

# Nords Wharf PS



Term 4 Week 6

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## School Calendar 2015 Term 4 Events

Term 4	
Monday 16	Kinder Transition
Monday 30	Kinder Transition
<u>December</u>	Maitland PS Band Perform 10am P&C Sausage Sizzle
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 6.00 pm
Tuesday 15	Water Fun Day
Wednesday 16	Talent Quest Last day for students
17 & 18 Thursday & Friday	Staff Development Day

*The community  
acknowledges  
traditional custodians of  
the land on which the  
school is located.*

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Sue Holt

**Congratulations to Keeley N!** Keeley received a High Distinction and was placed in the top 100 students in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. Over 20 000 students compete in this exam. Taj, Billy, Coby, Oliver, Todd, Jesse, Aaron and Harry received a merit award. Well done to all of our students

Darcy competed in the State Final of the Spelling Bee yesterday she received a lovely medal and a beautiful dictionary as a memento of a fabulous experience in the ABC studios in Sydney. Great work Darcy!

Our leader voting for 2016 will be held on Friday, 20 November. I have spoken to the Year 5 students regarding their speeches which will be read at 10.00 am in the library before we hold the vote. Parents are welcome to attend.

Our K-2 and 3-6 disco was highly successful last Friday night. A big thank you to the staff and parents who continue to make this event successful. A reminder that Year 3-6 students should not turn up to the early disco to play unsupervised in the school grounds.

Our last Kindergarten transition takes place next Monday. Ms. Hook has a treasure hunt organised for new Kinders and their parents with some help from their buddies. Morning tea will be provided at 11:00am to conclude the transition session. Parents of our new Kinders are most welcome.

A huge thank you to Mr Westcott and Mr Derbyshire for their wonderful organisation and commitment to our school swimming program. Learning to swim is a very important life skill. We also thank the staff of Swansea pool for their assistance with the program.

On Tuesday, 1 December Maitland PS Band will perform for our students and our band will play 2-3 songs with them. We will be having a special lunch that day at 11:15am as we welcome Maitland PS to Nords Wharf PS.

Don't forget to add the Carols Night to your calendar on Friday, 4 December. We are looking forward to a great community event, so come along and share the Christmas spirit.

### Year 1/2

The Stars of the Week are Sari and Isabelle.

We all had fun at the disco last Friday! Thanks to Mr D, DJ Todd and DJ Jack for running it and for everyone who helped that evening.

This term we have been talking about animal homes in HSIE. Next week for news, students can choose an animal (either a pet or animal in the wild) and talk about where they live.

Thank you to parents who have sent in their blue portfolio folders already. I will be adding work samples from Term 3 and 4 and returning them to you at the end of the year. (Students who arrived at the school after Term 2 will receive a new folder).

**Kate Halligan**

## 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**

**2/3/4**

We have continued this week doing more assessment work and will continue this throughout the week in preparation for our fast approaching exciting and brilliant reports.

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week. They were Conner, Maggie, Alex, Dylan, Daniel, Grace, Annie, Lachlan, Darcy, Ruby, Max and Sunny.

The students have also impressed me with their continued effort with reading and their times tables practice. This week we have had just the one new Wizard but have also created 6 WIZARD MASTERS, these are the students that have achieved Grand Wizard at least 3 times this year.

Next week our class will be looking at 3D Shapes during maths and our news topic is to talk about a book that they love.

We continue having some very interesting conversations around the early history of Australia.

Swimming has finished now so back to a relatively normal school week.

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.

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**

Congratulations to Jared, Kaitlyn, Bella, Harry, Sam, Stan and Taj who each scored 100% in last week's spelling.

We are hoping to have a power-point shown at the Year 6 Farewell. It's not guaranteed yet because we have to overcome some technical difficulties, but we are hoping. To make this power-point we need the year 6 students to bring in photos, preferably on a USB.

The rough plan for the Year Six Farewell is for the students to arrive between 6pm - 6.30pm. We would sit down for dinner at approximately 6.30pm. The meal will be catered for by the year 5 parents. Following the meal and speeches we would have our power-point. Parents would be welcome to begin arriving after the meal which would be around 7:30 pm. After the power-point we would have the Year 5 students saying something nice about the Year 6 students and then have some dancing along with the parents. Finally we would have the honour arch, photos and the cutting of the cake.

Can students please return this week.

**Peter Westcott**

## Office News

Thank you to the families who have sent in overdue fees. The school's end of financial year rollover commences on Monday, 30 November. Statements of accounts were again sent home today to the families still owing money. It would be greatly appreciated if all outstanding payments could be made no later than Thursday, 26 November to enable this process to run as smoothly as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the school office where we will endeavour to help in anyway we can.

**Robyn Hamilton**

## P&C News

We are heading into a busy time of year and things aren't slowing down anytime soon.....

The P&C committee has lots on the go for all the students, parents and community, to finish off the school year.

