Hello and welcome back for the second half of the year. Lots of exciting events this term which will make the next 6 months fly by.

This term we have camps, Wentworth Show, NAIDOC, and concert preparation.

The first piece of news I have for our community is that Jodie Morgan and her family are moving overseas for a period of time and Jodie has let me know that she will need to stop working at our school during the term. I am sure you would agree with me that this will be quite a big loss for our school, as Jodie has put a huge effort into our school and especially the Kitchen/Garden program and our recently commenced Volunteer program. Jodie's position was advertised in last Saturday's Sunraysia Daily and I will let you know once I have any news about the replacement.

We will also have a farewell event for Jodie that everyone will be invited to.

CHANGE OF NAME

The Department of Education and Communities has had a name change and is now known as the Department of Education.

JAMOWEN KENNEDY

This week Jamowen has travelled to Sydney to compete in the State Cross Country. We wish Jamowen all the best and hope he has a fantastic experience.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

On Monday this week all teaching staff attended a workshop at Coomealla High School learning about a program called ‘Friends for Life’. This is a program that is used in the classroom that aims to increase the resilience and happiness of children.

It promotes important personal development concepts such as identity, self-esteem, problem solving, self expression and building positive relationships.

We are now just waiting for the teacher handbooks to arrive and we will then start implementing the program.

Have a great week,

Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.
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### This Week’s Newsletter

**Attachments**

- Receipts
- WPS Athletics Carnival Results 2015
- Sean Choolburra Indigenous performance information and 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.
BOOK FAIR
Once again we would like to thank everyone who was able to support the end of last terms Book Fair. Due to this wonderful support, along with making a booking for next year, we were able to receive $430 worth of books for the school library. These will be accessioned soon and available for students to borrow.

Congratulations also to the following students who won the lucky draw for their class that was being run through the Book Fair.

Kinder: Jade Whitfield
1/2S: Tyson Lever
1/2R: Milla Harmer
Mr Gray's: Ryan Norris
Mrs Halls: Jayden Miller
Miss Marzie's: Jane Cullinan

Happy Reading,
Sandra Marziano

SPECIAL YEAR 6 NEWS

CANBERRA EXCURSION:
Due to the wonderful support that has already been received during the Year 6 Canberra Excursion Fundraisers there is almost already enough for the $15 x 4 day's per student pocket money expense covered. This means that instead of the students/parents needing to organise this money before the excursion, it will already be ready for the students when the excursion starts. Any extra money raised after this will then be calculated for a reimbursement to the students after the excursion.

There are still a few more fundraisers being run, so thanks again for the support you have all shown and to the organisers of each event.

YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING UPDATE:
We still have a few boxes of Chocolates at the front office that need to be sold. If you have not already collected your box, or if you have the avenues to sell another 10-20 chocolates, please come and collect them from the front office - payment on collection is preferred ($2.50 per chocolate bar). Well done to those who have already collected your boxes and sold them (or ate them), this has been a great fundraiser. Thanks to Donna & Brett at Tiggy’s Outback Diner for organising this Fundraiser! It was a huge effort to organise 400 chocolate bars, create personalised labels and provide boxes for selling!

Year 6 would like to thank the following people for their time and effort in organising and supervising last Terms Fundraiser Disco; Leanne Hancock, Kylie Heywood, Tracey McInnes, Craig & Riley Russell, Kylie Darby, Jenny Halls & Kathryn Baird. Thanks also to Anthony Davis for the use of his speakers, Craig Russel for the disco playlist and Libby Saunders for the disco ball. Also thanks to Michelle Kelly for donating chips to give out on the night and Mrs Hopcroft for letting us use the hall and the kinder room for the night. Finally a big THANK YOU to all the wonderful students who helped setup and clean up, took door money and sold glow sticks and to those that organised the dance off! It was a fun night.

Monday is Hot Chip & Donut Day (20th July) - Please remember to bring your order in before Friday if you want some yummy Hot Chips and gravy for lunch on Monday!
**DENTAL VAN**

The Dental Van has now arrived at school. The Dental Staff, Lisa Testa and Sam Camin, will be at the Dental Van every Wednesday and alternate Thursdays and Fridays.

Commencing next week staff will be at the van Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and the following week only Wednesday 29th, continuing through the term.

Dental checks will commence next week so please ensure your child’s form has been returned if you would like to use the service.

Please call 0419 990 264 for any enquiries.

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

All ribbons and medallions will be handed out at next week’s assembly. Attached to the newsletter is all the results from the day.

All students who have qualified for the Murray Darling PSSA Athletics Carnival will receive a permission note over the next week.

**NSWPSSA STATE CROSS COUNTRY**

This week Jamowen Kennedy is travelling to Sydney to compete in the NSWPSSA State Cross Country. He will be running in his event this Friday 17th July against the best cross country runners from across the state. Wentworth Public is extremely proud of his efforts and would like to wish him all the best. I hope you enjoy this amazing experience.

