Welcome to a much milder week of beautiful weather.

The Kindergarten children settled in really well to the rigours of school life last week.

With thanks to a very good Early Learning Group/Transition program and the excellent preparation by the two Kindergarten teachers Ms Byrnes and Miss Gulliford their start was very smooth. (Plus great Parent/Carer support).

This week we will have our whole school Swimming Carnival on Friday and next Tuesday a Welcome Night event at the Wentworth Gaol.

More info about both of these events has already been sent home.

WHOLE BODY ACTIVE LISTENING

All classes are currently teaching/revising our school values to the classes. The first value that is covered is the one of Active Listening. The language that we use at school is your ‘whole body’ needs to be actively listening. We know this is happening when you are facing the person who is talking, you are keeping still and your eyes are on the person talking.

SCRIPTURE CLASSES

The Sisters of Mercy will recommence their Catholic Scripture Classes next week, Friday 26th February. There will be two groups, one Primary and one Infant.

The Mildura Baptist group will also be delivering a Scripture Class to the Kindergarten and K/1 classes at the same time. These classes will be held on Fridays at 9.30am to 10am

Could you please let the school know if you do not wish for your child/ren to take part in Scripture Classes.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL

Can I please ask all Parents/Carers to use caution if bringing dogs to school when picking up students. All dogs must be restrained and preferably kept outside the school fence. Please consider the worst case scenario and take extra care. Thank you.

Natalie Hopcroft
Principal.

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.
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**This Week’s Newsletter**

**Attachments**
- Receipts
- Photo Envelopes for all students

**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 PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 23rd March**.

Children who receive a newsletter (eldest in the family) should have received the following:

- A photo envelope with their name
- An envelope for each sibling

The following envelopes are available from the front office:

- Family photo envelope (for students attending this school only)
- School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects & Sports Captains photos envelope

The school does not open these envelopes so please ensure that you have the correct money in them or have enclosed a cheque written out to ‘msp photography’.

Envelopes should be returned to the school by **Tuesday 22nd March**.

We will hand them to photographers on **Wednesday** morning

REMINDERS

HEAD LICE

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

NUT BAN

As we have students who have a **SEVERE** allergy to nuts, children are requested **NOT** to bring any nuts or products containing nuts, in their lunches. Thank you.

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


SCHOOL FEES

- $100 per Year 3-6 student
- $50 per K-2 Student
- Capped at $250 per family

UNIFORMS—HATS

Available from the school office for $10 each
Welcome back to a fantastic start to 2016 school year, firstly I would like to welcome our past students and their families and also send a very warm welcome to our new students and their families. The P&C have hit the ground running this year with the top dressing of the school oval, there were a few hick ups along the way but we got there in the end. So a huge thank you to goes out to Nathan and Hannah Fordham and Tim Vines for putting in their own time to get the oval prepared for Steve Dodd to deliver the sand.

The P&C will be having their first meeting for the year on Thursday 25th February at 4pm in the Library and we are looking forward to any new faces that would like to come and join us. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, Tammy Fordham P&C President on 0427602838 or for those of you who know me you can find me at Fishers Wentworth.

The P&C will also be cooking the BBQ at the Swimming Carnival and are looking for helpers on the day. I won’t be there but I will have it all ready so if you can help pop over to the BBQ and let them know that you are there to help.

I would also like to thank Bec Bysouth and Donna Follett and their helpers for catering for the Australia Day Celebrations again this year for a job well done.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon

Cheers
Tammy Fordham
P&C President

SWIMMING CARNIVAL P&C BBQ

The P&C will be again running a BBQ lunch at the Swimming Carnival there will be sausages and hamburgers for sale for $2 each no pre orders, just buy on the day. I hope you all have fun and support your teams GOOOO MURRAY!!

Cheers,
Tammy Fordham
P&C President

SCHOOL FEES

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

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

For each Kindergarten to Year 2 child the fee is $50 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 $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.
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.

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 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!

What a wonderful week we are having in KG, with a focus on getting to know each other. We all especially enjoyed working with our buddies in Grade 6, where we made life sized portraits of ourselves! In our classroom this week, we have been playing some getting to know you games and currently, we are developing a class tree made of our hand prints.

Swimming carnival is on this Friday and I know we are going to have a blast! If possible, please come to school dressed in your swimming clothes as this will make it easier on the day and also leave more time for fun activities.

Students were all given a library bag this week, however they are more than welcome to bring their own if they wish. These will need to be brought to school every Monday otherwise students will not be able to borrow a book during library time. It would be great if all students could bring in an art smock (or old shirt) so we can begin some fun painting activities as soon as possible.

I will be in Broken Hill this Thursday, where I will be learning more about our English rotations which we will be using in our class this year. I can’t wait to share all of these amazing activities and ideas with KG, and begin getting into some really great work together.

