Hello and welcome to Term 4 Week 5.

Half of the term nearly over!

Our Year 6 students have spent their first Orientation Day at the High School today. This transition process will continue with another visit planned, while we are preparing to farewell our current Year 6 students we are also in the process of putting together our classes for 2016.

With our current enrolment prediction we anticipate being able to have seven classes. Three in Infants and four classes in Primary. At this stage we are confident we will be able to have a straight Year 6 class. A lot of discussion is taking place around the structure for the other three classes. While I am happy to discuss ideas and thoughts with families about these classes, the staff and I will make a final decision based on our professional knowledge and evidence in the best interest of all our students.

‘WEEPING CLOUD’ EXCURSION

Miss Shield’s 1/2S class and Mr Gray’s class are going to attend a performance by Menindee Central School at the Coomealla Club on Monday 9th November. A permission note for these two classes is attached to this Newsletter.

SCHOOL PLAN

Strategic Direction 2—Staff Excellence.

The purpose of this is that staff will be committed and responsible for delivering high standard educational practices across the school focussing on meeting all students needs and being culturally aware.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Year 5 Leadership Speeches are on the 4th December 2015 in the hall at 9.30am.

Have a great week,
Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.
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**This Week’s Newsletter**

**Attachments**
- Receipts
- Uniform orders

**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.
**FUN DAY**
(Run by Miss Marzie’s Class and helpers)

Many years ago, our students would run a mini-fete format event known as ‘Fun Days’. Students running fun games/events for students. On **Wednesday 18th November**, Miss Marzie’s Class will be running such a fun filled session from 12:50pm until 2:25pm. Money raised will go towards purchasing a variety of resources for the school. Some of them being books for the Library.

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 organize payment by selling tokens in the morning - 5 for $1, and each child should have $3 - $4 worth to really enjoy the afternoon. This is a great day and is terrific value for money. (At most school fetes, $2 - $3 is charged for each of these activities!)

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

We will be starting off our fun afternoon with a **sausage sizzle**. Order forms will be in an upcoming newsletter.

**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 throughout this and next week?

Much appreciated,

Miss Marzie’s Class
UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2016

Please find attached a Uniform Order Form. 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 holiday? 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.

ORDERS FOR 2016 YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Just a reminder that our current Year 5 students need to return their order form for next year’s shirts by Friday the 9th of November. No shirts will be ordered after this time.

A deposit of $15 per shirt is required upon ordering with the final payment due when shirts are picked up.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DRESS CODE

The Year 6 Farewell is an important part of our Year 6’s completion of their primary school education. Due to this, we have always set a specific dress code for the evening. Boys are expected to wear trousers, a button-up shirt, tie and correct footwear (not sports shoes or thongs!). The 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.
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.

ICPA Wentworth AGM
Wednesday 11th November
7.00 pm at Go! Go! Pub

ICP NSW - Working together for equity of access to education for all students who live in rural and remote Australia.

ICPA Wentworth branch has been in recesses for many years and we are looking to reopen the branch prior to the state conference in March 2016. If you would like any further details please contact Nerida Healy on 03 5029 5397 or nedandlaurie@bigpond.com

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

*Proposed CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4, 2015*

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*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
CLASS NEWS ITEMS

KINDER B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

It was great seeing everyone dress up for last week's 'spooky Friday'. There were some very realistic looking costumes; a few of which were put on the school's face book page if you haven't yet checked them out.

Last week, Kinder enjoyed making Melbourne Cup Day hats with the help of our year 6 buddies. In literacy we have been looking at the picture book 'Fox' by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks. We have produced artworks around this text and are busy publishing information reports on what they know about foxes.

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 second Early Learning Group session was again well attended with everyone enjoying activities in the classroom based around the colour 'green' and the text *Where is the Green Sheep?* Much too everyone's delight we also spent a little time on the playground equipment after discussing ways to play safely while using it. A big thank you to our Year 5 buddies who are rostered on to help out in the Kinder room for these sessions.

Next week we will be looking at the colour YELLOW, so if they could wear something yellow or bring in something yellow to talk about that would be great.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone next Friday at 9am.

Have an awesome week.

Leanne Byrnes
YEAR 1/2S NEWS
This week for our ‘Celebrations’ theme we have been learning about Hanukkah and Melbourne Cup. Don’t forget to encourage your child to discuss what they have learnt during the day at school. Hopefully they can teach you something new!

Yesterday we joined our buddies from Mrs Hall’s class for a video conference. It was called Sculptures by the Sea and the children had an opportunity to learn about different art pieces located along the beach in Bondi. They really enjoyed hearing about how a sculpture was put together and what materials were used to create each one. Thank you to Mrs Hall’s for organising this brilliant experience.

