We were delighted this week to receive a delivery of wristbands for every student from the Wentworth RSL Ladies Auxiliary. Our students wore them with pride today and as we stood still for a minute silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month. Thanks to Jane and Hamish for the excellent speech at 11 am.

I have included the summary of the recent family survey outlining the area of what is going well, what needs improving and additional comments.

It is pleasing to see there are a lot more positives than improvement areas. Some of the improvement areas will be addressed in the near future. Thank you for the constructive feedback.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK
Due to some new photocopiers being installed at our school next week, there will not be a newsletter distributed.

WHOOPING COUGH
Schools have been asked to put the following information in their newsletters:

Whooping cough alert - advice for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.
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**This Week’s Newsletter**

**Attachments**

- Receipts
- Coomealla High School Newsletter (Yr6)

**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.
PRE WARNING UPCOMING EXCURSION COSTS

The staff have organised two end of year celebration days for all students to take part in.
The infants are having a day in Mildura attending a ballet performance, Water Park, K Mart and the Tourist Centre.
The Primary Classes will also go to Mildura and visit Inflatable World and the Water Park.
These excursions will have a cost of $10 per student.
I am giving some early notice of these two events to allow families time to pay for the trip.
Notes and payments slips will come home early next week and you will have a few weeks before payment is due.
Please contact me if there are any concerns covering these payments.

SCHOOL PLAN

The final strategic direction in our school plan is “Community Partnerships”. Our purpose for this direction is to work in partnership with the community, valuing each stakeholder’s role in achieving outstanding outcomes for our students.

As part of this direction our SRC will be performing another one of their give back to the community projects tomorrow Thursday 12th November.

This term they have chosen to clean up the vacant block of land diagonally opposite the club car park.

We would love to have any community members also assist us with this task. All you need is a rake, some gardening gloves and lots of enthusiasm.

Please meet us at the car park at 9.45am.

CONCERT DVD’S

Concert DVD’s will be available from Friday at the front office $15 each.
If you have already ordered, they will come home with your eldest child on Friday.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.
FUN DAY – FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL
(Run by Miss Marzie’s Class and helpers)

When: Wednesday 18th November
Time: 12:50pm – 2:25pm
Tokens sold on the day: 5 for $1 (Each child should have $3 - $4 worth to really enjoy the afternoon)

Come along and join the fun too! Some tokens will be for sale in the afternoon also.

There will be lots of activities for the children to take part in, some of them including: ice cream spiders, lolly guess, balloon burst, obstacle course, white elephant stall, lucky number, lucky dip, Mintie wrapper comp, guess the string length, raffle, slime dip and lots more!

We will be starting off our fun afternoon with a sausage sizzle. The sausages and rissoles will be $2 each. Order forms can be found below. Please complete and return by Monday, 16th November. Everyone is welcomed to join in and enjoy the sausage sizzles also. Just add your personal order to your child’s form.

Please Note: One stall that will need donations from the school community is a White Elephant Stall. If you have any unwanted goodies that can be part of the White Elephant Stall, can you please send these in to the office over the next couple of days?

Much appreciated,
Miss Marzie’s Class

Fun Day Sausage Sizzle Order Form
(RSV: Monday 16th November)

Students Name: __________________________ Class: ___________
No of Sausages @ $2 ____________________
No of Rissoles: @ $2 ____________________
Total Money Included: $_____________
Signed: __________________________ Date: _______________
BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our end of year Book Fair in Technology room, (next to the school library) from Tuesday 24th November - Thursday 26th November. Students will be visiting the fair with their classroom teacher or Mrs Farley leading up to the fair and writing some 'wish lists'.

Please note that due to the wonderful response at our last Book Fair, the students qualify this time for a special deal. Purchase one and get a second book for the same price or under for free.

The fair will be open for viewing/purchasing during the following times:

- Tuesday 24th November - 9:00-9:20am / 12:15-12:35pm / 3:15-4:00pm
- Wednesday 25th November - 9:00-9:20am / 12:15-12:35pm / 3:40-4:30pm
- Thursday 26th November - 9:00-11:30am

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to see me.

Happy Reading and Purchasing,

Sandra Marziano

SCHOOL MAGAZINE FRONT COVER COMPETITION

Each year the school publishes a School Magazine which consists of a few reports and articles from every class, plus a lot of photos of the different activities and events that have been held throughout the year. This year we will also have photos from the School Concert.

As part of the magazine, students are being asked to create a design for the front cover. We are encouraging children to be as creative as possible. If children would like to make a collage, diorama, 3D model, mosaic or computer image; a photo can be taken of it if it is the winning design. It is also acceptable to enter a drawing if that’s what children would prefer. Drawings can only be produced on A4 size paper. Please ensure name and class are clearly marked on the back of these entries. NO NAME ON THE FRONT.

Entries can be dropped off at the front office by Friday 20th November.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDERS

Orders for this year’s copy of the School Magazine are now being taken. The closing date for orders is Friday November 27th.

The cost will be $10. We only print the number of orders received.

Copies of last year’s magazine are available for viewing in the school office.

Please return the attached slip and money to the office by Friday 27th November.