A note will be going home next week about our goal setting interviews which will be held in week 6 and 7 (it is currently week 5). If you have any questions about what we are doing in class, please let me know. I am usually in the classroom from 9am onwards and I know KG would love to share their great work with everyone.

Emma Gulliford

K/1B NEWS

Hello Everyone,

A big 'High 5' to all the Kinders in K/1, I truly am amazed at how well they are coping with their transition to school. Another big 'High 5' goes to the Year 1's who coped marvellously with their swimming lessons.

We have been working hard to establish routines for lining up, packing up and movement around the room during rotation activities. We have also created a 'Class Code of Cooperation', so that we can all learn and play safely in our room. Our Buddies from Miss Marzies' class are still helping with lunch and recess routines. We are continuing with our 'Getting Along' unit. We are still looking at Active Listening this week and next week we move onto Encouraging Others and Working Together.

If you have not returned the workbooks that were sent home last Friday for covering can you please do so as soon as possible.

Year 1 students this week commenced the Home Reading program. Books and reading logs need to be returned every Monday and Thursday for changing/updating. Some students have chosen to do their reading at school each morning instead.

Don’t forget our swimming carnival is on this Friday. Students are able to wear their house colours; Red - Darling and Murray - Blue. It would help if students could wear their bathers to school under their clothes. Please have all items of clothing labelled and remember to dress 'sun safe'.
Lastly, notes will go home early next week regarding our goal setting interviews that will be begin the week of Monday, 29th February.

Reminders:
- Assemblies are every Monday morning at 9.25am, everyone is welcome.
- Library borrowing day for K/1 B is Tuesday.
- Donations of fruit for our morning fruit break is welcomed. This can be left at the front office.
- Canteen is open every Friday for lunch and recess orders (Not this Friday due to the Swimming Carnival).
- Yr 1 change home readers every Monday and Thursday.

If you have any questions/concerns don’t hesitate to contact me either before or after school.

GO MURRAY!

Leanne Byrnes

YEAR 1/2S CLASS NEWS

It’s wonderful to be back in the classroom this week. Last week every child did a wonderful job completing in the Intensive Swimming program. Though we were exhausted by the end of the week the children really enjoyed the experience.

This Friday we have our school swimming carnival at the Wentworth Pool. The children will be walking down at 9.30am and returning by 3.30pm. Please note: Students who are taken directly to the pool or collected at the completion of the carnival will need to be signed in and out at the recorder desk with Miss Marziano and Mrs Hopcroft.

Next week all students will be bringing home an interview note. Interviews are being held in Week 6 and 7 this term.

A few reminders:
- Swimming Carnival notes need to be returned to the front office.
- Family Night – Tuesday 23rd February at the Wentworth Gaol from 6.30 till – 8pm BYO Picnic and Chairs.
- Readers are checked and changed every day.
- Library and Sport every Monday.
- Any fruits donations for our Crunch and Sip program are greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you at the Swimming Carnival this Friday!

Jordana Shields
Welcome to another busy week in Year 1/2R. To start with, I’d like to congratulate all the students who have been returning their home readers. It is wonderful to see so many children so passionate about their reading. The strategy I would like parents to focus on this week is checking. Use the following prompt with your child when they are reading whether they read the sentence correctly or not:

Did you check that? Does it make sense?

On Friday, we will be having our annual whole school swimming carnival. Can you please send your child to school with their swimmers on under their school clothes. It will make everything easier down at the pool. Please ensure that they pack a change of underwear to put on before they head back to school. Please also keep in mind, if you are taking your child directly to or from the carnival, they must be signed in/out at the recorders table.

Next week, I will be sending home a goal setting interview note and a copy of your child’s Personal Learning Plan for 2016. Could you please go through this document and help your child fill it out prior to the goal setting meeting. This is an important part of your child’s learning and it helps us to know you and your family better.

On Monday, an invitation went home for our Family Fun night at the Wentworth Gaol. This will be a fantastic evening and I am really looking forward to catching up with you all on the night.

Reminders:
* No homereaders this Friday, if you need to change your readers, bring them in on Thursday.
* Family Fun Night next Tuesday at the gaol.
* Whole school swimming carnival on Friday.
* Library borrowing on Tuesday.

Have a great week!

Cheers
Natalie Rees
MISS POMROY'S NEWS

Wow! We are already up to week 4!

On Tuesday we began the Kitchen Garden program that we will be involved in on a fortnightly basis (every even week). We had a great time making fritters and salad. Yum!

The ‘Family Fun Night’ is on Tuesday the 23rd from 6.30pm. I am looking forward to meeting you there. Don’t forget to BYO picnic and chairs.

This week, I have begun sending home key words to practice. These have been placed in home reading bags. Please read these with your child/children each night.