This Friday afternoon 1/2S will be having a class party. The children have reached 200 certificates in our Class Rewards tally and have elected to have a class party to celebrate. The children will not need to bring anything and must continue to wear their school uniform. I have so many hard workers in my class that I believe we will reach 300 certificates very quickly!

A few reminders:
* Library borrowing is every Thursday.
* Readers are checked and changed every day.
* Any fruit donations would be greatly appreciated.

Hope you have a wonderful week.
Jordana Shields

YEAR 1/2R NEWS
Welcome to a new week. We have been super busy this week. Most of the class have finished writing their Information reports about bats and have started to publish them. They are all extremely proud of their work and are looking forward to sharing the finished product with you.

We have had a successful start to the class read-a-thon. Just a reminder to parents that the students have to read every night (week days only) and have it recorded in their reading logs in order for it to count. The same goes with the homework, all tasks must be completed.

This Friday, we will be having a class party as a part of our class reward system. The students have earned enough points to have a class party and are very close to having enough points for the class sleepover. That being said, I am asking each student to bring a plate or bag of party food to share with the class. I will provide drinks for everyone. We will be having the class party at lunch time. The students are allowed to bring in their iPads and iPods for the party, but they will be locked up in the classroom until the party then returned to the students before they go home in the afternoon. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the class party, please come and see me.

Reminders
* Class party on Friday - please bring party food
* Homereaders and homework are due on Friday
* Please send in fruit for fruit break. We are running low.

Have a wonderful week
Cheers
MR GRAY’S CLASS

Next Monday our class along with Miss Shield’s class have been lucky enough to secure tickets to a performance at the Coomealla Club. It is a show titled ‘Weeping Cloud’ and it is put on by members of the Menindee School and community. It should be a great opportunity to see some fantastic cultural stuff, and it is something that we can build off of from our own performances.

Well done to all the kids who competed in the ‘fashions on the field’ competitions in our class yesterday. It was great to see some students embracing the 24hr challenge and really giving it a go! Congratulations to Mieke, Olivia, James and Dakota for being selected as ‘Best Dressed’!

We still need helpers for our kitchen garden program. With 30 kids in the kitchen, any help is always greatly appreciated!!!

Students have been given a target for home reading for the term. If as a class we can get to the target number of nights, we will have an after school class party/movie afternoon. Please keep up home reading so that we can achieve our goals.

Cheers,

Brian

MRS HALL’S CLASS

This week the students have been presenting their work to the class from their Maths Investigation task. We have also taken part in a video conference called Sculptures by the Sea. We are busy preparing our items for the school magazine which will go on sale later in the term.

Homework went home yesterday and is due back either Friday or Monday. We are also focusing on reading in the class so it is very important that students are bringing in their home readers every day. Our class has a lot of helpers at the moment and it is important that we are making the most of the help.

Reminders:
- We have no fruit or Veg for Crunch n Sip, so donations would be appreciated.
- Year 5 and 6 have T20 on Wednesday the 11th of November.

Have a great week everyone.

Jenny Halls
MISS MARZIE’S CLASS

Congratulations and well done to those who were able to complete last week’s homework tasks. On Tuesday the students took home this week’s spelling list and mathematical tasks. They will be assessed on the spelling list this Friday and the mathematical task is to be completed and returned by Monday of next week. Extra spelling activities are still available on the website http://www.spellingcity.com/Marzie456/

Today those Year 6’s who will be attending Coomealla High School in 2016 took part in their first half-day orientation session with Year 6 students from other schools. They were very excited about the afternoon. Their next half-day session is being held on Tuesday 10th November. A reminder that for this session students are to make their own way to Coomealla High School and be there before 9am. Whilst there they will be participating in mini-lessons in different faculty areas, enjoy a BBQ lunch which will be provided for them and then they will be transported back to Wentworth Public from 12:35pm. This is being organised by the high school.

Please ensure you read the special ‘Fun Day’ article that is in this newsletter. It is based on this class organising a whole school event.

Reminders:
- Up to date Reading Data entries due Friday in students diaries.
- Fruit donations for daily Crunch & Sip.
- Read the SRC item.
- Year 5 & 6 - T20 Wednesday 11th November.

Happy Thoughts,
Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

These achievement certificates were presented to students for showing creative artistic skills.

Kinder: Denzal Simon, Jess Doidge & Ford Fisher

1/2S: Timothy Mitchell and Brodie Cooper-Gunn

1/2R: Neomai Burton and Olive Watson-Kiely

Mr Gray’s Class: Alexa Sloan and Chloe Nash

Mrs Halls: Shamontay Payne, Alex Mitchell and Tobias Watson-Kiely

Miss Marzies’ Class: Piper Nash and Haider Alassani

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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
What did you dress up as on Spooky Friday?

Mia Rodda: A Vampire

Jessie Bridge: A Vampire

Riley Dannatt: A Ghost

Ben Follett: A Mummy

Jakydyn McKellar: Himself

Darcy Saunders: Himself