The 2016 school year is up and running. We have started the year very smoothly.

On Monday there were 22 students who started Kindergarten. It was a delight to see them get up on the stage and either say their own names or get introduced to the audience.

Our current enrolment is 143 students which is a steady growth from last year.

There are a total of eight classes in the school. Four in Infants and four in Primary.

We have also welcomed a large number of new families to the school.

Over the next few weeks there will be a number of opportunities for families to meet with Staff both formally and informally.

We place a lot of importance on the school’s relationship with families and will work hard to make this as positive as possible.

Please know that your comments, ideas, suggestions, concerns are all valued and we will listen.

As a result of feedback given last year we have decided to re do our school homework policy. Any parents/students who wish to be part of a team interested in looking at this can contact Mrs Rees for more information.

SCHOOL FEES

The P&C elected to increase the school fees in 2016.

For each Primary child the fee is $100 per year;

The break down of these fees are as follows:

Kitchen Garden and Music $60 and School Voluntary fees $40.

Kindergarten to Year 2 is $50 per year;

Kitchen Garden and Music $10 and School Voluntary fees $40.

If a family has more than two children the fee is capped at $250 per year.

These fees are due now but can be paid off throughout the year if needed.

FACEBOOK

The school has a very positive and informative facebook page. It can be found at:

www.facebook.com/wentworthpublicschool. Please note that the Department of Education Social Media guidelines encourage staff not to friend parents or students on facebook.

SCHOOL OVAL

A big thank you to P&C, Fordham family, Tim Vines and Steve Dodd for their great work on the school oval. It is looking fantastic.

CROSSING

Can I please remind families that we have two school crossings that need to be used before and after school? There are a lot of people crossing the road at inappropriate places.
## This Week’s Newsletter

### Attachments

- Receipts
- Money Envelopes
- Swimming Notes
- Canteen Price List

### 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.
STOMP DANCE WORKSHOP - EARLY NOTICE

Later this term we will be visited by the Stomp Dance team. The girls came and did a free trial at our school towards the end of last year which was a great success. Following this session the students and staff were keen to book the team to come and do a week of workshops followed by a performance. The opportunity to take part in this program will cost $15 per student. A note will come home in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned.

AUSTRALIA DAY CATERING

Thank you to the group of parents and students who assisted with the catering at the Australia Day Ceremony.

Your assistance to raise funds for our school is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL SPORT CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as House Leaders yesterday:

Murray Captains—Tobias Watson-Kiely and Talia Richards
   Vice Captains - Kurt Gooding and Olivia Humphries
Darling Captains—Thomas Stokes and Chloe Nash
   Vice Captains—Heath Jones and Shanay Lawrence-Hall

Have a great week,
Natalie Hopcoft
Principal,

SWIMMING CARNIVAL P&C BBQ

The P&C will be looking for a couple of people to cook the bbq at the school Swimming Carnival as I wont be there on the day so if you could let the school or myself know if you are able to help in any way that would be great, hope to hear from you soon , I can be contacted on 0427602838 or the school on 50273146.

Regards
Tammy Fordham
P&C President

MONEY AND NOTE COLLECTION

Attached to the newsletter are money envelopes for whenever you are required to pay something to the school (eg excursions, performances and sport buses).

- All notes and money should be handed into the front office.
- More envelopes are available from the front office when you require some.
CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ORDERING:
Please ensure you supply a separate lunch bag for recess and lunch orders. On each bag please remember to put the **students name and teacher**. Total all orders and put correct money in each bag. Orders need to be placed by 9.30am. **Hot food is not available at recess** (the only exception is 2 minute noodles & pizza bread). All other hot pastries, nuggets and tenders are lunch only.

Please remember to keep your lunch bags if you have ordered an ice-cream, these must be taken to the canteen to collect your ice-cream.

*Curlwaa Fresh is no longer available in 250ml bottles, we will stock Lencia orange juice as a trial this term. If it’s not purchased, it will be removed from the drinks list next term.*

**2016 PRICE LIST** is available at the canteen or at the front office.

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**Canteen Roster - Term 1, 2016**

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* Donut Days for Term 1 will be on the 26th February and 8th April

Due to intensive swimming lessons and next weeks swimming carnival, we will hold off on Donut Day until the 26th February!

If you are unavailable to do canteen on your rostered day, please organise a swap or call Kathryn (ph. 040 784 7717) as soon as possible.

**Volunteers needed for 2016**
If you could spare one Friday a term from 8.45am - 2.30pm, we would love to have you on our canteen volunteer list. It’s very easy, you will be rostered on with someone who knows the ropes for as long as you want. Or you can bring a friend / family member along, and make a day of it. Kids love to see their family in the canteen! The roster is pretty flexible, dates can be worked around what suits you. Send me an email or text with your contact details if you would like to join our volunteer team in 2016.