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School Magazine 2015 Order

Students Name: _______________________________

Number required: _______

Money enclosed: $ _______

Parent/Carer Signature: ______________________
**SRC NEWS**

Last term SRC organised a very successful Soup Kitchen down at the Town Hall as part of their giving back to the community project. This term SRC will be cleaning up part of Wentworth. More specifically the carpark at the corner of Helena and Darling Street. Hopefully this will give the street a bit of a lift. This event will take place tomorrow, Thursday 12th November. If you are able to assist that would be wonderful. Please note SRC members for this term will be carrying out this endeavour from approximately 9:45 – 11:30am.

NEEDED: If you have a garden rake that can be used during the clean up could you please send this in tomorrow morning? Please label, this would be much appreciated.

**********YEAR 6 FAREWELL DRESS CODE – UPDATE**********

Due to the choice of theme for this year's Year 6 Farewell Dinner – Secret Agent 007, there is one slight change to the boy's dress code. Instead of a normal tie, a bow tie is recommended. Everything else remains the same.

Boys are expected to wear trousers, a button-up shirt, bow tie and correct footwear (not sports shoes or thongs!).

Girls should have clothing that covers their shoulders and is of an adequate length. Strapless/spaghetti strap tops and short skirts are strongly discouraged.

If you are unsure about your child's clothing, you are most welcomed to send it in for Mrs Hopcroft or Miss Marzie to double check for you.

**UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2016**

If you are requiring new uniforms for 2016 could you please order these before the end of November as the factory closes down over the school holidays? Orders can be either paid for when you order or when you pick up the uniform. Orders will be ready to pick up on Wednesday 3rd February.

**2016 INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**

This Monday notes about the 2016 Intensive Swimming Program will be going home with those students who have been identified as non-swimmers. The program is targeted to those students who lack confidence in the water and who are unable to swim a distance of 25 metres. Next year we will be travelling into Mildura for the first time and Mildura Waves will be conducting the swimming lessons. Please note that this will require a cost of $30 to participate and we will be encouraging two $15 instalments - one this term and one Term 1 next year.

If your child does not receive a note on Monday and you feel he/she needs to partake in this program, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

**2016 PRIMARY SPORT - SWIMMING**

This Monday a note will be going home regarding swimming for primary sport at the beginning of Term 1, 2016. All 8 years and above students will be expected to participate, except for those students attending the Intensive Swimming Program. There will be a cost of around $10 for those students who do not hold a season's ticket.

Jordana Shields
Please do not send in lunch orders with your kids without money. The canteen is not able to keep accounts for you. Please pack a lunch for your child(ren) if necessary.

* Next Donut day on 11th December

We still need more volunteers to keep our canteen open. Just one Friday a term, you can team up with a friend or family member and pick the date that suits you – we’re pretty flexible!

Without more volunteers the canteen will be closed some weeks.

Thanks, Kathryn

Ph: 0407 847 717
KINDER B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe that this is week 6 of the term already! It won't be long and the big man in red will be visiting us. Speaking of Christmas, Wentworth will be holding its annual Christmas Carols in the Town Hall and some Kinders have expressed an interest to sing at this event. Look out for a note in the near future that will explain this in more detail.

We are all eagerly awaiting the "Fun Day" run by Miss Marzie’s class on Wednesday 18th November, 12.50 pm to 2.25pm. Tokens for this event can be bought on the morning of the 18th and it is suggested that each child should have $3 to $4 worth to be able to participate in all the activities. Families are invited to come and enjoy the activities also.

Reminders

Library Borrowing every Tuesday.

Home readers will be changed each Monday and Thursday.

Homework due each Friday.

Donations of fruit/veg for our fruit breaks welcomed.

EARLY LEARNING GROUP NEWS

Our third Early Learning Group session was again well attended with everyone enjoying activities based around the colour 'yellow'. We all enjoyed making a yellow duck who could swim across his very own pond and singing '5 Little Ducks' and there were also quite a few Monkeys jumping on the bed. Following this we visited the chooks in the Kitchen Garden.

This week, 13/11/15, 9am-11am, we will be looking at the colour PURPLE, so if they could wear something purple or bring in something purple to talk about that would be great.

Our following Friday session times are extended and are as follows:

20/11/15, 9am - 11.50 am. Looking at the colour ORANGE

27/11/15, 9am -11.50am. Looking at the colour RED

4/12/15, 9am-11.50am. All the colours of the RAINBOW. This is also our final Early Learning Group session for the year.

Have an awesome week.

Leanne Byrnes
YEAR 1/2S NEWS
We have had a busy week in 1/2S! Last Friday we had our class party to celebrate our class rewards tally of 200 certificates. On Monday we had a small excursion across to the Coomealla Club to watch the Weeping Cloud performance by the Menindee Central School. Yesterday we attended another VC with our buddy class and learnt about flight from a Questacon expert. The rest of this term will be exceedingly busy. Keep up with what is happening by checking the newsletter.

Every morning the children are provided with cut up fruit or vegetables for the Crunch and Sip program. We rely heavily on your kind donations. If you are able to donate any fruit/veg can you please send it into the front office. Thank you.

