Another great job completed on the weekend: Thanks to Charlie Alderton and his mum, Caitlin and Kurt Trewin and their mum for painting the shapes outside the Kinder room.

I also thank Bob Spary for cleaning this area.

Hamish and Charlie Baird’s dad also came in recently and helped with some Kitchen/Garden jobs.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

At Monday morning’s staff meeting the teaching staff went through the School’s Emergency Management Plan and today we held drills in both evacuation and lockdown procedures.

We are required to hold an evacuation drill every six months and lockdown every twelve months.

The lockdown procedure is to move to the closest classroom and be locked in there until an announcement is made that it is safe to exit. The signal for this is the playing of the school song over the PA system. Students are to move away from the windows and sit quietly. For an evacuation a continuous siren sounds and all school occupants make their way to the oval.

Both of these were carried out with great cooperation and following procedure.

**ATTENDANCE**

I still have some concerns about some of the students lateness to school and reasons for being absent. As I have already explained in previous newsletters leave needs to be approved by me and if I do not believe the reason is appropriate I do not have to accept it.

Attendance at school is highly linked to student achievement. I will be working with some families in coming weeks on a Personalised Attendance Plan. It is important that the school works with families to make sure children are at school on time and here every day.

**P&C**

At last week’s P&C meeting all positions were declared vacant.

The positions of:

President— Tammy Taylor Fordham is happy to continue but it would be great for her to have a trainee to learn the ropes.

Treasurer ad Secretary are all still vacant and I would welcome any interested parents to help support the school by taking on a role. I thank Mandy Bone who has taken on the Vice President role.

**WATER COOLER**

We have now installed a water cooler unit in the corridor near Miss Marzie’s classroom. This was a suggestion from the P&C and funded by the P&C. The water cooler will make it easier for students to refill their water bottles with chilled water.

**END OF TERM**

We will have our last newsletter for the term next Wednesday. Hard to believe it is already one term down. We have continued to make great progress throughout the school and will continue this great work next term.
March/April 2015

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**This Week's Newsletter**

**Attachments**

- Receipts

**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.
VOTING 27TH MARCH

Don’t forget to vote this Saturday the 27th March. The school is open for voting in the Hall.

Have an awesome week,
Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2015

It feels like we have only just finished swimming and now we are getting into cross country! Our School Cross Country is scheduled next term on Thursday 7th May. All the students get an opportunity to run on the day. It may seem far off but it is important for the children to start practicing as much as they can before the event. All children 7 years old or under will run a 1km event. The 8, 9 and 10 year olds run a 2km race, and the 11 and 12 year old students run 3km. So start practicing now!!

Further information regarding the event will be sent out next term.

Jordana Shields
Sports Coordinator

REMINDEERS

HEAD LICE

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

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

All hats are now $10

FACEBOOK

We can be found on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/wentworthpublicschool
**CANTENE NEWS**

**ORDERING:** Ensure your child’s name and teachers 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 Gray’s Class
- Mrs Hall’s Class
- Miss Marzie’s Class

**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.

Kathryn
0407 847 717
kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com

**CANTENE ROSTER - TERM 1, 2015**

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**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)

**THE LOWER ANABRANCH SPORTING & LANDCARE GROUP INC ANNUAL PICNIC AND SPORTS DAY**

will be held on **SATURDAY APRIL 11TH 2015, AT THE ANABRANCH HALL.**

STARTING AT 1PM SHARP with the children’s races. Entry is free, afternoon tea and cordial for the kids supplied. BYO drinks, shared evening BBQ meat and salad. Evening entertainment provided and a coin roll. A great family day - All welcome.
TAFE NSW RIVERINA INSTITUTE -

CERTIFICATE III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT

Turn your passion for helping children learn, develop and achieve their best into a career.

This nationally recognised course provides participants with the knowledge and skills to assist teachers in a range of educational settings as a Learning Support Officer (Teacher's Aide), Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Education Officer or Education Assistant (Special Needs).

You will be equipped to help students to achieve their best in the classroom, including students with behavioural, physical or learning difficulties.