Kathryn
kathryn-baird1@bigpond.com / 0407 847 717
KINDER G NEWS

Hello everyone!

KG has had a great start to the year! We have made lots of new friends and have done a brilliant job getting used to our new routines and expectations. While it has been a very hot start to the year, it has been a good opportunity to explore our new room at lunch and recess, and a big thank you to our Year 6 buddies who have been coming down to help us settle in during lunch and recess.

Next week we are going to begin our News/Show and Tell so I have provided a timetable below when each child will get a turn. They are more than welcome to bring something in to show, or simply tell us about something they would like to share.

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Just a little reminder about drink bottles and art smocks. Students are welcome to put their lunch and drink bottle in our class fridge, which is especially useful on hot days like we have seen in the past week. To avoid any confusion at the end of the day, it would be useful to have all student belongings labelled with their name. I am more than happy to do this for you, just let me know in the morning/afternoon. We are all looking forward to using our paint to create some amazing pieces of art, so it would be great if art smocks (any old T-shirt) could be sent in ASAP.

I know we have a fantastic year ahead, and let me know if you have any questions!

Emma Gulliford- KG Teacher

K/1 B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

What a fantastic start to the year. It has been wonderful welcoming back our Year One students last week, and this week we welcomed the Kinders. Despite the hot weather we are all settling in, getting to know one another and establishing class and school routines and expectations. A very busy week, especially for those doing swimming lesson also.

For the first term we will be undertaking the 'Getting Along' unit; a unit of work which all students at WPS undertake. This unit underpins our school values of which our first term achievement awards are based upon.

Our Buddy class is Miss Marzie’s class. We look forward to working with them throughout the year. They have also been helping our new Kinders with the lunchtime and recess routines.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fiona and Hayden Cullinan and also Grumpy for working tirelessly last week helping me to prepare our new classroom. We are still waiting on a few things but the class room is looking AWESOME.

Work books will be sent home on Friday, if you are able to cover these and send them back on Monday it would be greatly appreciated.

Notes will be sent out shortly regarding goal setting interviews. I look forward to catching up with you all soon.

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 Kinder/One is Tuesday.
• Donations of fruit for our morning fruit break is welcomed.
• Canteen is open every Friday for lunch and recess orders.

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 NEWS

Welcome back to another year of school! It is wonderful to see so many smiling, excited faces in 1/2S. I hope you all have had a lovely summer break and are ready to get back into it!

This week has been extremely busy with all students participating in the Intensive Swimming program. It is an exhausting week but well done to all the students for your exceptional behaviour. I am so impressed with how organised all the 1/2S children are with their bags packed ready to go each day.

Last week all students received a 1/2S information note regarding our class routines, etc. If you did not receive one please collect one from the front office.

A few reminders:

# All reader bags need to be sent in this week.
# Attached to today's newsletter is the Swimming Carnival permission note.
# Any fruit donations for Crunch and Sip to be sent to the office.
# Book Club orders and money due Monday 15th February.

Hope you have a wonderful week!

Jordana Shields

YEAR 1/2R NEWS

Welcome to a new term and an exciting new year. We have started the term with a bang, the class has been busy developing their class code of cooperation, which is now up on display. They have started the Fun Friends program, which will continue to run throughout the term and intensive swimming has been happening all week.

The children have loved the new experience. Thank you to Miss Shields for all her wonderful organisation.

Last week, I sent home an information note about the class, routines and myself. If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to call or drop in for a chat.

On Friday, a green note will be going home for the children who are turning 8 or above. This note shows the events that your child has chosen to enter for the school swimming carnival, which will be held next Friday at the Wentworth pool. Please discuss this with your child and if there are any changes, please contact the school ASAP.

Homereaders went home on Monday and will be due back in this Friday. If your child is too tired to read this week, I totally understand. If this is the case, please send in their reader on Tuesday.

Reminders:

• Book Club is due on 15th Feb
• Homereaders to come in on Tuesdays and Fridays
• Green swimming carnival note will go home on Friday
• School Swimming carnival is on Friday 19th Feb
• Fruit donations needed for fruit break
• School Library borrowing this coming Tuesday, please bring a library bag for borrowing.
Have a wonderful week.
Cheers
Natalie Rees

MISS POMROY'S NEWS
Welcome back to another exciting year in your child/children's education. As we have been getting to know each other, we have been busy working on our code of cooperation, which will be on display shortly. We have also been working on the Getting Along Unit which has been going extremely well.

Home work is not being sent home until a school wide survey is completed about homework. Home readers will be sent home next week, which are to be recorded in student's diaries. Once they have finished the book they are to return it class for a new one. From next week, diaries will be collected by me every Thursday morning for checking and the monitoring of reading data.

