

Nords Wharf PS



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Term 4 Week 4

Thursday 29 October 2015

School Calendar 2015 Term 4 Events

Term 4	
November	Kinder Transition
Monday 2	Swimming
Tuesday 3	P&C
Friday 6	School Disco
Monday 9	Swimming
Wednesday 11	Remembrance Day
Monday 16	Kinder Transition
Monday 30	Kinder Transition
December	Maitland PS Band Perform 10am
Tuesday 1	
Thursday 3	Hello High School Year 6
Friday 4	Carols Night
Wednesday 9	Presentation Night 6pm to 8pm
Friday 11	Reports Go Home
Monday 14	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 15	Water Fun Day
Wednesday 16	Talent Quest Last day for students
17 & 18 Thursday & Friday	Staff Development Day

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Sue Holt

Every face has a place at Nords Wharf PS. Our beautiful new sign is proudly displayed outside the office building next to the Naidoc Week sign. A big thank you to Anthony and Kelly Nee for helping our Kids Matter vision materialise into a happy welcome to our school. Also a thank you to Ms Hook for her valuable input to the design.



Today our school was involved in singing 'Gold' as part of Music: Count Us In. Children from 2000 schools joined in to sing together. I'm sure they could hear us in Baxter Park! Thank you Mrs Halligan for preparing our students. Trixie the tooth fairy visited our K-2 students this week to teach our students about the importance of looking after their teeth.

Don't forget the school disco next Friday 6th Nov and thank you to all of the families who have returned the chocolate drive money and any leftover chocolates. Have a great week.

K/1

As part of our science unit called "Staying Alive", we have adopted a rabbit during weekdays to observe the eating, sleeping, toileting and playing habits of a pet and to learn about the needs of pets. Each child is taking turns feeding him and cleaning out his cage. We are able to have some cuddles and some pats and we have discovered he is very fast at hopping around the classroom. Thank you to the Nee family for letting us share Mr Bun Nee.

It is great to see so many students in our class who are able to tie their shoelaces now. As they head into year 1 and year 2, being able to tie their own laces helps increase their independence.

We had a visit from one of our local dental clinics this week. Students discussed the importance of brushing their teeth and how to do this correctly. They were given a show bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste and a timer.

Today our school came together to join schools all around the country to sing a song simultaneously. Music Count Us In is an annual event. This year's song was called 'Gold'. You can listen to it at <http://youtu.be/LZtG9wUdyVK>.

Trinity Hook

P&C President

Sidone Lambert

Canteen

Open Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday

Coordinator

Sabrina Moore

Uniform Shop

Open Thursdays

9:00 am—9:30am

Coordinator

Leanne Munro

Student Banking

Tuesday



Library

Tuesday



Scripture

Wednesday

Guitar

Tuesday



Band

Wednesday



**School Security
Number**

1300 880 021

Year 1/2

The star of the week are Max and Kyan.

Thank you to Michelle and 'Trixie the Tooth' from Swansea Dental Practice who came to visit us on Monday! The students had great fun learning about their teeth stories and received a fantastic bag of goodies. A fun fact we found out was that the students will lose 20 baby teeth and end up with 32 adult teeth!

Today we came together with the rest of the school to sing 'Gold' as part of Music Count Us In. Over 2000 schools participate to sing the same song at the same time across Australia to support the teaching of music in schools.

As it gets busier towards the end of the year, I would encourage students to continue to read at home when possible. Some ideas for reluctant readers or busy parents are for students to read to a younger sibling, toy or the mirror, to read to a camera for you to view later, or to take a book to siblings' sport for times when you might be waiting in the car.

Kate Halligan

2/3/4

Firstly I must apologise for no news letter last week.

We have also spent this week completing assessment work and will continue this throughout next week in preparation for our fast approaching exciting and brilliant reports.

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling over the last two weeks. They were Maggie, Dylan, Jack, Alex, Daniel, Grace, Annie, Koby, Lachlan, Darcy, Ruby, Max, Savita and Sunny. The students have also impressed me with their continued effort with reading and their times tables practice.

Next week our class will be looking at patterns and Algebra during maths and our news topic is to talk about our class so far.

We continuing having some very interesting conversations around the early history of Australia including early trade with the Macassans of Indonesia, so be sure to ask your children what they already know and if they have any questions themselves they may want to ask you.

Don't forget swimming is each Monday for the next 2 weeks so remember swimmers, towels, goggles and sunscreen.

