The second last newsletter for the year. Today, your child would have found out what class they are in for 2016 (except if they are in Year 6). The staff and I have been working very hard on this over the last few weeks and feel that we have put the best possible scenario in place. The classes and staff known so far as follow:

Kiinder — Miss Emma Gulliford
Kinder/1 — Ms Leanne Bynes
1/2S - Miss Jordana Shields
1/2R - Mrs Natalie Rees
3/4/5 - Unknown as yet
3/4/5S - Miss Chloe Suckling
3/4/5M - Miss Sandra Marziano
6 - Mrs Jennifer Halls

Mr Gray will be doing Sport and Reading Recovery training.
Mrs Garraway and Mrs Larwood will be the Learning and Support Teachers.
Mrs Farley will take Library and Release.

PRESENTATION REHEARSAL
Due to our Presentation Evening being held in a new venue this year—Wentworth Tennis and Bowling Club Rooms, we will need to have a practice during the day on Wednesday 9th December.

Could Parents/Carers please note that all students will walk to the venue in the morning, take part in a rehearsal and then walk back to school. Please note the tennis club will also be selling hot chips and some drinks following the formal part of the evening.

Please note it will also be casual dress day next Wednesday so that the students can come to the Presentation evening in their tidy school uniform.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
During the Year 6 Farewell Dinner, the Year 6 students are required to give a speech. Parents/Carers are allowed to watch these speeches from the back of the room. I would like to ask though that if anyone intends to do this could they please adhere to the same dress code as the students? It would be unfair to have a decorated room with well dressed students and staff and families walk in with casual clothes. Please contact me if you have any concerns about this request.

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES
I am looking forward to hearing the Year 5 Leadership Speeches this Friday morning at 9.30am. Mrs Halls and Trish have been supporting the students in the process of preparing for this event. Hopefully there will be many supporters in the audience to cheer them on.

Good Luck Year 5.
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### This Week's Newsletter

**Attachments**

- Receipts
- Whole school Fishing Excursion permission note

**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.
WENTWORTH COMMUNITY BANK

At Monday’s assembly we were pleased to welcome Bonnie and Amanda from the Wentworth Community Bank to make presentations to all students who have supported the bank by having a bank account there. Well Done!

BOOK FAIR

Thanks to Miss Marzie for hosting a very successful Book Fair. It was great to see so many families taking advantage of the buy one, get one for free deal.

REPUTATION

Classes have been talking about the word ‘reputation’ over the last week.

As part of this discussion we have covered things such as how you behave in public venues reflects back on not only your own personal reputation, but also that of the school. From time to time I have conversations with community organisations such as the bus company, swimming pool, etc to discuss behaviours of our students when they are not at school.

Our Achievement Certificates for the next two weeks will focus on maintaining a positive reputation.

Thank you to the students who always present themselves as positive, caring, polite and good role models for others.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.

BOOK FAIR

Once again we have had a very successful Book Fair. Approximately $1100 was spent at the fair, therefore our students also almost gained this amounts with their second book for free.

Thank you to all who were able to support this event.

Happy Reading,

Sandra Marziano

DISCO

As part of our Year 6 Farewell Dinner celebrations on Monday 14th of December, we will be holding our traditional disco. Year 3 and 4 students are invited to attend this part of the evening. The disco will be held at the Wentworth Town Hall and begins at 7.30pm and runs until 8.30pm. There is an entry fee of $5 per student.

AUSTRALIA DAY—2016

The P&C are again catering for the 2016 Australia Day Lunch at Wentworth. We are looking for helpers to help prepare food on the day prior and also on the day to prepare and serve food. This is one of our major fundraisers, so if you are able to spare a couple of hours it would be most appreciated.

Please contact Becky Bysouth 0428 273 009 or leave a message with Janet at the school office.
SWIMMING PROGRAMS 2016

All swimming notes went out a couple of weeks ago for the Intensive Swimming Program and the Primary Sport Swimming. Notes need to be signed and returned by this Friday.

********YEAR 6 FAREWELL DRESS CODE ********

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 Friday 11th December 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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 - WENTWORTH DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

We are currently accepting enrolments for both 3 and 4 year old Preschool groups in our play based educational program.

