Short and sweet this week!

What a whirlwind of activity we have at the moment. Especially if you are in Year 6.

Our sister school, Hunter's Hill have been spending the week with us and we will be visiting them next week.

Thank you to Staff, parents and students for making these events possible.

Have a great week

Natalie Hopcroft.

BARRIER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We have ten students from Wentworth Public attending the Barrier Athletics Carnival this Friday. I would like to wish them all the best.

Jordana Shields

OUTBACK OUTREACH

Year 5 and 6 students who are not going to Sydney next week have received a note for the Outback Outreach program next Wednesday. Students will be heading down to the wharf and will be conducting scientific investigation via kayak. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the practical application of science and environmental management from the team at the Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre. Please make sure that your notes are in by tomorrow, as the team needs to ensure that there is the correct amount of kayaks.

Cheers,

Mr Gray

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van ladies will return the first week of September.
This Week’s Newsletter

Attachments

- Receipts
- Tell Them From Me Student feedback survey
- The middle child survey (Yr 6)

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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 WEEK 2015

As part of book week celebrations classes will be visiting the Wentworth Library in week 7 this term. The times of when the classes will make their visits are listed below.

WENTWORTH LIBRARY VISIT

Monday 24th Aug:
1/2S - Leave school at 10:30am
1/2R - Leave School at 12:45pm
3/4/5G - Leave School at 2:25pm

Tuesday 25th Aug:
Kinder - Leave school at 10:30am
3/4/5/6H - Leave School at 12:45pm
4/5/6M - Leave School at 2:30pm

BOOK WEEK PARADE AND ACTIVITIES.

This year the book week parade will be held a little later on the Tuesday 8th September in week 9.

The theme for Book Week is “Books Light up our World”. Students are invited to come dressed up as their favourite book character or book week theme related.

The children who have won the colouring competition and poster competition will have their book prize presented to them on the day.

Thanks
Tamie Farley

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.

TO GIVE AWAY—SHREDDED PAPER

If you would like a garbage bag full of shredded paper—please call into the office.

MUSIC LESSON VACANCIES

Lessons available in flute, clarinet, keyboard and piano.
Contact Louise Judd—0408 596 944
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
The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 21st August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


I will be selecting families at random using class roles and contacting you individually to take part.
Mildura District Little Athletics: Track & Field, 2015-16

MDLAC invites interested families to attend their Info and Registration day on Sunday, 20 September 2015 – 10.00am to 11.30am at MADECC, 133-137 Madden Avenue, Mildura. We will run briefings for prospective families, giving them the opportunity to raise any queries they may have and then register if they wish. Registration and credit card payment must be completed online, either at the Registration Day (with assistance if required) or from home after 1 September 2015. Once financial registration is complete, Athletes may obtain their registration pack (Jetstar shopping bag and cap, Athletics/shoe bag, Centre booklet, bumper sticker, achievement book, etc.) and purchase a Centre shirt (required for competition). Eftpos facilities will be available at Registration Day.

Little Athletics caters for young athletes from the ages of 3-17 (DOB 01/10/98 – 30/09/12). For each local competition day, athletes compete in a set number of events which rotate on a 3 week cycle. The events (depending on age group) include sprints, middle distance, walks, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, shot put and javelin. Tiny Tots participate in the “On-Track” program between 9.00-10.00am, specifically designed to develop movement and coordination skills via fun activities. Supervised training with qualified coaches is held during the season on Thursdays, 5.30pm-7.00pm.

The registration fee for this year is $111.93 for the first athlete in an immediate family, two athletes $218.53, three athletes $298.48, four athletes $351.78, five athletes $405.08, six athletes $458.38 and Tiny Tots are $90.61 each. The compulsory uniform costs $40 for a top and $5 for a hat (above-the-knee black shorts and sneakers/runners to be sourced elsewhere by families). New caps are available at registration day. Limited 2nd hand shirts may also be available at a reduced cost. The Tiny Tot uniform is a plain yellow polo shirt purchased individually, or alternatively our Centre uniform shirt, with black shorts. There are no other fees or charges for weekly competition.