Last week I sent home a class information note.

On your child's/children's swimming carnival note, I have highlighted the events that your child/children would like to enter. Once this has been discussed at home return the note by Friday 12th.

Diaries were handed out last week. We have begun putting important events into our diaries. Diaries must be at school every day as we will be using them often. If you would like to cover your child/children's subject books you may take them home over the weekend.

Reminders:
• Book Club orders and money are due the Monday 15th of February.
• Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday the 19th of February.
• We are looking for donations of fruit and vegetables for 'Crunch n Sip'.
• Permission notes need to be returned for our community programs asap.

Warm regards,
Yvette Pomroy

MISS SUCKLING'S NEWS
Welcome back from summer break. What a great start to the term we have had. We have been working very hard on our code of cooperation, which is now displayed in our classroom. We have also been working on the Getting Along Unit which has been going extremely well.

At the moment we are not sending home homework, as a school wide survey is to be completed about homework. However I have sent home, home readers which are to be recorded in student's diaries. Once they have finished the book they are to return it class for a new one.

Last week I sent home a class information note and a note to open up lines of communication between myself and parents/carers. I would love for these to be returned this week if possible.

This week I will be sending home the swimming carnival note. I have highlighted the events that your child/children would like to enter. Once this has been discussed at home return the note by Friday 12th.

Diaries were handed out last week. We have begun putting important events into our diaries. Diaries must be at school every day as we will be using them often. I also will be collecting them every Friday. If you would like to cover your child/children's subject books you may take them home over the weekend.

Reminders:
• Book Club orders and money are due the Monday 15th of February.
• Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday the 19th of February.
• We are looking for donations of fruit and vegetables for 'Crunch n Sip'.
• Permission notes need to be returned for our community programs asap.

Chloe Suckling
MISS MARZIE'S CLASS

Welcome back to another busy year. The students have had a fantastic start and have already demonstrated their commitment to be part of a team and assist others where and whenever necessary.

Last week the students began to enter some important information into their diaries. Could you please discuss these regularly?

As part of the Getting Along unit the students are completing in class they will require a photo of themselves when they were a baby. If possible could you please send one in this week and I’ll photocopy it and have it returned?

This week the class will be voting for our class meeting chair people who will be our reps for the Student Representative Council (SRC). As in previous years, the student’s voice is very much heard in many decision making procedures throughout the school.

Last Friday the students took home an information note regarding some of the classes ‘special’ sessions. Please ensure you have had a read of this. Unfortunately some changes will occur throughout the year, but this will not interrupt the students learning.

Please keep a lookout in the newsletter for any information regarding our school Swimming Carnival which is being held on Friday 19th February (next week).

Reminders:
- Diaries returned daily, especially Friday’s for comments/feedback.
- Daily Reading Data entries in diary.
- Book Club orders and money due Monday 15th February.
- Fruit donations for Crunch and Sip.

Stay Cool,
Sandra Marziano

YEAR 6H NEWS

Welcome back from the summer break. Year 6 have had a great start in our new room, it is huge. Please feel free to come in and have a look at our new furniture and the space in general.

At this point I will not be sending any homework home until a school wide survey is completed about homework. I have however sent home library books with most children (others have elected to choose something from home) and it is expected that home reading will begin immediately. I will collect diaries every Friday. Students can take home their subject books over the weekends if they would like to cover them.

All Year 6 students are taking part in Primary sport at the swimming pool on both Wednesdays and Fridays up until the swimming carnival. Please ensure that the students pack a towel, rashie/t-shirt, bathers and goggles (if required).

This year is a big year for camps and experiences for Year 6. Although costs for both the Sydney and Canberra trip are not finalised yet please be aware that you are more than welcome to begin making payments towards the final cost of the camps to Mrs Shields in the front office. The Sydney trip will be run the same as last year with only a small group of students attending and this will be held sometime in Term 2, further information to follow.

Reminders
- Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday the 19th of February.
- Diaries need to be checked on Fridays
- We are looking for donations of fruit and vegetables for ‘Crunch n Sip’.
- Permission notes need to be returned for our community programs asap.
- Year 6 students will be taking part in swimming for primary sport on both Wednesdays and Friday up until the swimming carnival
Have a great week everyone. Please feel free to call in if you have any questions.

Jenny Halls

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2016**

In the holidays we again catered for the Australia Day Lunch at Wentworth.

Many thanks to the families who gave up their day on Monday and Tuesday to help, without your assistance this very profitable fundraiser would not have been possible.

Many thanks again to you all,

Becky Bysouth and Donna Follett.
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.

Welcome to 2016

Kindergarten students.