Jordana Shields
Sports Coordinator

**NAIDOC DAY**

Wentworth Public school will be celebrating NAIDOC day on Wednesday 29th July starting at 9.30am and finishing at 3.30pm. Activities include visiting the Burial Marker Tree with an Elder, talking about artefacts, Johnny cake cooking, Indigenous games, art, BBQ lunch and special guest Sean Choolburra. Parents and Community Welcome.

**RUFUS RIVER MEMORIAL DAY**

Our students and staff from Mrs Halls Class have been invited to attend the Rufus River Memorial Day at Lake Victoria on Thursday 27th August. This day is highly significant to the Aboriginal Community and has helped shape Australia’s Cultural History. The day is also used to promote reconciliation. The students will gain high exposure to Aboriginal Culture, European History, Conservation Land Management and Cultural Heritage Management. Permission notes will go out after NAIDOC day. There will be a cost. Travel will be by bus.

Parents are most welcome to join us (limited seats, cost involved).

Thankyou
Trish Jones AEO
SRC NEWS
Throughout last term a number of events were discussed during the SRC meetings that will occur during this term. Please remember these events/date and support wherever possible.

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Crazy Hair Day is an annual fundraising event organised by Cystic Fibrosis and is a fun way for schools to celebrate the start of third term and a great way to raise awareness and funds for those living with cystic fibrosis. This year's event will be held on Friday 24th July. Students are encouraged to come to school with the craziest hair possible and make a gold coin donation towards a well worth cause. Remember anything goes on Crazy Hair Day: teased, coloured, gelled or twisted; wigs and scarves, punk or just plain messy! (Please note it is also casual dress day – school hat still required and due to it being Friday sports, appropriate footwear.)

SOUP KITCHEN
SRC with the assistance of Mrs Hall’s class Kitchen Garden session will be running a giving back to the community event on Wednesday 5th August. Mrs Halls students will be preparing the soup, whilst SRC members will be walking down to the town hall and setting up for the free soup luncheon. More details will be in the upcoming newsletters, along with a permission note for those involved.

2015 SUPERHERO DAY
On the 3rd of September we will be holding the 2015 Superhero Day for Muscular Dystrophy. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite superhero character, or invent their own. More information will be made available.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Each year, Fight Cancer Foundation asks all Australians to unite and wear their favourite football team’s colours on the first Friday in September or any day we choose to help support the fight against cancer. This year we will be holding ours on Friday 11th September. More information will be made available.

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE
The school has entered the Premier’s Spelling Bee for many years now. The Premier’s Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling.

Two students are chosen for the Year 3 & 4 section and two for the Year 5 & 6 division. Unfortunately the event is being held in Week 10 this term when Year 6 are in Canberra; but fortunately enough we still have the Year 5’s at school during the event.

To qualify for the event we will be holding a Spell Off next week on Thursday. Any student in Year 3 to 6 who are interested can try out.

For more information please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Happy Spelling,
Sandra Marziano
HOT CHIPS & DONUT DAY
Monday 20th July

Year 6 students will be selling hot chips & donuts as a fundraiser for their year 6 camp next Monday. If you would like to order some hot chips for lunch and a donut for recess, please place your order and payment to the front office by this Thursday 16th July.

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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.

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

You can look at this even if you are not on facebook.

TRACKPANTS

Limited stock is kept at the office. Orders will be sent at the end of each fortnight (during the winter months), as long as we have enough orders.

Styles available—Leisure Track Pants—$20, Fleecy Track pants—$15 and Micro fibre Track pants—$25
CANTEEN NEWS

Donut day has been moved! As Year 6 is having a donut fundraiser on Monday, we will not be selling donuts at canteen this Friday. Don’t forget to return your order forms for hot chips and donuts before this Friday.

In the next week or two there will be a new canteen price list sent home. There will be a couple of new items listed and some price rises to cover increases from suppliers.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2015

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* Donut Days for Term 2 will be Monday 20th July and Friday 11th September

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.

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

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope everyone had a great break and are all set for an action packed, fun filled Lego learning adventure. Yes, this term Kinder has a Lego Theme because "Everyone is Awesome".

Reports are going home today along with a note for the mid-year parent/teacher interviews which need to be returned by this Friday with your preference times. I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next 2 weeks.

Homework has changed slightly this term with a monthly homework grid being used. It will go out each Monday and needs to be returned each Friday. Readers will continue to be changed each Monday and Thursday.

Last but not least a big welcome goes out to Gideon, who has joined our awesome class. I am sure Gideon will have a blast learning with us and being a part of our team.

Reminders

- Homework is due every Friday.
- Home readers are changed every Monday and Thursday.
- Donations of fruit/vegetables welcomed for our morning fruit breaks.

Have an awesome week!

Leanne Byrnes

YEAR 1/2S NEWS

Welcome back for Term 3!! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I was so happy to see all the excited faces of my class; ready to return for another term. It was also great to see all the children had completed some reading over the holidays. Fantastic work!

Homework will be sent out on Monday next week. All homework books need to be returned so the new lot of homework can be glued in. Please send in to school as soon as possible.

Today all the children received their school reports. Also contained in the envelope is a parent/teacher Interview note. Interviews are being conducted throughout next week. Please complete and return before this Friday. I am looking forward to catching up with you all and talking about your child's progress.

