HEALING DAY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Lyle for hosting the assembly, a job well done and also thank you to Mallee Family Care for their support with the event. Thank you to the families who attended.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

This week the school will be learning a little about the Chinese culture and what Chinese New Year is. As part of this study the whole school are encouraged to wear red on Thursday.

FLASHING LIGHTS

I am pleased to report that our school zone flashing lights are going to be installed next week. This will certainly make our school zone a lot safer.

SRC

The chairperson's of the student body (Jaxon and Summer) met with me and one of the things they are concerned about is the number of families who are using the bus zone to drop students off. This is a no parking area at any time.

The students have also expressed a wish to have some interschool sport competitions.

The Primary grade teachers are keen to pursue this further and we will be endeavouring to fit some sport challenges in the near future. Please be aware that we will need to charge the students the cost of bus travel to make this work.

MUSIC EQUIPMENT

With thanks to the Children's School Trust fund we have been able to purchase $4,600 worth of new music equipment to help support Donald Robinson's music program.

SCHOOL VALUES

During Term 1 all classes devote class time to focus on a unit we have written called 'Getting Along' It allows priority time for the students and classroom teacher to understand what is required to get the best out of a class environment. The first two weeks have been focussed on the school value of ‘Whole body active listening’. The students have learned that you don’t just listen with your ears. Your body also needs to face the person, hands/body still and ears pointing towards the person who is speaking.

They have also had a cultural reference and used the kangaroo as a symbol for this value.
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**This Week's Newsletter**

**Attachments**
- Receipts
- Goal setting interview notes
- Attendance handouts
- Accounts

**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.
because a kangaroo will stop and prick its ears up when it hears something.
Over the next couple of weeks the focus will be how to encourage others and work together.

**GOAL SETTING**
I hope all families have had a chance to discuss student goals for the 2015 school year. It makes the interview process a lot smoother if students have their ideas ready to discuss. Cautiously I have shared one of my own goals for the year with the students and am now planning what I need to do to achieve it.

**ATTENDANCE**
Once again I have included some information about attendance at school. This week it is a handout with information from the Department of Education. School attendance has become a priority for the Department this year and I will be mentioning it a lot during the year. Please contact me if you are having any difficulties with your child/ren attending school.

**P&C MEETING**
P&C meeting today at 4.00pm. All families welcome and encouraged to attend.

Finally—Go Darling!

Natalie Hopcroft
Principal

**MONEY ENVELOPES**
Attached to today’s newsletter are money envelopes for use to send in money for school activities. All notes and money are to be sent to the office.
SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year’s School Swimming Carnival is coming up this Friday 20th February starting at 10am. A permission note regarding the carnival was sent out yesterday and needs to be returned by tomorrow. All students were given a chance over this past week to enter their chosen events. Unfortunately events cannot be entered on the day. It is great to see so many students getting in and trying new strokes!

The structured novelty activities for non-swimmers will be taking place in the medium pool at about 11.00am after the 25m event. This is an approximate time depending on how quickly we get through the 100m Freestyle, Freestyle Age Race and the 25m Freestyle heats.

We will be needing helpers at the carnival to assist with timekeeping. Please contact the office if you are available to help out on the day.

I wonder who will win this year’s carnival: Murray or Darling? Hope to see you there!!

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

Only one more day of the swim program to go! Well done to all students who have participated this year. Thank you to Charlotte Harmer who helped with walking the children to and from the pool. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Jordana Shields
Sports Coordinator

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting held tomorrow Thursday 19th February, 2.30pm at school, to discuss Aboriginal Programs in our school. If you would like to add an item to the agenda please contact me at school. Afternoon Tea provided.

COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY

There will be a meeting held on Thursday 26th February, 10am at Mallee Family Care. The CWP works in partnership with our Aboriginal communities and governments to improve social and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people and communities.

Parents/ community are welcome to come along to help and support any school event.