Thank you to everyone for getting involved and your support with the Chocolate fundraiser. There are still a number of families who have yet to return their

unsold chocolates and/or money. Can you please return them tomorrow. We still have a few boxes left to sell, so please see Robyn Hamilton in the school office if you are willing to sell some more. The Smoothie day was a HUGE success! There were lots of happy students with BIG grins and full tummies, enjoying their smoothies. Sushi / Rice Paper Roll Day is coming up next week (Tuesday), so be sure to return your order forms by tomorrow (13 November). No late orders will be accepted. Coming up in December..... We are organising another "Pizza" day so watch out for order forms. Also, Carols Night is fast approaching. If you would like to make a donation for the raffle, please drop them into the basket provided in the office. You may like to donate on behalf of your business or you might have items around the house which you would like to donate. All donations big and small are welcome! We also know with Carols comes Santa and lots lots more... face painting, cake stall, dinner available at the canteen, mobile coffee van for those who need a little pick me up and of course all the students at Nords Wharf PS will be proving the entertainment. Lock in the Date! Friday, 4 December and keep an eye out for more information.

Thanks for your support.  
P&C Secretary, Oh Behalf of the P&C Committee

## Merit Awards Term 4 Week 5

Class	Name
K/1	Billy, Lisa.
1/2	Talia, Taj, Torhi, Sophie.
2/3/4	Max, Nathan, Darcy, Grace, Ruby, Koby, Lachlan.
4/5/6	Sam, Joel, Sophie, Tiahna.

## 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


In honour of Darcy's great achievement here are a few facts about spelling.

Lots of words to do with the nose begin with the letter pattern 'sn' - snout, sniff, snubb, snot, snore, snort, snozzle, snooty, sneeze. Plumber has a silent b in there because it comes from the Roman / Latin word plumbum meaning lead piping used by plumbers. Knock, knee, knuckle, gnaw, gnat, are all Viking (old Norse) words, the 'k' and 'g' were pronounced but now. No English word ends in 'v' or 'u'. There always an 'e' on the end: give; have; love; eve; twelve; glue; rescue; blue; true. There are a few exceptions which are either abbreviations, slang, ancient words, or words borrowed from other languages.


### Quote of the week

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one.

Blitasar Gracian



Newcastle CDAT  
We're stronger together



PEP Talk

**Time:** 6.30pm - 8pm  
**Date:** Tuesday 24 November  
**Place:** City Hall, Newcastle  
(Light refreshments will be provided)  
**RSVP:** Wednesday 18 November  
**Contact:** Tony Brown  
cdatnewcastle@gmail.com

**Question and Answer Forum  
Ice/Crystal Methamphetamine**

Public Education and Participation Program Talks (PEP Talks) are a series of information sessions around current Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) issues impacting upon our local community.

These events are brought to you by the Newcastle Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) in partnership with Hunter New England Health Local Health District, Avabakal, Newcastle City Council and the Australian Drug Foundation.

Following a reported surge in the supply and use of the stimulant, ICE has caught the attention of the Australian Government and Community.


You are most welcome to attend the information sharing and discussion forum on Crystal Methamphetamine "ICE" - An issue affecting our community.

**An open forum for all of the community to attend!**


Specialists in addiction, health, education and community welfare will answer all your questions about "ICE" in a "Question & Answer" open forum. Participants will later have the opportunity to personally discuss matters with representatives from various support and treatment organisations.

**Key Speakers**

- Dr Adrian Dunlop  
Area Director & Senior Staff Specialist -  
Chief Addiction Medicine Specialist Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Office, NSW Ministry of Health
- Andrew Taylor  
Clinical Nurse Consultant -  
Hunter New England Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services
- Donna Clancy  
Clinical Coordinator -  
Hunter New England - Mental Health and Substance Use Service,  
Mater Mental Health Centre



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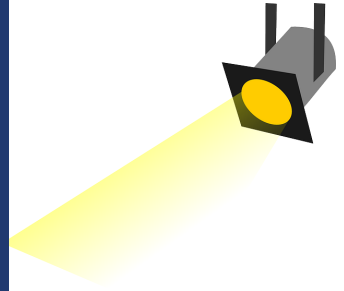
**When:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015 @ 6.45pm  
**Where:** Swansea RSL Charmers function room (upstairs)  
**Cost:** \$10 per person

Please bring your friends and family along to the Nords Wharf Preschool trivia night in order to raise funds that will go towards improvements to the preschool. There will be some fun raffles and activities on the night. You can purchase dinner & drinks at the club.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Simone on 4976-1228 if you wish to attend. Payment can be made to the preschool with your name and number of guests attending by 18/11/15. Tickets can be purchased on the night for \$15 per person.



## In The Spotlight



*Congratulations  
Darcy*

Darcy competed in the State Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee yesterday in Sydney.

As a momentum of this fabulous achievement and experience, Darcy was presented with an impressive medal, a beautiful dictionary (which was personally inscribed by Jeramy Fernandez Journalist and ABC Presenter) and had her photo taken with Premier Mike Baird.



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