Session Times:

Four Year Old Program Monday to Wednesday:
Monday            Full day    4 year old group      8:45am - 3:15pm
Tuesday           Full day    4 year old group      8:45am - 3:15pm
Wednesday      Full day    4 year old group      8:45am - 3:15pm

Three Year Old Program - Thursdays
Thursday         Half day   3 year old group       8:45am - 1.30pm

Please contact the Preschool on 5027 3067   or call in and visit us at 38 Murray St Wentworth.

Michelle Josè
Director/Teacher
LAST DAY OF CANTEEN / DONUT DAY
This Friday is our last canteen day and donut day. Donuts are $1.50. We are closing a week early due to planned school activities on Friday 11th December.

Reduced Stock
Being the last canteen day, I have minimised ordering of stock. We are sold out of chocolate Nippys, there is strawberry Nippys milk and fruit boxes available this week. Frozen yoghurt is also limited in numbers and flavours this week. We will do our best to fill your order exactly, and apologise for any stock outages this week. Thanks for understanding.

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* Final donut day for the year is this Friday, 4th December

Volunteers Needed for 2016
If you could spare one Friday a term from 8.45am – 2.30pm, we would love to have you on our canteen volunteer list. It’s very easy, you will be rostered on with someone who knows the ropes for as long as you want. Or you can bring a friend / family member along, and make a day of it. Kids love to see their family in the canteen! The roster is pretty flexible, dates can be worked around what suits you. Send me an email or text with your contact details if you would like to join our volunteer team in 2016.

Kathryn
kathryn-baird@bigpond.com / 0407 847 717
KINDER B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

We have begun all things Christmas in the Kindergarten room. We have put up our Christmas tree and begun some Christmas artwork. Yesterday we walked to the Post Office to post our letters to Santa and now we eagerly await his reply.

Today we have been on the Infants ‘end of year excursion’, celebrating a year of learning and hard work. Well done to everyone who represented our school with pride out in the wider community. A lot of fun was had by all.

Next Thursday 10th December, Kindergarten will have a Kitchen Garden session. If you are able to help between 10am - 11.50am it would be greatly appreciated.

Reminders
◊ Home readers will be changed each Monday and Thursday.
◊ Homework due each Friday.
◊ Donations of fruit/veg for our fruit breaks welcomed.

Regards
Leanne Byrnes

EARLY LEARNING GROUP NEWS

Please note that this Friday 4th December is our last ELG session. Our weekly colour is rainbow or their favourite colour.

Points relating to 2016 follow:

- **School Hats** will be issued to each student on the first day of school. Hats will stay at school in the classroom and will be laundered regularly.

- **Library Bags** will be given to students at our first library borrowing session.

- **Home Reader Bags** with the school emblem will be distributed to students during Term 1 when we begin the Home Reading program.

- During the first week of school for 2016, (3rd, 4th and 5th February), I will be assessing all Kindergarten students in accordance with the **Best Start Program**. This will allow us to gauge what skills your child is coming to school with and where to go from here. Interview time reminders will be sent out over the holidays.

First day of school for Kinders is Monday, 8th February, 2016.

Thank you all for your support during Early Learning Group and I look forward to working with you all next year.

Leanne Byrnes
YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Today we had our infant excursion to the Mildura to watch ballet performance ‘Mulan’. The children had a wonderful day. Thank you to Mrs Byrnes for organising the excursion.

This week is the final week for borrowing readers. All readers and library books need to be returned to school by next week. Please have an extra look to see whether you have any misplaced library books around the house.

Next Tuesday morning, 1/2S will be having a **Kitchen/Garden session** with Deonie and Vince. We are after some helpers, so if you could please let me know if you are available to volunteer, I would greatly appreciate it. We will be starting in the garden at 9.30am.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a permission note for your child/children to take part in a ‘Whole School Fishing Excursion’ which is being held on Friday 11th December. Notes are due back by next Wednesday.

A few reminders:

*Any fruit and veg donations for the Crunch and Sip program is greatly appreciated.