Thankyou
Trish Jones AEO

UNICYCLE YEAR 3 - 6

Throughout the year a number of opportunities will arise where the students in Year 3 - 6 will be able to learn how to ride and then be able to ride unassisted on a unicycle. If your child/children has shown an interest in this area and are permitted, but still haven’t taken home a note, they can collect one from the front office.
Thanks to the new parents and grandparents that have put their name down to help at canteen one Friday a term. Students love to see family in the canteen, and it’s a great way to get involved at your school. New volunteers are always welcome and I will try to line up dates and pairs to suit everyone. This term is a short one, so if you’re not listed this term I will contact you via phone/txt/email or via the newsletter as soon as I start putting Term 2 roster together.

Ordering: Ensure your child’s name and teacher’s name/class is written on their lunch orders. Lunch & Recess orders are to be on separate bags, with no hot food available at recess.

Class Names:
- Kinder
- 1-2S
- 1-2R
- Mr Grays Class
- Mrs Hall’s Class
- Miss Marzie’s Class

Feel free to text/phone or email me if you would like to be added to the volunteer list, or if you have preferred dates for next term.

Kathryn
0407 847 717
kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1, 2015

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* Donut Day for Term 1 - 27th March

If you are unavailable to do canteen on your rostered day, please call Kathryn (ph. 0407 847 717) as soon as possible, or we will have no canteen for that Friday. This is due to a shortage of volunteers.

P&C NEWS

BBQ FOR THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The P&C will be having a BBQ at the School Swimming Carnival on Friday. If anyone has a few hours to spare to help cook or help serve on the day it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please let Janet in the School office know or contact me (Tammy Fordham) on 0427602838.

The cost of the sausages will be $2.

P&C MEETING - WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY AT 4PM
All welcome and on the agenda is setting a date for the Annual General Meeting and it would be great to see some new faces.
I hope to see you all at the carnival or maybe at the meeting.

Regards
Tammy Fordham
P&C President
COMMUNITY NEWS

WENTWORTH SPORTING CLUB are presenting the "The Australian Katy Perry Tribute Show" (also includes a Robbie Williams and Pink Tribute) on Friday March 27th at the Wentworth Sporting Club. Doors Open at 7:30pm and Show starts at 8pm.

Tickets: $10 Members/$15 Non Members. $5 Children (10 years—under 18 years)

(*Kids 10+ must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times)

WAVES OF FUN AT PORTSEA CAMP

The Camp is for children aged from 9 to 12 years. Our group will be about 40 children. The bus will leave Mildura on Saturday 28th March and return on Thursday April 2nd. The cost per child is $285 which includes travel, accommodation, meals and activities.

Lots of great activities: Swimming, Snorkelling, Canoeing, High Ropes, Giant Swing, Fishing, Flying Fox, Disco, Bike Riding, Face Painting & Arts and Crafts.

Apply Today: The Portsea Camp—Mildura Support Team, PO Box 13080, Mildura Vic, 3500. Phone 50234166

For more information: www.theportseacamp.com.au

info@portseacamp.com.au or find us on facebook

Mike Saunders
Organiser—Mildura Support Team

Phone: 50234166 or email mike-s1@bigpond.com
TENNIS \hfill TENNIS \hfill TENNIS

Wentworth Junior Tennis practice will commence the 2015 season on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} March. No experience necessary, free coaching given to beginners. To be eligible for junior tennis at Wentworth children must turn 8 by 31 December 2015 and no older then 17. Practice is from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Pennant tennis is played on Saturday mornings and the season commences on May 2. Annual membership is only $30.00, payable after season has commenced. For more information contact Cheryl Vines on 50276286 or 0428522969.

Twilight tennis for senior players will also commence on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} March at 6pm. $5 per person (includes tennis and sausage sizzle). For further information contact Hayden Baird on 0427572177.

The Wentworth Tennis Club has been asked to put out an expression of interest for professional tennis coaching which will be available in Wentworth for juniors and seniors if enough are interested. Mildura Lawn Tennis have 2 new coaches and they are prepared to include Wentworth in their program. Please advise asap. Cheryl Vines on 0428522969 or email cvines@tpg.com.au

REMINDEERS

HEAD LICE
Please check your child’s hair regularly for Head Lice. Hair must be treated before children are permitted to attend school.

