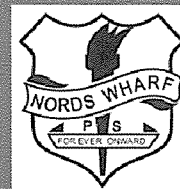


Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

Forever Onward



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Term 3 Week 2

Thursday 26 July 2012

Principal's Report

Kindergarten 2013 Information Evening

Tonight we are having our information evening for parents enrolling their children into Kindergarten in 2013. If you know of any parents who have four or five year old children then could you please let them know about it. Thank you.

Junior Soccer Gala Day

The principal from Blacksmiths PS has postponed the Junior Soccer Gala Day which was planned for next week. I will let you know the new date and further details when it is finalised.

Professor John Hattie

Tomorrow Mr Westcott and I will be attending a conference to listen to Professor John Hattie. John Hattie is an expert in the field of education with his work being centred on finding out what makes an effective teacher. He is a highly sought after speaker so it is wonderful to be able to have this opportunity to see him in Newcastle. I'm looking forward to learning some techniques to bring back to the staff here as we continually seek to improve our practice and thereby improve the outcomes for our students.

Minimbah AECG Agreement Signing

Notes have gone home this week inviting our Aboriginal students, plus a friend each, to the signing of the Minimbah AECG Agreement to be held at Swansea HS next Thursday. The students are being picked up by a bus, which is being paid for by the Galgabba group of schools. Parents of our Aboriginal students are also invited. Callum Irwin will have a role in the ceremony. Mr Westcott, as our Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) and I, as Principal will be there to represent our school and sign the agreement.

Education Week Open Day

Friday the 3rd August, as outlined in last week's newsletter, is our Open Day. Please come along and see some of the fantastic things that your child is doing at school.

Public Speaking Competitions

Congratulations to all of our fantastic speakers who have been selected to represent our school at the Galgabba and Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking Competitions. These are:

Early Stage 1 – Alyssa and Ben

Stage 1 – Liam and Imogen

Stage 2 – Emily and Gabby

Stage 3 – Harmony and Marli

We wish you all the best of luck and we are proud of your achievements.

Karin Hird
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 3

Education Week	
Tuesday 31 July	ICAS English Galgabba Public Speaking Competition
Wednesday 1 August	Soccer Gala Day
Thursday 2 August	Minimbah AECG agreement signing
Friday 3 August	Open Day Mini Olympics

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 6 August	Night of the Notables Debating Gala Day School Council & P & C Meetings Stage 2 Public Speaking Stage 3 Public Speaking
Tuesday 7 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 8 August	Kinder Public Speaking
Thursday 9 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 10 August	Stage 1 Public Speaking

Class News

K/1

The students in the K/1 class have had a fantastic start to the term. We have been learning about the different ways humans move and thinking of different words to use to describe them. We have also been learning about what 'comprehension' means and how we can make connections to the text we are reading. Today we had a visit from the lifeguards who talked to us about how we can stay safe around water. Have a great week!

Star of the week – Elsa



Bossy & Jo-Jo

Week 1	Bella
Week 2	Nathan L-W
Week 3	Annie
Week 4	James
Week 5	Jaden
Week 6	Lily
Week 7	Sunny
Week 8	Alyssa
Week 9	Ruby
Holidays	Any Volunteers?

Please let me know if this does not suit you so we can make changes.

Mrs Smith

1/2

Thank you to the parents who came to the school for parent-teacher interviews on Tuesday afternoon. We enjoyed being able to share your child's improvements and achievements with you. There are still some interview times available next Tuesday 31 July. Alternatively we are both at school on a Monday so it is possible to schedule an interview on that day.

The Star of the Week in Class 1/2 this week is Marcello! Our Super Spellers last week were Julie, Tenille, Evan, Billy and Kaylan. It was great to see so many students achieving 100% in their spelling test. This week in spelling we have been talking about the "ay" sound at the end of words. In Mathematics, students will now receive lessons on measurement and number each week, although there will continue to be a focus for the week. This week the focus is two-dimensional shapes.

We have begun our HSIE topic for term, "The Need for Shelter", and are continuing on with Child Protection lessons from last term. The Olympics will also be a topic of conversation in our classroom over the coming weeks!