Next Friday 24th July the school will be holding a Crazy Hair Day to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis. Gold coin donations will be collected on the day.

A few reminders:

- Readers will be checked and changed every day.
- Any fruit donations are greatly appreciated for our Crunch and Sip Program. All donations to be taken to the front office.
- Library borrowing Thursdays

Hope you have a super week.

Jordana Shields
Welcome to Term 3. I hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing break. We have started the term off with a bang. Yesterday we went to the Kitchen and the garden to get a taste of the Kitchen Garden program. Whilst in the kitchen, the class learnt to make gnocchi with sage butter. It was absolutely delicious and there were no leftovers to be seen anywhere. I would like to thank Mrs Anne Baird, Mrs Cheryl Vines, Mrs Charlotte Harmer and Mrs Cynthia Vines for volunteering their time and coming into the kitchen to help make it such a fun and enjoyable experience for the children. I would also like to thank Jodie Morgan for all her tireless preparation and organisation. Without her knowledge and passion for cooking, our kitchen experience wouldn’t have been as wonderful as it was.

In the garden, the children learnt about the different types of beans that we plant in the school garden and how beans can be sweet or bitter. We tasted some freshly picked snow peas that were delicious and sweet, even though Saxon did not agree. We also planted some beans, checked out the chooks and went on a scavenger hunt for herbs. Thanks to Vince for our garden lesson.

This week we welcome a new student to our class. Neomai has been welcomed with open arms into our class and I look forward to getting to know her better.

Homework will start going home again next Thursday and will be due the following Thursday. This term we will be following a slightly different format to help reduce some confusion about the tasks. We will also be starting a project that will contain weekly tasks.

Reports have gone home today along with interview notes. Please return them as soon as possible to ensure you get your 1st preference with interview times.

Reminders

- Interview notes due back ASAP
- Reports went home today
- Book club went home today
- Homereaders to be returned on Mondays and Thursdays
- Homework is due on a Thursday
- Please read the SRC article for dates and exciting events for this term

See you all next week for interviews

Cheers

Natalie Rees
**MR GRAY’S NEWS**

Welcome back everyone; I hope that you all had safe and happy holidays. We welcome two new members to our class this term, Aysha and Alexa. I am sure that they will be made to feel most welcome!

We are straight in to the swing of things this term with no time to waste whatsoever. With the show, concert practice, NAIDOC, education week, school camp and countless other things happening, we will be flat chap the whole term.

Please remember that our class research tasks on kites were due this week. I look forward to using the information gathered to help with learning this term. Home reading is back up and running and students need to make sure that they are reading, recording and changing their books.

I am calling for any volunteers to help out with our Wenty Show class items. My sewing skills are somewhat atrocious, so if you’re handy with a needle and thread, come on in! Our kitchen garden program is still happening on a Monday and it would be lovely to see some parents joining us for some cooking and a meal throughout the term also.

Report Cards and interview notes have gone home with each student today. Please fill in and return the interview note as soon as possible.

Cheers,
Brian.
Welcome back to Term 3, we’re half way already. I hope you all had a safe and relaxing two week break and are ready for the busy term ahead. Some of the events already lined up for some of our class members to take part in during the term are Murray Darling PSSA Athletics Carnival, Wentworth Show, Hunters Hill visits, Year 4/5 and Year 6 end of term excursions, and then there’s the SRC line-ups, Crazy Hair Day, Soup Kitchen, etc.

Accompanying this week’s newsletter is your child’s Mid-Year Report and Mid-Year Interview note. Please read reports carefully so that we will be able to discuss them more explicitly during interviews which are being held over the next two weeks.

Some of our weekly routines remain the same this term. Unless changed due to a specific circumstance, diaries are still collected Friday’s with up to date Reading Data, and homework sent home on Tuesday’s and due back by the following Monday. (Please note homework will start going home next week.)

This term the class are still lucky enough to have sport with Mr Gray on Friday’s, Mrs Garraway will continue teaching them Science on Thursday afternoon; whilst Mrs Farley will continue to have the class for PD, Health Monday’s and Library on Tuesday’s. Mr Robinson will also continue to expose the class to some musical knowledge and skills on Friday’s.

Starting in a few weeks’ time during our year level Wednesday afternoons, Year 6 will be joined by Pomona Public School Year 6’s. Topics covered this term in HSIE are based on the Local River System and Canberra/Government. Year 5’s will continue to be working with Mrs Halls and Year 4’s with Mr Gray during these sessions.

Year 6 parents / carers, please ensure you read the Special Year 6 News section for additional Canberra information.

Kitchen Garden this term will commence next week. We will still be having this on a Tuesday, with Garden from 9:30-10:10am, followed by Kitchen. Everyone is welcomed to come along and assisted during these sessions.

Please make sure you read the SRC News item for events that will be occurring throughout this term.

Reminders:
◊ Fruit donations for daily Crunch & Sip.

Welcome back once again,
Sandra Marziano
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.

Book Fair Lucky Draw Winners

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