If you are unsure if your child/ren will like Little Athletics, we invite athletes to ‘come and try’ for up to 2 weeks at no charge. For insurance purposes, anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer must fill in a ‘come and try’ registration online. After the 2 weeks if your children still wish to take part in Little Ath’s, complete registration and payment online is required.

MDLAC’s 2015-16 track & field season commences on Sunday, 4 October 2016 at Oval 8, Old Aero Ovals Sporting Complex, 537 Eleventh Street, Mildura. Competition starts with a warm up (compulsory) at 8.45am and events begin at 9.00am sharp. The season runs for 18 weeks with a 6 week break over the school holidays. Competition takes approximately 2 hours each Sunday - depending on the number of athletes taking part. Our Canteen provides cool drinks, snacks and a BBQ, with all profits going back into funding new equipment and facilities.

MDLAC is a family environment, with at least 1 parent, guardian or responsible adult required to attend per family of athletes when they are competing. As we are run solely by volunteers each family will be added to a rotating roster of their choice, helping to assist with making sure everything runs smoothly (eg: set-up, pack-up, canteen, BBQ, Age Group Manager, our Age Group Assistant). We are a friendly, welcoming Centre and love to see new families join us!

Additional information about MDLAC can be found by visiting our website or Facebook page.

For further information please contact: Steve Erlandsen, President - 0427 233 504.
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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* The next Donut Day for Term 2 will be Friday 11th September *

REMININDER:

Please be aware that the new pricing that was sent out in the Newsletter is in place. New prices apply.

Please contact me asap if you're 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
CLASS NEWS ITEMS

KINDER B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter regarding our school concert next term; all students are required to have a white Bonds singlet and black shorts for their costume. The singlet needs to be brought to school with your child’s name on it. If you have any difficulty obtaining these items please let me know as soon as possible.

Kinder have been showing some great improvement with their reading. A huge thank you to all parents/carers who listen to their child read each day. The greatest gift we can give to our children is “a passion for reading”.

We all enjoyed the Questacon Science Circus on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Rees for organising their visit to our school. We have also enjoyed getting to know some of the students from Hunters Hill and hope that they have enjoyed their stay here.

Last week we welcomed Emily to our awesome class. I am sure she will have a blast learning with us and being a part of our ‘Lego’ 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

Last Monday, the whole class went along to the Questacon Science Circus Show. I think a particular favourite was the exploration of bubbles. 1/2S completed some wonderful writing after the event.

I did not receive a lot of homework last Friday and I am finding a majority of students are returning it on Mondays. I have difficulty marking homework on Mondays and getting it out to the students due to Mondays being my double duty day. I would really greatly appreciate if homework could be handed in on Fridays. If this cannot be done please note that when handed in on Mondays your child will not receive their homework back until the following day. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter I am off to Broken Hill for the Barrier Athletics Carnival. 1/2S will be divided between 1/2R and Kinder. Thank you to Mrs Garraway and Mrs Byrnes for taking my students for the day. I will send home extra readers Thursday as readers will not be changed Friday.

Also mentioned in last week’s newsletter item were the costumes for the school concert which is being held next term. All 1/2S students have been asked to send in a simple white Bonds singlet. Black shorts will also be worn but they do not need to be sent in. Please make sure your child’s name is clearly marked on the singlet before being brought to me. Feel welcome to come in and see me if you have any further questions.
A few reminders:

- Library borrowing Thursdays
- Homework due Friday
  - Any fruit and vegetable donations would be greatly appreciated.

Hope you all have a great week.

Jordana Shields

YEAR 1/2R NEWS

Welcome to a new and busy week in Year 1/2R. On Monday, we had a visit from Questacon. The students loved every bit of the visit and participated in some very interesting experiments. Each student received a free pass to the Questacon exhibition that will be held at St Josephs basketball stadium. The exhibition will have over 40 experiments/exhibits for the students to have a go at. There is more information at the office and on the ticket your child received if they went to the show.

On Monday we will be visiting the town Library as a part of the Book Week celebrations. We will be walking down to the library at approximately 12.25pm and returning to school at 1.45pm.

We have asked parents to send in a white Bonds singlet for the school performance. If you have not done so yet, could you please send one in as soon as possible to ensure that all our students have the right costume for their part.

