End of Term 1 will be tomorrow. Students may come to school in casual dress. Just a reminder we finish school at our normal time of 3.30pm.

Have a great Easter break and I look forward to working with everyone in Term 2. Term 2 will start on Tuesday 21st April. Staff return on the Monday.

THANK YOU MRS LAWRENCE

Yesterday was the last day that Mrs Lawrence will be job sharing the 1/2R class. Next term Mrs Rees will return and take this class Monday—Thursday. Mrs Garraway will have them on the Friday.

I would like to thank Mrs Lawrence for her excellent efforts with this class and the great contributions she has made to our school.

P&C

Thanks to Kathryn Baird for offering to take on the management of the canteen again this year.

COMPLAINTS/COMPLIMENTS HANDLING

I have attached some information about how the Department of Education handle complaints and compliments. This is information that needs to be included in one newsletter each year.

Please see me if you need any further information.

HOLIDAY UPGRADERS

Over the holidays the toilet upgrade will start, the dining room will be painted and split cycle air conditioners installed in the kitchen.

It has been a great term and I thank everyone for the effort they have given.

Kind regards

Natalie Hopcroft

Principal.
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**This Week’s Newsletter**

**Attachments**
- Receipts
- Coomealla HS Newsletter (Yr 6)
- Coomealla HS Information Evening (Yr 6)
- ZOE Suport fundraiser flyer

**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.
SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2015

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 student run 3km. So start practicing now!!

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

Jordana Shields
Sports Coordinator

REMINDERS

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
A guide for parents, carers and students when making a complaint. If you have a concern or complaint about any aspect of our services we’re keen to hear from you.

We encourage you to contact the school to talk about your concerns, as most problems can be solved by talking to the school office staff, your child’s teacher or the school principal. They know your child and are best placed to help you. Also, it’s best if you let them know about your concerns as early as possible.

What can a complaint be about?

You can make a complaint about:

- any aspect of the services we provide
- the behaviour or decisions of staff
- practices, policies or procedures.

How to make a complaint

It is best to discuss your concerns with your child’s teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.

If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal.

You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.

If your complaint is about the principal you will need to contact the school education director in your area. Ask the school office staff at your school for their name and number.

If your complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put it in writing. It is important that you include specific details of the situation and tell us what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint. We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

Will my complaint be confidential?

The person dealing with your complaint will advise you if confidentiality applies to your case, but generally it can’t be guaranteed. If your complaint is about another person they have a right to know the allegations and be given a chance to respond.

Can I make an anonymous complaint?

Yes, you can make your complaint anonymously. However, it may be difficult to resolve an anonymous complaint if you do not provide your contact details and further information is required.
What you can expect

How your complaint is managed depends on what it is about.

Most complaints can be resolved quickly and informally to everybody’s satisfaction simply by talking to the teacher concerned or the principal.

Some complaints are covered by a particular policy or by special legislation (eg occupational health and safety or anti-discrimination policies). You will be advised if this is the case with your complaint. You will be told the name of the person who is dealing with your complaint and their contact number.

Occasionally more serious or complex complaints require investigation. These can take a longer time to resolve. If this happens, you should be informed of the progress and the result of your complaint by phone or in writing at regular intervals until the matter is resolved.

If you have not heard from the person handling the complaint within a reasonable time, call to ask them what is happening.

What are the possible results?

1. The complaint is upheld and one or more of the following actions may be offered to you:
   - action to fix or improve the situation
   - an apology
   - an explanation
   - an admission that the situation could have been handled differently or better
   - an assurance that the event complained of will not recur
   - an explanation of the steps that have been taken to ensure that it will not happen again
   - an undertaking to review the department’s policies in light of the complaint.

2. Your complaint is not upheld. The reasons for this should be given to you clearly.

What if I am not happy with the result?

If you are not happy with the result, you may ask for a review of your complaint by contacting the school education director or the section of the department that assessed your complaint.

You can get the name and number from the administrative officer at your school or the department’s switchboard on telephone number 1300679332.

What if I am still not satisfied with the outcome?
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If you feel that you haven’t been treated fairly or that the result is unreasonable, you may wish to seek a review from an independent organisation. External bodies that may be able to assist include:

NSW Ombudsman
Ph: 02 9286 1000
www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW
Ph: 02 9268 5555

Please note likewise if you wish to make a compliment the school would also like to hear from you.

*Proposed Canteen Roster - Term 2, 2015*

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*Donut Days for Term 2 will be 24th April and 26th June

Please contact me asap if your not available on the date I have you down for, and which date(s) you would be available. It is no problem to swap the roster around if everyone has some notice.

