing respect to everyone and everything

Kinder/1/2B: Emanuell Peterson and Jarah Thorne
1/2S: Allan Mitchell and Olive Watson-Kiely
3/4H: Olivia Baird and Heath Jones
3/4/5M: Chloe Nash and Hannah Darby
5/6G: Lyle Thorne and Sarah Watters-Behsmann

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Student of the Week for Week 10 Term 4

How will you spread Christmas joy cheer this year?

Jake:
I will give to people!

Callan:
I will give out Christmas Cards!

Izzack:
I will wish people a Merry Christmas!

Noel:
I am going to give people candy canes!

Ben:
I am going to help people!

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