As always please feel free to come and discuss anything that you like or if time is making such a conversation difficult please send a note in with your child and I will get back to you as soon as possible. My afternoon duty is on Mondays so you may be able to catch me at the school gate. I am really looking for someone that can come to my class for 20 – 30 minutes each morning to purely listen to a few students read. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thank you to the parents that have already come in to help our students.

Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6

All the students need to return their portfolios for new work to be placed in it. The work already in it can be left there and it can be put into a separate sleeve at school. Much of the testing has now been completed.

The class has been discussing what it would be like to be a colonist on Mars. In *Behind the News* we learnt that already experiments are being held to test the ability of people to live together in a confined space.

In Maths we are revising areas indicated by the testing, that need more work and in literacy we have been writing poems.

Congratulations to Evan, Elloise, Mary-Jane, Stanley, Joel, Sam, Kaitlyn, Madi, Billy, Taj, Bella and Sophie who all scored 100% in their spelling last week.

Peter Westcott

Merit Awards Term 4 Week 3



Class	Name
K/1	Baxter, Rory, Shaniah, Lisa, Scarlett, Taleah.
1/2	Evie, Tommy, Max, Kamea, Jace, Shontelle.
2/3/4	Savita, James, Jack, Dylan, Darcy, Sunny.
4/5/6	Jay P, Stanley, Steven, Madison.

Band News

What a fantastic night was had by all last Thursday at the Laser Tag night. Students, parents and staff had a great time trying to out run, out wit and out manoeuvre each other. We would like to thank Laser Tag Charmhaven for their generous support of this night which enabled the Band to raise \$390!

As the end of year is fast approaching, it would be appreciated if all Band fees could be paid in full by Friday, 6 November (Week 5) as per the Band contract.

Canteen News

We are having a "Smoothie Day" Tuesday, November 3 notes are being sent home today please don't forget to send orders back by Monday, November 2 for your child to receive their "Berry Delicious" or "Banana Rama" smoothie cost is \$2 each.

Thank you for supporting the canteen.

Sabrina Moore

Community News

Please be on the look out for any suspicious vehicles or strangers to the area and contact Swansea Police if you notice any suspicious behaviour. Cars have been broken into and a white van with QLD registration with three males occupants has been reported to Police. For more details visit the Nords Wharf Community Facebook page.



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

The Premiers Spelling Bee is coordinated by The Arts Unit and provides a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling and how to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

This year forty two Regional Finals were held around the state from 7-18 September, to find the best spellers who will compete in the State Final on 11 November at the Eugene Goossens Hall, ABC Centre. The Finals will be broadcast live on the ABC Local Radio, state wide from 5.35 pm - 6.00 pm.

Darcy will represent our school and the Hunter Region in this event. We wish her all the best of luck and we will be cheering from Nords Wharf!!

TERM DATES

2015

Term 4

6 October - 18 December

Term 1 2016

Staff return

Wednesday, 27 January

Students return

Thursday, 28 January

Did you know

Ireland is believed to be the birth place of Halloween.

Trick or treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year.

The carved pumpkin (or Jack O lantern) was originally a turnip. When Irish immigrants brought the tradition of Halloween to America, turnips were too expensive so they were substituted with the humble and much cheaper pumpkin!



Quote of the week

I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion.

Henry David Thoreau



Disco Party

Friday, 6th November 2015

Come and have a boogie with your friends and dance the night away.
Get dressed up in your favourite character/costume or party outfit

Disco entry is \$2.00

K – Yr 2 5pm – 6:30pm

Yr3 – Yr 6 6:30pm – 8pm

Dinner is available on the night and will be served from 6:15pm
The canteen will be open for students to purchase lollies / drinks

Please return your order form and money
by **Wednesday 4th November.**

Disco Order Form T4 2015

Options: *all meals come with a popper or bottle of water and sauce available on the night

Option 1	Sausage Roll meal deal	\$5.00 per meal
Option 2	Hot Dog meal deal	
Option 3	Meat Pie meal deal	
Option 4	Party Pie meal deal	\$4.00 per meal
Additional Party Pie (no drink)		\$1.70 each

Name:.....Yr:..... Option 1 2 3 4 Additional Party Pie x \$.....

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Total:\$.....

Please note 2016 Kinders and siblings can order meals too, just write "S" in the Yr section. These children need to be under parent / guardian supervision at all times