Reminders:

- Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday the 19th of February.
- Diaries need to be checked on Fridays
- Return home readers daily
- We are looking for donations of fruit and vegetables for ‘Crunch n Sip’.
- We are also looking for clear plastic bottles
- Family Fun Night will be held at the Wentworth Goal on Tuesday the 23rd from 6.30 till - 8pm BYO Picnic and Chairs.

Cheers
Miss Pomroy

MISS SUCKLING'S NEWS

Welcome to week 4 hasn’t that gone fast!

This week we are starting our Kitchen Garden program which I know many of the students are very excited about. We will be having Kitchen Garden every even week of the term on a Wednesday. We are looking for parents/carers that would like to come and help in the kitchen. We start at 9:30 and we cook for 45mins. If you would like to participate please contact me at the school.

A note has gone home this week for the ‘Family Fun Night’ that is on Tuesday the 23rd from 6:30pm. I will be there and I am looking forward to meeting families that I have not yet met in person.

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’.
- Family Fun Night will be held at the Wentworth Goal on Tuesday the 23rd from 6.30 till - 8pm BYO Picnic and Chairs.

Looking forward to seeing you all on our Family Fun Night
Miss Suckling
MISS MARZIE’S CLASS NEWS

I hope you enjoyed that bit of “cooler weather” we have had in the past few days. This week in the classroom the students voted in Term 1’s Student Representative Council members who will represent the class at meetings. Congratulations to Michael McDermott and Ellie Vines who will be chairing our weekly class meetings and will speak on behalf of the class at SRC meetings.

Most of the students have been doing a terrific job with their diaries and entering their reading data. Due to this Friday being our annual school Swimming Carnival, diaries will be collected on Thursday.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their child’s baby photo to be copied. If your child still hasn’t done so, could these please be sent in tomorrow? Much appreciated.

Next week is going to be another busy week. Some of the events/changes occurring are:

On Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, I will be in Broken Hill taking part in some professional learning.

Tuesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} - Family Fun Night at the Wentworth Gaol, 6:30-8pm. On Monday the students completed and took home an invitation regarding this event.

Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} - We will be having our first Kitchen Garden session for the year. If you are able to assist either in the Kitchen (9:25-11:05am) and/or Garden (11:05-11:50am) it would be much appreciated. Could you please let me know beforehand?

Reminders:
- Swimming Carnival notes to be returned.
- Daily Reading Data entries in diary.
- Fruit donations for Crunch and Sip.
- Art smocks & water bottles.
- Library books can be changed every Tuesday and Thursday.

Hope to see you on Friday at the carnival,

Sandra Marziano

YEAR 6H NEWS

Welcome everyone to week 4. The Year 6 shirts have arrived and all the students are very excited with how they look. Just a reminder that there are some shirts still to be picked and final payments made.

Next Tuesday we will begin the Kitchen Garden program that we will be involved in on a fortnightly basis and we are also looking forward to the swimming carnival on Friday. Next Tuesday we will be involved in a 3 part video conference with Paul Stafford. The video conference will show students how to write action narratives that are based on natural disasters.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone at our ‘Family Fun Night’ on Tuesday the 23\textsuperscript{rd} from 6.30pm. Remember to BYO picnic and chairs.

I have begun looking at the Sydney trip to Hunters Hill and at this point the excursion will be held during week commencing the 6\textsuperscript{th} of June, with Hunters Hill coming to us the week before we visit them. In the next two weeks there will be important details about how students can be involved in the trip and an estimate of the cost of the excursion. If you have any questions about this trip please contact me and I will do my best to help you out.
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’.
- Family Fun Night will be held at the Wentworth Goal on Tuesday the 23rd from 6.30 till 8pm. BYO Picnic and Chairs.
- Families can begin to make payments to the front office in preparation for the cost of the Canberra and Sydney excursions that occur later in the year.

Cheers

Jenny Halls

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**Achievement Certificates**

These achievement certificates were presented to students for being ‘Active Listeners’ in the classroom.

**KG:** Acacia Marie & Paul Ahsee

**K/B:** Jonathon Nash & Isabelle Sparrow

**1/2S:** Erica Booker & Samantha Watters-Behmann

**1/2R:** Megan Farnsworth & Ford Fisher

**Miss Pomroys’ Class:** Jacob Follett & Xanda Jones-North

**Miss Sucklings’ Class:** Jannalia McKellar & Max Baird

**Miss Marzies’ Class:** Jasmine McDermott & Olive Watson-Kiely

**Mrs Halls’ Class:** Holly Bysouth & Shanay Lawrence-Hall
Student of the Week

What have you enjoyed about the start of the year?

Jam Jam Thorne: Seeing my cousins.

Daniel Hawkins: Playing with friends.

Brodie Cooper Gunn: .

Layla Thompson-Muggeride - Playing with my friends.

Shamontay Payne: Playing with my friends.

Caitlin Trewin: To see my friends and meet my new teacher.

Heath Jones: Seeing my little cousins.

Charlie Baird: Having Miss Marzie as a teacher.