If you are not on the roster we still have room for more volunteers, so please make contact with me.

Thanks, Kathryn
Ph: 0407 847 717
kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Aussie Hoops Basketball Program Term 2  @ The Toyota Hothouse
Open to Boys & Girls aged 5 – 7  Commences Friday May 1st at 4.15pm
Please call 5023 2241 for more details
Thanks
Adam Tarr
General Manager, Mildura Basketball Association
Phone (03) 50232241
manager@mildurabasketball.com.au
Www.mildurabasketball.com.au
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
CLASS NEWS ITEMS

KINDER B

Have a Happy Easter
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 Charlie, Milla and Michael for achieving 25 nights with reading.

1/2R combined with 1/2S on Monday and participated in the Kitchen Garden. The students planted some flowers in the garden as well as weeding. In the kitchen the students cooked Rosemary and Polenta Muffins, Potato Tortilla, Zucchini Pasta and were able to taste fresh peaches. Everyone had a great day and enjoyed tasting their cooking. Thank you to Mrs Baird who helped us in the kitchen.

On Tuesday all students enjoyed activities from the Science Discovery Day. The show focused on magnets and electricity. All students were amazed at the force of the magnets.

Congratulations to all students on excellent hats for the Easter Hat Parade. I was amazed with the colours and designs of the hats. Students enjoyed the rotations throughout the day as well as the Easter egg hunt.

Thank you. Have a great week and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Jodi Garraway and Jann Lawrence

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the students in 1/2R for being a great class to teach this term. Thank you for making me feel welcome. Enjoy the rest of 2015.

Jann Lawrence

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Wow! It is hard to believe we have come to the end of Term 1. This term seems to have flown by and especially because I am having a wonderful time teaching 1/2S.

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated craft items for the Easter hat constructions. It was wonderful to see so many parents come down and see the parade today. The children had an awesome day participating in the Easter Fun Day!

Today and tomorrow I will sending home a number of readers for the Easter break. It is important for your child to keep up with the reading over the holidays and record in their reading log.

Thank you all for a wonderful term and hope you have a safe and enjoyable Easter.

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

A note was sent home attached to last weeks newsletter 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 (tomorrow). Any questions about the camp please contact Jenny Halls at the front office or on the school number 50273146.

MR GRAY’S NEWS

Have a Happy Easter

Brian Gray

MRS HALLS’ NEWS

The final week of term, wow it really has flown by. In the last week we have been busy with the class enjoying fishing on Friday, having a Science Discovery visit on Tuesday and Easter Day on Wednesday.

There was no homework sent home this week; however I am sending home a handful of readers for the holidays. It is important that all my students keep up their reading so that they do not drop backwards. Remember ‘Good Readers Read’.

A reminder to all year 4 and 5 students that the note for our school camp needs to be in by tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful first term. We have achieved so much already. Enjoy the holidays and have a well earned break.

Jenny Halls.
MISS MARZIE'S CLASS

WOW! Where has this term gone? Overall I can honestly state that it has been a great first term and an honour to teach the wonderful students in my class. Everyday brings a new memory and smile.

Last weeks fishing excursion went well and thank goodness no-one fell in the river. It would have been a bit cold for them if they had.

Yesterday the class had the opportunity to discover more about magnets and electricity when they took part in the Science Discovery projects. One might say it was a bit hair raising.

Thank you to those who were able to donate towards the Easter hat constructions and for coming to see the parade today. Thank you also to all who were able to assist in the school during the term and those who assist their children at home to improve their education.

A reminder that it is important for students to continue to read items of interest and enter them in their diary throughout the holiday period. Also practise their timetables and number facts. They will still be able to access Spelling City during the break and do extra activities if they wish to.

Reminders:

◊ Diaries due tomorrow with up to date reading data.

Wishing you all the best for the Easter break,
Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder: Jess Doidge & Shantaya Burow

1/2S: Mitch Humphreys & Brodie Cooper-Gunn

1/2R: Riley Dannatt & Levi Johnson

Mr Gray's Class: Dylan Wellard & Lottie Riley

Mrs Halls' Class: Nathan Edwards & Jacob Follett

Miss Marzies' Class: Piper Nash & Sarah Watters-Behsmann

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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’s are you going to do during the Easter break?

Aidan Darby: I’m staying home and wait for the Easter bunny.

Lavina Dodd: I’m going to my aunties.

Michael McDermott: I’m waiting for the Easter bunny at home.

Shaneil Cunnington: I’m staying at my nans.

Alex Mitchell: I’m going to my mums.

Nellie Baird: I am going camping with my family.