PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It was lovely to see so many friendly faces at our Mother’s Day afternoon tea. The students certainly got a buzz from having you at school.

Well done to the Cross Country runners who represented our school so well at the MD Cross Country in Euston on Monday.

Also thank you to the students who played recorder at the Red Cross exhibition last Friday.

We certainly have a large range of opportunities available for our students at Wentworth Public School.

Good luck to Bronte Rix who will be representing barrier at the state basketball competition next week.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

It is very appropriate to acknowledge our wonderful volunteers at any time but especially this week when it is ‘National Volunteers Week’. We are very fortunate at Wentworth to have so many dedicated members of the community willing to offer assistance to our school and its students all throughout the year. It is fair to say that without this help our job would be a lot harder.
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GOODBYE JAMES

Sadly for us we have had to farewell a long time volunteer at Wentworth Public School in James Whitchurch. James has taken a job with Meals on Wheels and commenced there this week. We are extremely grateful to James for the dedicated work he has provided over the years. We will be having a special farewell lunch in the near future in honour of James and all community members will be welcome to attend. More on this in future newsletters.

EXCESS SCHOOL FURNITURE

We have a large number of excess school furniture that we are going to make available for sale. Please contact the office if you are interested in finding out more.

WIMMERA HEARING VAN

The Hearing Van will be visiting the school tomorrow and assessing the hearing of all students in the school. Please contact the office if you do not want your child’s hearing checked.

CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE

Over the next few weeks I will be including some information from the Department related to Attendance at school. Please take the time to read it. (See page 5)

CIRCUS

We are planning to take our circus skills on the road in the near future. To do this we have the search party out looking for a mobile storage, stage, transport vehicle for taking to markets, pre schools, fairs, shows, open days etc. An old caravan would be ideal.

Please let us know if you know of something that might be suitable for this purpose.
P & C MEETING
This afternoon at 4 pm at the Royal Hotel. The main item up for discussion is the school oval. Your attendance at this meeting is encouraged.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS APOLOGY
The information I provided in last week’s newsletter regarding Year 5 Opportunity Class was incorrect. My apologies for this but the Department does not actually offer this service to students in remote areas. The unit will let us know if there are any virtual classes offered in the future.

Have a great week,
Natalie Hopcroft,
Principal.

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING
There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20th May at 1.00pm at the school, lunch will be provided.

Thank you
Trish Jones.

YEAR 5’S MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Congratulations to Linley Halls (Summer's Nan), Ivan Behsmann (Sarah and Robbie’s Dad) and Di McCartin (Montana’s Nan) who were the lucky winners of this year’s Mother’s Day Raffle.

Thank you to all the families that donated prizes, to everyone who purchased tickets and a huge thank you to all the terrific Year 5 students who sold the tickets. $506 was raised in this little venture. A great start towards the Year 6 Farewell Dinner.

Your support was much appreciated
Sandra Marziano.
CELEBRATE ATTENDANCE

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority. Allowing children days off for Birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as the child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities, The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS—SAVING LIL AND ARCHIE

Brainstorm productions will be presenting their show 'Saving Lil and Archie' on the 10th June 2014 at 10:30 am and it will cost $5.00 per child. It’s a fun way to demonstrate emotions and how to deal with anger and fear. It promotes kindness and forgiveness. The performance also highlights safe and appropriate use of Technology. It also encourages children to limit screen time, get more sleep and do more exercise.

For more information on the company follow this link or go to www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Permission slip in next week’s newsletter.
MURRAY DARLING CROSS COUNTRY

Last Monday 11th May, 40 Wentworth students travelled to Euston for the Murray Darling Cross Country. All the children did a spectacular job. Well done for your awesome behaviour and extraordinary efforts!

A number of students have qualified for the Barrier Cross Country which is being held in Broken Hill on Friday 6th June. Further information and permission notes will be handed out at a later date. Results from the Murray Darling Cross Country will be printed in next week’s newsletter once we have received the official results from Euston.

Please note that there was a miscalculation for the Handicap trophy which had been originally awarded to Euston. The result has been amended and Wentworth Primary is the lucky winner this year! Well Done!!!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who drove down extra students to lighten the bus load. I would also like to thank Amber Baird for volunteering your help out on the track. It was wonderful seeing so many parents down at the track cheering on the children. Go Wentworth!

NSWPSSA STATE BASKETBALL

Next week Bronte Rix is off to Albury to represent the Girls Barrier Basketball team at the NSWPSSA State Carnival. We would like to wish her the best of luck!