Due to one of our current SRC representatives moving away we held an election last week to find a replacement. Congratulations to Colin Lawson for being nominated our new SRC representative for the remainder of Term 4.

A few reminders:
* SRC members - community project tomorrow.
* Homework due Friday
* Readers are checked and changed every day.
* Please ensure you read the following items: Fun Day and 2016 Intensive Swimming Program.

Hope you have a super week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 1/2R NEWS
Welcome to another wonderful week in Year 1/2R. Firstly, our class party was a huge success last Friday. The students had a fantastic time playing games, eating and just chilling out with their iPods and some music. A big thank you goes to all the parents for sending in such wonderful food. Some of it was very creative and popular with the students, especially the fruit shapes and platters.

I am very impressed with the quality and amount of homework and homereading I am seeing. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting this initiative, we are all very excited about the hot chip lunch. Home reading and homework will stop at the end of Week 8, which will co-inside with the end of our read-a-thon and homework-a-thon. That means only 2 more weeks of homework for the year.

Miss Marzie’s class will be hosting the Fun Day next Wednesday. They have put a great deal of effort into organising the event so gather up any spare coins you have lying around the house and make the kids do some jobs if you like but please support our fun day, the kids will have a blast.

Reminders
* Homework and homereaders due on Friday with reading logs filled in
* Magazine orders are being taken from now
* Magazine cover competition closes on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th}, November
* Please send in fruit for fruit break
* Coins for fun day on Wednesday

Have a wonderful week

Cheers

Natalie Rees
**MR GRAY'S CLASS**

Students are busily working toward a reading goal. If the class can achieve a collective total of 3600 nights read this year, we will have an after school class party at the end of the term. So far they are at about 3400 nights and each student will need to read 25 nights between now and the end of the term to get us over the line.

Some students have requested additional personalised theme based homework. This is something that I am happy to organise as long as regular homework is coming in also.

As it is coming in to the hotter months, students need to be making sure that they are dressing appropriately. On many occasions, students have come to school in track pants and jumpers on days well in excess of 30 degrees. Students need to be remembering to wear shorts or a skirt underneath their trackies so that they can change out when it heats up. Also, PLEASE BRING IN WATER BOTTLES!!! I am happy for the class to have a water bottle in the wet area so that they can have a quick drink and avoid dehydration.

Cooking and gardening is still on a Thursday, so come on down at 9:30am!!

Cheers,
Brian

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**MRS HALLS’ CLASS**

Today we had a minutes silence and Jane and Hamish were very well spoken during the deliverance of the ‘Remembrance Day’ speech. The Year 5 and 6 students also had a great day for the T20 cricket blast tournament. At least the sun seems to have stayed covered up a bit. I hope everyone has had a great day.

Yesterday we had a great video conference with Miss Shields’ class on ‘Flight’ and the students all enjoyed making paper planes.

A couple of reminders:

- A reminder that we are looking for donations of fruit and vegetables for ‘Crunch n Sip’.
- Please ensure all students are bringing in their readers on a daily basis.

Have a great week everyone

Jenny Halls
MISS MARZIE’S CLASS
Today the Year 5’s and 6’s had a wonderful time down at McLeod Oval participating in the T20 program. Thank you to Mr Gray for organising the teams and preparing the students to participate in this event during their Friday sport sessions.

Well done to those students who completed last week’s homework tasks. Many of the students gained top marks with their spelling assessment. New lists were sent home yesterday for this week. Please encourage your child/children to practise them.

Yesterday’s second half-day orientation session took place for those Year 6’s attending Coomealla High School. A reminder that the information packs that were given to the students at the start of the term had many forms that needed to be filled in and handed into the high school by yesterday. If these are still at home, please complete send them into our school office tomorrow and we’ll make sure they are delivered to the high school.

The class are well underway planning next week’s special ‘Fun Day’. Please read the updated article in this newsletter and complete the sausage sizzle note if your child/children are taking part in it.

Reminders:
- SRC members - Community project tomorrow.
- Up to date Reading Data entries due Friday in students diaries.
- Fruit donations for daily Crunch & Sip.
- Ensure you read the following items - Fun Day, Year 6 Farewell Dress Code Update & SRC News.

Enjoy your week,
Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates
These achievement certificates were presented to student for being enthusiastic participants during their music session.

Kinder: Erica Brooker & Denzal Simon

1/2S: Mavis Clark & Mitch Humphreys

1/2R: Sky-Lee Janson & Maxwell Baird

Mr Gray’s Class: Kye Lawrence-Hall & Kayden Robinson

Mrs Halls’ Class: Kurt Gooding & Tobias-Kiely

Miss Marzies’ Class: Jaxon McInnes & Thomas Baird
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 math skills, the learning of new things, getting along with others, having fun and following school values.

Student of the Week

How did you spend your weekend?

Kasey Dwyer: I went to my pops.

Hayley Johnston: I went to a party.

Kirra Sansom: I went skating.

Beccy James: I went to the pool.

Alex Mitchell: I went to the pool.

Hamish Baird: I had a swimming race.