NUT BAN
As we have students who have a SEVERE allergy to nuts, children are requested NOT to bring any nuts or products containing nuts, in their lunches. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING
The School has Student Banking through the Bendigo Bank on Wednesday mornings. Children bring their bank books and money to the School office before school and the Bendigo Bank staff collect them and return the books the following day.

VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS
Louise Judd has vacancies in her program on Tuesday. Please phone her for more details on: 50248370 or 0408596944. Louise can also teach Clarinet and Saxophone but students have to have their own instruments Louise conducts these lessons during school times at the school on Tuesdays.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE NET
A compressed version of the School Newsletter is available 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
Hello Everyone,

My hat goes off to all Kinders; I truly am amazed at how well they are coping with their transition to school. As a class we have established routines for lining up, packing up and movement around the room during rotation activities. Our class room is beginning to look bright and cheerful with some great artwork already up. This week will see us focus on a class Code of Conduct so that we can all learn and play safely in our room. Our Buddies from Miss Marzies’ class are still helping with Lunch and Recess routines. They will also be joining us on Thursday afternoon to help us with our craft activity; making Chinese lanterns to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

We are continuing with our ‘Getting Along’ unit. Last week students learnt about Active Listening; this week we are looking at Encouraging Others and Working Together.

If you have not returned the workbooks that were sent home last Friday can you please do so as soon as possible? If you are having difficulties covering them please send them back and we can do it at school for you.

Attached are goal setting interview notes. Can you please select 3 times that suit and I will endeavour to give you your first preference. I am looking forward to catching up with you all soon.

Don’t forget our swimming carnival is on Friday. Students are able to wear their House colours; Red – Darling and Murray – Blue. I will send a note home letting you know what House your child is in.

Reminders:

- Assemblies are every Monday morning at 9.25 am, everyone is welcome.
- Please send in an art smock/painting shirt.
- Have all items of clothing/lunch boxes labelled. Lunch boxes can be put in the classroom fridge in the mornings.
- Library borrowing day for Kinders is Tuesday, they will need a bag to borrow books.
- Canteen is open every Friday.

If you have any questions/concerns don’t hesitate to contact me either before or after school.

Have a great week.

Keep smiling!

Leanne Byrnes
**YEAR 1/2S**

We have nearly completed the intensive swim program! Only one more morning to go! It has been tiring for the children and me but we have enjoyed our time at the pool. 1/2S is all ready for this Fridays School Swimming Carnival. The children are very excited to get down to the pool to participate and support their sport houses! Your child can be out of uniform and wear their house colours but please remember they need to be sun safe. A permission note was sent home yesterday regarding the carnival and needs to be returned by tomorrow.

Next week we will be starting our literacy program and home readers will start to go home. 1/2S will be changing their readers **every day of the week** so it is important your child packs their reader bag each day. A reading log will be in the reader bag for you to fill out each night and needs to be sent in every day as well.

Going home today is a note regarding next week’s Goal Setting interviews. Please return as soon as possible so I can give you an allocated time. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

We have been experiencing extremely hot weather so it is important for the children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Please send in a class drink bottle so the students can beat the heat.

A few reminders:

- Library borrowing will happen every Thursday. Students must have a library bag to borrow.
- Please send in an art smock for your child.

Hope you have a super week.

Jordana Shields

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**YEAR 1/2R**

Welcome to week 4. This week is very busy.

On Tuesday the students took a note home for Goal Setting Interview times. It is important that the note is returned by Friday, this week, so times can be confirmed.

Thursday is the start of the Chinese New Year. Our class will be working with our buddy class, Mr Gray’s, to learn more about the Chinese New Year. Students are encouraged to wear red on the day.

Friday is the whole school swimming carnival. All students can wear their house colours on the day.

Only 3 students have paint smocks in the box. We will be doing some painting for art. If you would like your child’s school uniform to be protected could you please send in an art smock. If a student does not have a smock, I will assume that it is okay for them to paint without one.

Home readers will be sent home next week along with the reading diary. For books to go home a bag is required by each student. These bags can be a calico bag, a plastic envelope etc. Home reader bags can be purchased from the office.