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Age champion medallions and place ribbons will be handed out at next Monday morning’s assembly.

Jordana Shields
STUDENTS HELP WITH LAKE VICTORIA FILM

Eight students from our school were at Lake Victoria last Wednesday to help make a film on Aboriginal cultural heritage. The students were accompanied by Mrs Jennifer Halls and Ms Donna Moylan. The completed film will be about various Aboriginal cultural heritage issues at the lake. Accompanied by Barkindji Elders, the students visited and learnt about the lake, middens, tools, hearths and burial sites. They also learnt about how Aboriginal people lived at the lake for thousands of years. While all of this was happening, the students and teachers were filmed.

The film is being made by the Murray Darling Association and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. The DVD is expected to be completed by September but students will be allowed to view the final draft. The DVD will be available for all schools in the Murray-Darling Basin to help people to better understand the importance of Lake Victoria. It will also help teachers and students better engage with Aboriginal communities.

Barkindji Elders commented on the attention and good behaviour of the students. The Murray Darling Association and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre thank Jennifer Halls, Ms Donna Moylan and the students for being willing to participate in the film.

This Weeks Newsletter Attachments

- Receipts
- Family letters for updating family details
Is your child interested in playing sport?
Maybe they would like to learn an instrument?
Or have a go at Guides or Scouts?
Are you worried your family budget won’t stretch that far?

The Chances Connecting Kids with Community Fund provides funding to eligible applicants so that kids can 'have a go' at an after school activity. Please contact Lesley Cordoma on 5021 4789 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW DATE

The Lower Anabranch Sporting and Landcare Group Inc. will be holding their Annual Picnic and Sports Day this Sunday May 18th 2014.
To be held at the Anabranch Hall, STARTING AT 10AM SHARP.
Entry Free. Raffle and Lolly guess held.
Afternoon Tea supplied. Cordial for the kids supplied.
BYO drinks, Shared lunch: BBQ meat supplied. Please bring a salad to share.
A great family day! All welcome.
**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2, 2014**

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* **DONUT DAYS FOR TERM 2 - 9TH MAY & 27TH JUNE**

If you are unavailable to do canteen on your rostered day, please call Kathryn (ph. 040 784 7717) as soon as possible, or we will have no canteen for that Friday. This is due to a shortage of volunteers.

kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com  kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com

**WANTED:** If anyone has any unwanted exterior house paint Trish Jones would greatly appreciate it, as the children will be painting murals. If you can assist please leave the paint at the front office, Thank you.

**VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS**

Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday—contact the school for her phone number.
Hello Everyone,

K/1/2 B has voted new SRC representatives for term 2, congratulations to Caitlin and Jarrah on being chosen.

Last week we had a visit from Clara and her 2 dogs. Clara talked to the students about responsible pet ownership and how to stay safe around dogs. The students enjoyed this visit immensely. K/1/2 also walked to the Red Cross shop in Wentworth to view their posters which are on display. Mother’s day afternoon tea was a lovely way to end the week; I know the children enjoyed having you all here.

This week we will be looking at the letters 'v', 'w' and 'x'.

We will be continuing with our unit on 'Changes' and I would like all students to bring in a photo of themselves. In mathematics we are looking at 2D shapes.

Reminders:

- Homework to be returned every Monday.
- Library borrowing day is Thursday.
- Book club orders due back 16th May.
- Please label all items of clothing.
- Donations of fruit for our morning fruit break.

Keep Smiling

Leanne Byrnes
YEARN 1/2S NEWS

I hope all the Mums had a special Mother's Day last Sunday. According to the children you were all spoilt and had a wonderful day getting lovely gifts and treated to a breakfast, lunch or dinner. Thank you to all the ladies who attended our Mother’s Day afternoon tea last Friday. It was lovely to see so many faces.

The children have blown me away this past week with their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. I have so many leaders in my room and it is enjoyable to see such positive attitudes. Keep it up 1/2S!

This week, being Volunteers Week the children have been learning about the importance of volunteers and why we should be grateful for those people who generously give up their time.

A few reminders:

- Library borrowing every Thursday
- Homework returned, marked and handed out Mondays
- Reader check and change Tuesday and Thursdays
- For the rest of this week I will be in Broken Hill for Reading Recovery training. Please contact or see Mrs Hopcroft or Miss Marziano if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Jordana Shields
YEAR 3/4H NEWS

This week has been a big one with NAPLAN testing for most of the students in my class. Tomorrow we have one test left, that being Mathematics. At the completion of the test on Thursday year 3/4H will be cooking in the middle session. If anyone has time between 12.40pm and 2pm your help would be very much appreciated by the students, Jodie and myself.