*Readers are checked and changed every day.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Jordana Shields

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YEAR 1/2R NEWS

A reminder to all the children in Year 1-2R that have done your homework and readers this year, we will be having our hot chip lunch tomorrow – Thursday 3rd December.

Have a wonderful week, until next week

Cheers

Natalie Rees
MR GRAY’S CLASS

We’ve made it! It’s December! Yahooooooo!!! Well done to all the boys and girls for a job well done this year. As I have been going back over books and records, it has been lovely to see the changes that have occurred in each student. So everyone should give themselves a big pat on the back and let’s enjoy these last few weeks of school for the year!

Kris Kringle: This year our class will be participating in a small Kris Kringle. Each student will be given the name of another that they will need to get a small present for. The gift can be something made or something bought. **There will be a $5 maximum placed on the value of each gift.** Please do not exceed this value. Gifts will need to be placed under our class Christmas tree by next Friday (11th of December). If you have any questions or concerns about the Kris Kringle, please come in and see me.

Good luck to all the Year 5 students who are saying there leadership speeches this Friday. I am sure you have all been practicing very hard!

Please remember:

⇒ **ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED** to the school ASAP. We are in the process of moving our library and all items must be re-catalogued.
⇒ **Fun Day Notes** need to be brought in this week. A second note went home yesterday
⇒ **Whole School Fishing Day** is next Friday (11-12-15). Please join us from 10-1pm down at the wharf for a great morning
⇒ **Kitchen Garden** ends tomorrow for our class. We would love some helpers for our last Kitchen-Garden session of the year.

Cheers,
Brian

MRS HALLS’ CLASS

Weeks are counting down now. I have a few reminders to add so here goes:

- I would like students to begin finding and returning readers asap
- All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend the Year 6 dinner at the town hall on the 14th of December. Strict dress rules apply so if there is any issues please contact me at school.
- All Year 5 students attending the dinner will need to pay $5 for the disco as does any Year 3 and 4 students
- Library books need to be returned.
- We still need fruit donations
- Notes and money need to be returned for our fun day excursion next year.

Have a great week everyone.

Jenny Halls
MISS MARZIE’S CLASS

The weeks are really flying by. With only a few more weeks to go, students will start bringing home some of their exercise books. Please have a look out for any school Library books they may have borrowed throughout the year with Mrs Farley and have these returned.

Congratulations to the students who participated in last Thursday’s Rugby Gala Day. From all accounts it was a very successful day and the students represented our school in a respectful and positive manner.

Yesterday the class had their last Kitchen Garden session for the year. The class would like to thank Vince for his informative sessions, Deonie for running the Kitchen sessions so we could make some wonderful dishes; and Mrs Cheryl Vines and Mrs Beryl Gooding for volunteering their time throughout the year to assist the class during our Kitchen Garden sessions.

Please find attached to this week’s newsletter a permission note for your child/children to take part in a ‘Whole School Fishing Excursion’ which is being held on Friday 11th December. Notes are due back by next Wednesday. If you haven’t returned the Primary Excursion note to Inflatable World, please do so asap. If you chose for your child/children not to go, could you please send a note in?

Reminders:
◊ Up to date Reading Data entries due Friday in students diaries.
◊ Fruit donations for daily Crunch & Sip.
◊ Ensure you read the following items – Fishing Excursion and Year 6 Farewell Dress Code

Take Care,
Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

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

Kinder: Aidan Darby & Jacob Alassani
1/2S: Zac Donohue, Isaiah Dwyer & Zeik McKellar
1/2R: Lucy Cullinan & Allan Mitchell
Mr Gray’s Class: Jemma Clifford & Jarrah Thorne
Mrs Halls’ Class: Thomas Stokes & Kurt Gooding
Miss Marzies’ Class: Claire Follett, Nellie Baird & Karly Russell
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 has been your highlight this term at school?

Brittney Ah-See: Playing with my friends.

Clay Harmer: Writing and reading with Miss Shields.

Max Baird: Practising my reading.

Shaneil Cunnington: Going to Kitchen Garden.

Shamontay Payne: Lexia, because it helps me learn.

Jesse Crisp: Writing my leadership speech.