This course is offered online and face to face so you can complete your study when it suits you. Students can attend the campus for face to face delivery and access the TAFE Riverina Moodle site and use a textbook for course all content and assessments.

All learners are required to arrange to complete a 100 hour work placement at a convenient location to undertake the course. Assistance to find placement will be available

If you are interested please contact the school for a flyer or contact Riverina TAFE  1300 823374 or www.rit.tafensw.edu.au

Venue:  TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Coomealla Campus

Cost: Fees will be determined according to Smart & Skilled reforms being implemented from 1 January 2015. Contact our Customer Course Information team to discuss your eligibility.

Time: Minimum 21 hours recommended—6 hours face to face. 100 hours of work placement

Delivery: 1 Year blended delivery. Commence study from 21st April 2015
KINDER B

Hello Everyone,

There are only two more weeks of school left this term; I cannot believe how fast first term has gone. All Kinders should be proud of themselves; they continually put in 100% effort towards their learning and are showing some great results.

Our final focus in the 'Getting Along' unit is Well-Being and Self-Esteem. In mathematics this week we are looking at Time; Days of the week and sequencing events.

Next Tuesday all students will enjoy activities from the Science Discovery Day. Please ensure notes and money has been paid to the front office. Extra notes are available at the office if yours has been misplaced.

On Wednesday 1st April lots of fun Easter activities have been organised. Students will all be making an Easter hat in the morning. If anyone has some craft items at home that they could donate to kinder so that we can all have amazing Hats that would be wonderful. At 10.30 am there will be a Hat Parade followed by Easter activities. The day will end with an Egg Hunt.

Reminders:

- Homework is due this Thursday 2nd April.
- Donations for making Easter Hats welcomed.

Today is my last day for this term, I am taking leave to attend my daughter’s wedding. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great 1st term and for valuing their child’s education; together we can help them achieve ‘Great Things’. May your Easter break be blessed with good weather and lots of chocolate. Stay safe and see you in Term 2.

Keep Smiling!

Leanne Byrnes

YEAR 1/2R NEWS

We are continuing with the 'Getting Along' unit. This week we are focussing on 'Well Being' and 'Self Esteem'.

Well done to Olive, Ellie and Lucy for achieving 25 nights with reading.

Next Tuesday (31st March) all students will enjoy activities from the Science Discovery Day. Please ensure notes and money has been paid to the front office by the 27th March.

On Wednesday next week (1st April), we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade commencing at 10:30am. All students will take part in the parade wearing a hat. Hat construction can take place at home or at school. Hat construction will be from 9.30 am. If you have any spare crafty items that can be used for the hats, please send them in before Wednesday. Any donations are greatly appreciated. After the parade the students will be involved in a number of Easter based activities ending in an Egg Hunt.

There will be no homework in the last week of term as it is a short week. Please try to continue reading every night.

Reminders

- Home readers swapped Tuesday and Thursday
- Library borrowing Thursday
- Donations of Easter craft items

Thank you. Have a great week.

Jodi Garraway and Jann Lawrence
YEAR 1/2S NEWS

It is hard to believe we are coming up to our last week of Term 1. This week is our final week of homework for this term. If all homework books could please be returned this Friday I would greatly appreciate it. Your child will be receiving a number of readers over the holidays next week. We have a number of students this week who have achieved 25 nights of reading. Well done! Thank you so much for your support with the home reading program. Keep up the fabulous work!

Last week, notes were sent home regarding the Science Discovery Day being held next Tuesday 31st March. Please ensure notes and money has been paid to the front office by the 27th March.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, next Wednesday 1st April is the Easter hat parade starting at 10.30am. The students can construct an Easter hat at home but they do get an opportunity to make one in the classroom before the parade from 9.30am to 10.30am. If you are able to donate any craft materials for the Easter hat constructions it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already sent in some items to use. Any helpers are welcome to come along at 9.30am to assist the children make Easter hats. Hope to see you there.

A few reminders:

- Library borrowing Thursdays. Library bags needed to borrow.
- Homework is due every Friday.
- Readers are checked and changed every day.
- Any fruit or vegetable donations are greatly appreciated.