Reminders

* Homework and Homereaders are due on Thursday
* Any fruit donations would be greatly appreciated
* Homereaders are also due on Mondays
* Library borrowing is on Thursday
* White Bonds singlet (unless you are in the band)

Have a wonderful week, until next week

Natalie Rees
MR GRAY'S NEWS

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers we have had this week in the kitchen and garden! We were able to accomplish so much more with your help. Please note, that due to the swap in cooking days this week, there will be NO KITCHEN GARDEN tomorrow. Next Thursday we will return to our normal cooking program.

We have our school concert coming up at the beginning of Term 4. Students are required to bring in a plain white 'Bonds-style' singlet, with their name written on the inside. There can be no writing/logos/patterns on the outside of the singlet. All other aspects of the costume will be provided by the school (with thanks to Larni Baird). Students in the band (they know who they are) will wear the same style of singlet, but in black. On the day students will need to wear all black shorts, but they do not need to be sent in yet.

Most students are well on their way to receiving a reading award before the end of week 8. Some students will need to make sure that they are reading more consistently in order to qualify for the special lunch in week 9. Good luck!

Cheers,
Brian

MRS HALL'S NEWS

Wow I have had a wonderful week off but have returned to a very, very busy remainder of term. This week we have been hosting Hunters Hill and have the Barrier sports carnival in Broken Hill.

Next week our class will be going out to Lake Victoria to attend the Memorial Day. Notes for this excursion will be going home today. Please ensure they are returned promptly so we do not have to waste time chasing notes.

Next week is also show week, which is always a big deal ensuring we have our marquee organised and displays ready.

Homework will continue and has been sent home this week.

Any questions about the activities we are doing etc, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Cheers Jenny
MISS MARZIE'S CLASS

Monday's Questacon performance was well received by those students who attended. We know the Year 6's are even more eager to visit Questacon in Canberra during their excursion at the end of this term.

This week we welcomed some school leaders from Hunters Hill PS. Our Year 6's had a terrific time at Mungo yesterday with our sister school. Thank you to Miss Shields for accompanying them. Today they enjoyed joining in with the class during our Kitchen Garden session. It's terrific to hear them being so excited about something our students do on a weekly occurrence.

Last week some Year 5's began their training to assist at the Wentworth Community Opportunity Shop. This allows the students to enhance their monetary skills, along with customer service. This is just another way our students see how positive it is to give back to the community we live in.

Each week four students, two at a time complete a one hour stint at the op shop calculating purchase totals, giving change and marking goods to be purchased.

A reminder that tomorrow some Year 6's and myself will be on an excursion to Nindethana Station with our Hunters Hill visitors. The remainder of the class will be having Mrs Farnsworth for part of the day and then being split to assist in some of the other classes for the rest of the day.

Thank you to those parents who are able to assist with the transport out to Nindethana, and back hopefully. We also look forward to the Year 6's and their parents attending this evening's camp oven dinner and use this opportunity to mingle with our sister school representatives. Thank you to Mr Gray and his helpers for organising the dinner. Thank you also to Hayden and Fiona Cullinan for hosting tomorrow’s event.

Please find attached to all Year 6 students newsletter an information/permission leaflet titled 'The Middle Childhood Survey'. Please read carefully and complete and return the form only if you don’t wish for your child to participate by this Friday, 21st August. Please note, if this isn’t returned we will assume its fine and they will take part in the survey next week.

Reminders:
* Fruit donations for daily Crunch & Sip.
* Diaries due Friday.
* Concert Band & Singers - Black Bond singlet / Rest of class - white Bond singlet. $4 to cover the rest of the student's costumes.
* Next week Kitchen Garden session back to normal - Tuesday 9:25 - 11:50am.

Happy Travels,

Sandra Marziano

Achievement Certificates

Kinder: Emily Crombie, Aidan Darby & Shantaya Burow

1/2S: Brodie Cooper-Gunn & Colin Lawson

1/2R: Ellie Vines & Sky Lee Janson

Mr Gray's Class: Jayden Dannatt, Jarrah Thorne & Hayley Darby

Mrs Halls Class: Natasha Simmonds & Nehemiah Spary

Miss Marzies’ Class: Karly Russell & Nellie 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.