On Friday we will finish off the week with a fishing trip, to make up for the cancelled trip last term. All students are encouraged to bring their hats, rods, bait, snacks and lunch. Parents and carers are also invited to join us.

A reminder also that diaries will be checked on a Thursday from this week.

Have another great week.

Cheers,

Jenny

ELECTRICAL ITEMS

I am looking for any old electrical items to pull apart during the lunchtime activity I am running. Items such as old stereos, toasters and radios anything that the children could dismantle and explore. If you have any items that could be of use please drop them into the 3/4H room or to the office.

Thank you,

Jenny
**YEAR 4/5M NEWS**

We hope all the mum’s and special ladies had a wonderful, relaxed day yesterday. Make sure you use up the coupons the children have provided you with.

We have a great way to celebrate National Volunteer Week and that is with another special volunteer guest speaker. Today in the Year 4/5M class we welcomed Julie Blore (Holly’s Nan), who spoke about Rotary and the contribution Rotary makes to our community. Thank you Julie for such an interesting and informative session. Next week we will be having Scout Leader Eve Reiner visiting us. It’s been great to see how eager the students have been to learn more about people volunteers in Wentworth and how the sense of giving is more rewarding than taking.

Yesterday the class had a terrific time down in the kitchen. Thank you to those who were able to assist.

Reminders:

- Year 5 & 6 GRIP Leadership Conference Permission Note due Friday 23rd May.
- Donation of any fruit and vegies for our daily Crunch & Sip.
- Water bottle and art smock.
- Daily return of diaries for any additional information to be added.

Hope you can join us for fishing this Friday,
Sandra Marziano.

**ALL YEAR 3–6**

A reminder that the Fishing Excursion notes that were sent home earlier in week are due back tomorrow. Don’t forget your fishing gear for this Friday.
**YEAR 5/6G NEWS**

Well done to everyone who competed so well in the cross country this week. It was a pleasure to take such a well-mannered group of students away to represent the school.

Congratulations to Harley Jones for being this week’s student of the week. Harley has done a great job at demonstrating responsibility; especially in helping with the Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea and the field trip out to Lake Victoria.

This week NAPLAN will be occurring in our class. During this time, Year 5 students will be completing the NAPLAN assessment in Room 2 and the Year 6 students will be participating in buddy activities in the Kindergarten/1/2 Room. After Thursday, classes will return to normal.

On Friday, we will be having a second fishing day as long as the weather permits. We had a lovely time down on the river at the end of last term and it is wonderful to get the chance to catch up on the day that we missed out on. A note was sent home on Monday, can you please make sure that it is signed and returned as soon as possible?

As part of our Local History unit we are looking at local charities, volunteer groups and organisations that function in Wentworth. 5/6G will be focusing on the role of the Red Cross. If there is anybody in your family that is connected to the Red Cross, or any other volunteer organisation or charity, we would love to have them in to explain about what it is that their group does.

Have a good week,

Brian
REMINDERS

HEAD LICE
Check your child’s hair regularly.

NUT BAN
No nuts or nut products at school.

STUDENT BANKING
Bendigo Bank Student Banking on Wednesday morning.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET
A copy of the newsletter is on the School’s Web page: www.wentworth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES—ALL STUDENTS
$20 per child
$50 per family (if you have more than 2 children)

KITCHEN GARDEN FEES (Students in Years 3 to 6)
$15 per term

UNIFORMS—HATS
Hats and Uniform items available from the office.

Achievement Certificates
Kinder/1/2B: Lyle Clark & Zachary Donahue
1/2S: Ellie Vines & Lucy Cullinan
3/4H: Dylan Wellard & Mieke Dwyer
4/5M: Jaxon McInnes & Amelia Paech
5/6G: Zac Hyde & Tyrone Jones
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.

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.

Student of the Week

What is your favourite thing about coming to Wentworth Public School?

Madeline Heywood:
I like the playground equipment.

Shauna Lawson:
Playing on the computers in the Library.

Jane Cullinan:
Making new friends.

Tobias Watson-Kiely:
Sport because it is lots of fun. You get to do different things.

Harley Jones:
The different carnivals we have.