Congratulations to Maxwell for being Student of the Week.

Please feel free to contact me at school should you have any questions about this year or your child.

Jodi Garraway & Jann Lawrence
**MR GRAY’S CLASS NEWS**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with our buddy class 1/2R. Students have been asked to wear red as part of the celebrations. Students also need to wear either red or blue as part of their house colours. Remember **Murray is BLUE and Darling is RED!!**

I still have not received many art smocks. We will begin painting next week. Please make sure that if you want your child to be wearing one while painting, one is sent to class.

I have attached a note for goal setting interviews with this week’s newsletter. Please fill in the interview booking slip and return it to me at your soonest convenience.

Cheers,
Brian

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**MRS HALLS CLASS NEWS**

The term has kicked off to a fantastic start to 2015. As always at Wentworth Public school the weeks are full of entertainment and new experiences. In the past week my class has enjoyed going to the pool, participating in a healing ceremony and enjoyed a ‘Fun Friday’ team challenge.

Students have begun bringing home readers which need to be returned on a daily basis. It is my wish that the students use these readers during silent reading time and also spend time reading with Kacey over the week. We also borrow from the Library each Thursday. Library lessons will generally be each Monday morning; however the students have the option of borrowing at lunch times or before school most days.

The school swimming carnival will be held this Friday the 20th of February during school hours. Parents/carers and family are most welcome to attend and cheer on their children.

Reminders:
- Donations of fruit & Vegetables for Crunch n Sip are always appreciated.
- Our class cooks on a Wednesday morning, if you are able to volunteer some time to help out please contact either Jodie Morgan or myself.
- Return readers daily.

Have a great week everyone and stay cool.

Cheers Jenny Halls
MISS MARZIE’S CLASS

Congratulations to Summer and Jaxon for doing a terrific job chairing their first SRC meeting last week. Also to Callan and Jack for putting forward their classmates ideas / issues during SRC discussions. Well done also goes to Lyle for a wonderful effort with his presentation at last Friday’s Healing Day gathering.

Accompanying this week’s newsletter are two forms for the students in my class. One being Goal Setting Interview timeslots which needs to be completed and returned by this Friday. As well as a Personal Learning Plan for your child. This also requires completion. With a positive partnership between school and home, your child will gain the best education they deserve.

Due to the swimming carnival all students’ diaries with reading data will be collected tomorrow instead of Friday. Unfortunately there are some still some students who aren’t completing the reading data section. Please note that when formal homework commences next week, this will be part of the requirement. Homework will be going home on Tuesday’s and is due back the following Monday. When homework is completed and returned, the students will role a dice and take part in a game called Homeworkopoly. Based on the similar layout to Monopoly, but without going to jail and purchasing property. The students are very eager to commence their part in this game.

Thank you to this weeks wonderful helpers during our Kitchen Garden session (Cheryl Vines and Bronwyn Hall).

Reminders:
+ ‘All About Me’ homework task due back by this Friday, 20th February.
+ The ‘Information Guide and Expression of Interest’ form for all Year 6 students are to be completed and returned to the office no later than Friday, 13th March for them to be sent off.
+ Any outstanding Year 6 Canberra Excursion permission note. (Please note: Deposits are due before the 27th of March, 2015.)
+ Year 6 Canberra Excursion Behaviour & Illness / Student Declaration / Movie Watching note.

Hope to see you down at the pool on Friday.

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder: Jade Whitfield & Erica Brooker
1/2S: Lavina Dodd & Clay Harmer
1/2R: Olive Watson-Kiely & Allan Mitchell
Mr Gray’s Class: Zannah Harmer & Olivia Baird
Mrs Halls’ Class: Caitlin Trewin & Monique Payne
Miss Marzies’ Class: Shanay Lawrence-Hall & Drew Thompson
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 was your highlight about coming back to school?

Jess Doidge: I like my teacher.
Mavis Clark: Seeing my friends.
Maxwell Baird: The swimming carnival.
Cooper Pettitt: Having a new teacher.
Amos Byers: Having a new teacher.
Thomas Baird: I get to see all my mates.