Mrs Halligan and Miss Burgess

2/3/4

During the past week the children have completed a recount of their holidays. Well done, Lara-Jane, having scored the best mark for that activity. We have been learning harder words to use in our writing and the two for this week were "enjoyable" and "unfortunately". Ask your child if they can spell them. Many children have been saying "brang" rather than "brought". Could parents please correct their child if they hear their child say "brang".

The class trophies began this week.

Getting Along – Brad
Working Hard – Lara - Jane
Organisation - Liam

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

This week we have welcomed a third year prac student, Ashley Farrugia into our class. Miss Farrugia is also a flautist and will be attending some of our band practices while she is here.

We learnt about the respiratory system this week, including the impact that smoking can have on your body. Next week we will start work on the digestive system. We will move from there to discussing nutrition and healthy eating.

Also this term we will be talking about child protection and covering the mandatory components in that area. If you do not want your child to participate in these lessons can you please let me know in writing.

Sky, Jye, Tayla, Beatie and Calogero have done some great work for the **Night of the Notables** and I'm looking forward to seeing their work on display at Caves Beach PS on Monday night. If any other parents are interested then you are welcome to attend. Their work will be on display in our library during the Open Day next week as well.

Mrs Hird

Canteen Roster:

Friday 27 July Megan May
Michelle Groves

Monday 30 July Rebecca Leahy

Wednesday 1 Aug Lynette Richards

Birthdays: A Very Happy Birthday to:



Lauren 31 July

Merit Awards

K/1
Nathan
James
1/2
Elliose
Savita
Jay
Marcello
2/3/4
Callum
Lara-Jane
Brad
Dylan
4/5/6
Marli
Alex
Sky
Beatie
Harmony
Maddison
Bella

Reading Awards

Stacey (Silver)
Alyssa (Silver)
Nathan (Gold)
Sunny (Gold)
Stanley (Double Silver)

Environment Awards

Bella
Tayla
Lachlan
Samantha

Green Award

Emily

70+ STALLS FREE ENTRY LIVE MUSIC FRESH FOOD 9AM-2PM

SALT WATER MARKET

Supporting National Homeless
Persons' Week and Mission Australia™

Mission Australia

Sunday 5 August

RAWSON STREET, SWANSEA
SWANSEA PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS

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Nords Wharf Community Preschool

Nords Wharf Preschool is a community based non-profit preschool. We provide up to 20 children a day with a secure, safe, happy, and nurturing environment in which to learn and grow. The centre usually operates Monday to Wednesday from 8.30am to 4pm during school terms. We are currently also running on Thursday as a trial with a view to maintaining these four days and possible expanding to five.

The preschool is currently seeking a **Director/Early Childhood Teacher**. Wages are as per the current state award.

The Director would be required to;

- act as the centres Nominated Supervisor
- lead and support the team of qualified staff in providing high quality Early Childhood Education and Care to the children
- be an active member of the management team
- develop relationships which support families
- ensure compliance with Legislation and Policy

The ideal applicant would have;

- Degree in Early Childhood Teaching (or be enrolled in a course)
- Previous experience in managing a children's services centre
- Current first aid certificate, anaphylaxis and asthma training
- Child protection qualification
- Current working with children check
- Excellent written and oral communication skills to relate positively to children, families, staff and committees.

For further information or full job description phone the president on 0414 435406 or email juliascottjamesophie@gmail.com

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The preschool is seeking an **Administrative Officer** for a minimum of 10 hours per week spread over 3 to 4 days (negotiable) at the current State award. The position could suit a person with a few hours free each day eg. A mother returning to paid employment or a person looking to cut back on their hours.

Duties involve: greeting clients, answering phone enquiries, administration of the service including banking and maintaining accounts, and general office duties.

The ideal applicant would have or be willing to gain:

- a combination of experience, education and training in administration
- experience with MYOB, power point, and Arcade7
- First aid certificate, anaphylaxis and asthma training
- Current Working With Children Check

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