I will be out of school for a course over the next two days. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience. Please see Mrs Natalie Hopcroft if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope you all have a great week.

Jordana Shields
SPECIAL YEAR 4’s & 5’s CAMP INFORMATION

A note is attached to the newsletter today for all Year 4 and 5 students. The note is asking for expressions of interest in our 2015 school camp to Woodhouse Camp in the Adelaide Hills. We are also looking for about 3 parents to accompany us on the trip. It is important to understand that because the camp goes into South Australia the students will not be covered by the school’s Ambulance cover, they must have their own Ambulance cover. The note and deposit are due to be returned to school by April 2nd which is the end of term. Any questions about the camp please contact Jenny Halls at the front office or on the school number 50273146.

MR GRAY’S NEWS

There has been No Homework sent home on Monday. I will be sending home a project to complete over the holidays at the end of this week. Home reading should continue as normal.

Last Monday was our final Kitchen Garden day for the term. A big thanks to all of the mums, dads and nannas that came and helped out. If you would like to come down and help next term, we start back in the kitchen on Monday the 27th of April.

Please don’t forget that we have fishing for sport on Friday. It’s lovely to see all the mums and dads coming down to drop a line in. So if you’re free, please join us down at the wharf at 10am!

I will be away with the Year 6 students heading to Mungo on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Mrs Larwood will be with the class for literacy as per usual on those days and a casual teacher will have the class for the rest of the day.

Cheers,
Brian

MRS HALLS’ NEWS

Well I cannot believe that we only have a week and a bit to go in our first term. This term has truly flown by.

As part of our fitness at the end of last week the class did the beep test for a second time. It was fantastic to see the improvement most students made from their first attempt. We also had Will Ward visit our class and teach us a new indigenous game to play. The game was a mix of rugby, footy and netball. Everyone enjoyed the game and Will has promised to visit us again with some new games.

Next Wednesday the 1st of April the school will be holding our Easter Hat parade. Mrs Halls’ class and Miss Shield’s class will get together the morning in room 1 and construct our hats. Construction will occur between 9.30am and 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to help out.

I am looking for donations of appropriate items to help with the construction of the Easter hats. Items such as little chickens and pom poms etc, etc. to share would be much appreciated.

Have a great week everyone.

Jenny Halls
MISS MARZIE'S CLASS

Did you see what was happening in our class last Thursday for PE on the school Facebook page? Please check the website for regular updates and what’s happening.

The students had a terrific time last Friday celebrating Harmony Day with their Kindergarten buddies. It was great to see so many students in orange coloured clothing.

Thank you to Jo (Jack’s mum), Beryl (Claire’s Nan) and Cheryl (Jane’s Nan) for helping in the Kitchen this week.

Please remember that on Friday we are having our second fishing session for Primary Sport. Please feel free to join us near the Wentworth Rowing Club lawns at around 9:45am. We encourage students once again to bring in a fishing rod/line and bait to take part in the event; along with a picnic rug and a snack to have down by the river. Lunch orders will still be operating on the day. Please make sure they bring plenty of drinking water.

Next week six of our class members will be travelling to Mungo to take part in a leadership camp with our city sister alliance. We hope Jaxon, Summer, Thomas, Karly, Lyle and Montana have a wonderful time getting to know some of the leaders from Hunters Hill and other participating schools. Thank you to Mr Gray and Trish Jones for assisting with this adventure.

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Due to next week being a short week, no homework will be sent home, but I do encourage continual daily reading and practising number facts and timetables.

Reminders:
* Year 6 Canberra Excursion deposits are due before the 27th of March, 2015.
* Donation of any fruit and vegies for our daily Crunch & Sip.

Happy Fishing,
Sandra Marziano

achievement certificates

Kinder: Aidan Darby & Samantha Watters-Behmann
1/2S: Hayley Johnston & Lavina Dodd
1/2R: Megan Farnsworth & Shauna Lawson
Mr Gray’s Class: James Vines & Chloe Nash
Mrs Halls’ Class: Emanuell Peterson & Tobias Watson-Kiely
Miss Marzies’ Class: Amelia Paech & Hamish 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

What’s the greatest thing that’s happened this term?