

# Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

Forever Onward



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Term 4 Week 5

Thursday 6 November 2014

## Principal's Report

### School Planning

Teachers had a very productive day on Friday developing the strategic directions for the coming three years and expanding on how those directions will be achieved. The following directions and purposes have been developed:

#### Strategic Direction 1: Achieving Personal Best

Purpose: Students need to achieve their personal best to maximise their potential and to equip them with the skills to be lifelong learners in the 21st Century.

We believe in building on our students' strengths, with emphasis on literacy, numeracy and technology, so that every student leaves our school, confident that they can succeed in high school and beyond.

#### Strategic Direction 2: Teacher Development

Purpose: Teachers will complete professional training and development so that they can deliver programs that reflect current educational research of best practice, meet BOSTES requirements and deliver a quality education to their students, resulting in improved learning outcomes.

#### Strategic Direction 3: Partnerships and Relationships

Purpose: To build stronger, positive relationships as an educational community, embedding a culture where students feel a strong sense of self-worth and belonging; and are resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of the school and broader community.

If you would like to provide feedback on any of these please come and see me or email your thoughts to [Karin.hird@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Karin.hird@det.nsw.edu.au)

In addition to the directions and purpose statements we have also expanded on these through describing: the competencies that students, staff and parents will develop; the processes that will become embedded; and the products and practices that will result. These will be published on the school website later in the year and will be presented to the parents at our staff/parent meeting on 17 November.

### English Planning

On Tuesday all teachers had time to look at our scope and sequence for next year. We have developed clear directions as to the concepts that students will be learn-

ing and ensuring that there is a balance in the types of texts that they will be engaging with.

### Swimming Lessons

We have two weeks of swimming remaining. I attended this week and it was great to see how well the students were going. We should have an exciting Swimming Carnival next year.

### P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting is on Tuesday, 11 November from 6:30 pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. We will, amongst other things, be planning the Carols Night. Hope to see you there.

### A Weekend with Rex

Thank you Class 1/2 for allowing Rex to come home with me this week. Rex had a lovely weekend down on the south coast and wandered around with me on playground duty. He also spent some time in 4/5/6 and was very impressed by their hard work.

## Karin Hird Principal

### Class News

#### Kindergarten

Today, students had an exciting morning making recycled paper. We tore old paper up yesterday and soaked it overnight. Next, we put it in a food processor and blended it to make pulp then floated the pulp in a large container of water. Everyone had a turn of scooping the mould and deckle through the water to catch the pulp. We turned the pulp onto fabric and layered them on top of one another so we could squeeze them in a press to get as much of the water out as we could. Lastly, we hung the fabric on the clothesline and waited for the paper to dry so we could peel it off the fabric and take it

#### Notes Sent Home This Week

Kindy Farm Kinder Excursion  
Wig Out at the Wharf

home.

We have been continuing to revise fractions, identifying and making halves and quarters.

### PUZZLES REPAIR

If you know someone who is handy with a jigsaw (the cutting tool, not the puzzle) could you please let Ms Hook know? We have a few wooden puzzles that are missing one or two pieces. We would love to be able to replace the pieces so we can bring them back out for the students to use. Thank you!

**Ms Hook**

**1/2**

The Stars of the week this week are Koby and Max. Excellent effort to Aliyah, Keely, Felix, Lyla, Torhi, Alby, Brooklin, Jaden, Grace, Alyssa, Cooper and Koby, for achieving 100% in your spelling test last week.

In Maths, we are measuring the length of items and on Monday students estimated the length of objects in their room at home. Students took home a string of 1 metre in length and are able to measure the actual length of these objects if they would like to. We would love to see how keen students went with this task. Well done to Marc, who has already returned his!

1/2 have also been talking and writing about how to be a good friend, as we welcomed Maggie to our class this week.

Year 1 and 2 have been invited to perform 'Yellow submarine' at 'Wig Out at the Wharf, this Sunday November 9 at Nords Wharf Community Hall at around 1.00 pm. Mrs Hook and I (Mrs Halligan) would love to see you if you can make it!

Yesterday at quarter to 3, I (Mr D) also found out that today Thursday, is world KINDNESS day. We decided that we will each make 3 hearts and put our own initials on the back. When one of our class friends does something kind we will give our heart to that very kind person. This afternoon we will discuss some of the random acts of kindness that happened today. Be sure to ask your children if they witnessed KINDNESS today.

**Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire**

### How to be a good friend

I can be a good friend by sharing, helping and saying nice words. Do you know what all of that means? It means being respectful. That is one of the best rules at our school that makes almost every person in our school happy, proud and grateful.

By Aliyah

**3/4**

We have been learning about the responsibilities of the State Government. This builds on their previous learning about councils – local government.

In Mathematics our class has been learning about millilitres and looking at shapes from different perspectives. Many students have been learning their times-tables. Ask your child which tables they know.

As part of assessment, the students have completed a narrative this week, telling the story of Little Red Riding Hood but from the wolf's perspective. Much of the assessment has been done but HSIE, Science and hand-writing are still to be completed.

**Mr Westcott**

**4/5/6**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the planning meeting for the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you also to the parents who contacted me beforehand when they realised that they wouldn't be able to come. I will be sending home a note outlining the jobs that everyone has been allocated. We have a group of 25 students this year, so that will make it the biggest farewell in quite some time.

Students will be completing their end of year Maths assessment next week. They will also complete a spelling test and some other minor assessment tasks.

Congratulations to Years 5 & 6 who set a new record in the class times table average with a score of 97.19. We celebrated with a class party today.

Year 5 & 6 students need to start working on their placemats for the Year 6 Farewell. Finished placemats can be brought to school for laminating. Could Year 6 students please bring in a couple of photos showing their life so far – some photos from school events would be nice but from home will also be ok. A baby photo would also be great. Photos will be used to create a Year 6 Yearbook. Paper photos are fine although if you have electronic copies then that will make it easier.

Welcome to Harry! A lovely new student who started in our class this week. We hope you enjoy your time at Nords Wharf.

**Mrs Hird**

**Happy Birthday To:**

**James M 6 Nov**  
**Mary-Jane 11 Nov**



## Merit Awards

### Class Awards

1/2

Torhi

Keely

Alyssa

Annie

Grace

### Reading Award

Stanley

Alyssa

### PBL Award

Aliyah

Keely

### Green Award

Jack

### Principals Award

Isabelle

### Coming Events

#### Term 4 Week 6

Mon 10 Nov Swimming Lessons—Yrs  
2—6 1.30—2.30 pm  
Tues 11 Nov P & C Meeting 6.30 pm  
Thurs 13 Nov Kinder Transition 9.30—11.00 am

#### Term 4 Week 7

Mon 17 Nov Swimming Lessons—Yrs  
2—6 1.30—2.30 pm  
Last One!!

### Canteen Roster:

Friday 7 Nov Caroline Ansell

Monday 10 Nov Bec Green

Wed 12 Nov Kevin Fitzgerald  
Ben Gray

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open even weeks in the morning from 9.00—9.15 am and odd weeks in the afternoon from 2.30—3.00 pm

There are rugby and long sleeved polo shirts on sale for \$5.00—Must be sold!! Old stock.

School caps are in!!

Thanks Tracey



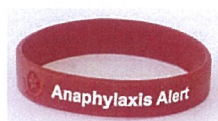
## NORDS WHARF NETBALL COMPETITION!!

Mrs Muir and I were so excited to see the Grand Final in our in-school Years 3—6 netball competition. It has been excellent to see how well the kids have played together and how much they have improved. Our Blue team played Green team in what was guaranteed to be a close and exciting game. It was Green's day today as they just edged out Blue by 5 goals.

This means next Thursday lunch team Green take on the talented ( ? ) teachers team with Miss Wright as our umpire.

All parents are welcome to come and cheer on both teams ( and maybe have a good laugh ). The game will start at 1.20 pm with 2 ten minute halves

Mrs Thomas





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