

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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Principal's Message

Parent Information Night

Our parent information evening is being held on Monday. This will provide you with information about how the class is run. It will include: home reading, homework, awards system, discipline procedures, units of work, excursions and class specific programs such as sight words for Kinder and getting ready for high school in 4/5/6. Mrs Leggatt, the Swansea HS principal, will be attending the 4/5/6 meeting. These meetings are also an opportunity to answer any queries that you might have about the class.

Following the P&C meeting on Tuesday the Parent Information Night is also going to be used to make a decision about UNIFORM. As you are probably aware we are no longer able to source the fabric for the girls' tunics. This means we either no longer have a tunic (needs a majority parent vote) or we source alternative fabric and have a different tunic. It was also suggested that we keep a tunic but only for girls in K-2. The results from this evening will be taken to the P&C AGM in March and we will move forward from there.

Swimming Carnival

We are once again having our Swimming Carnival in conjunction with Pelican Flat PS. We will be leaving from school at 8:45 am. If you are assisting with transport then can you please arrive in time to ensure that you have given all of your paper work to the office. You need to have provided your licence and registration details. We will be looking for time keepers on the day if you are able to help. It is also really useful to have some extra hands assisting with the novelty events if you are able to do that. We greatly appreciate your support.

Jellybeans

The Jellybeans program began today. Mrs Green had all the classes engaged and by all accounts the children really enjoyed their first day. Please make your payment by next Thursday. You can pay in three \$10 instalments if that is easier for you.

Weekly Assembly

We have moved our weekly assembly to Friday afternoons starting at 2 pm. They are held in the library. Parents and carers are more than welcome to come in and watch if you are available at that time.

New Families

In addition to our kindergarten students we have had three new families start this year with another new family joining us next week. Welcome Tommy, Alex, Baillee, Kayden, Callum and Darcy. We hope you enjoy your time here at NWPS.

Issues and Concerns

If at any time through the year you have a concern about something that has happened within the class then please come and see the class teacher. The quicker issues are addressed the better. Keep in mind that children tend to tell their parents the version of the story that puts them in the best light. A quick phone call or visit can generally resolve your concern quite easily.

For more serious incidents, ongoing concerns or other issues please come and see me. I am on class in the afternoon session. The best time to contact me is before or after school. I am off class between 12:30 and 1:20 each day.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

Welcome to 'Big School'.

Our new Kindergarten students have settled into school life quite well with the help of their Year 1 classmates and their senior buddies. We are looking forward to our Teddy Bears' Picnic next Tuesday. Information about this is in this newsletter.

The uniform coordinator is making enquiries about ordering hats that are a smaller size for little heads. We will keep you updated as information comes to hand.

I have had a few parents concerned that their child is not drinking enough water from his/her drink bottle. Each child has a cup with their name on it inside the classroom and most children are using these to have a drink during class time. They also have access to the bubblers and are encouraged to have a drink at the end of recess and lunch play. If you are worried, ask your child whether they are drinking from the other sources.

I hope to see you all at 5pm on Monday for the parent information session. Feel free to speak to me throughout the year if you have any questions or need to share information with me.

Ms Hook

1/2 News

Welcome to a great year in 1/2! Thank you for all the supplies that have been coming into the classroom. The students and I have been excited to catch up and get to know each other over the last week. We have been engaging in many fun first week activities such as making a first day band/bracelet and writing a letter to our previous teachers. 1/2 have been reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and discussing how to be a good friend. Daily Maths groups have begun this week with Mrs Halligan taking Year 1 and Mrs Hird taking Year 2.

Homework and Home Reading will begin next week and I am looking forward to talking about the term ahead next Monday at the Parent Information evening in the 1/2 room at 5:30pm. Next Tuesday, some Year 2's will attend the swimming carnival while we have a 'Teddy Bear' day back at school.

Mrs Halligan

Teddy Bears Picnic

Next Tuesday, 10th February, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (who are not at the carnival) will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic Day.

Students are asked to bring a teddy to school on this day. Students will be participating in special activities with their teddies. At lunch time we will have a picnic with our teddies outside (weather permitting).

Looking forward to a great day of teddy activities and fun!



Ms Hook and Mrs Halligan

2/3/4 News

What a fantastic start to the year with my new class. The first few days in Week 1 were taken up with assessment tasks and a little revision, to see where students were at after the holidays. I was very happy to see the students settle in very quickly and with a minimum of fuss. As we get to the end of Week 2 most things are sorted and we are back into the swing of things. I feel very excited and happy to have such a wonderful group of students and am looking forward to learning together and teaching throughout the year. A rundown of what we are learning in class for the term has already been sent home. This is a guide and we will do our best to adhere to it. There is also a copy on the inside of the window next to the class steps if you wish to see it on any given morning.

I am looking forward to meeting the parents on Monday night starting at 6pm. If you have any questions please feel free to ask and hopefully I can answer them on the night, otherwise within the week. My door is always open so if you would like to chat at any time please feel free to drop in either before or after school times. I would also love if any parents feel they could spare some time to help in class, either with reading or maths groups. If you think you could help please let me know. You can make a huge difference by simply listening to some of students read or reading a maths question with them. Remember you are always appreciated but never expected, any helping visits are better than none.

Don't forget what you eat today you walk and talk tomorrow.

Carl Derbyshire



Students in 2/3/4 enjoying their first Jellybeans Class



4/5/6 News

The class has settled in and are working well. The school is still waiting for the arrival of more school books but some books have been issued.

In class we have been talking about Antarctica and recording the information that we have learnt in our books. We have also been learning part of the poem, *My Country* by Dorothea Mackellar. In writing, we have been learning to write a persuasive text and most people have completed a recount on their holiday.

Students should have been practising their spelling during the week. A sheet was sent home on Monday.

An information session will be held on Monday night at 6:30pm. The principal of Swansea High will also be there, to tell about visits during the year to the high-school.

Peter Westcott

My Country—Dorothea Mackellar

*I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror—
The wide brown land for me!*

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This term we will be focussing on a different aspect of our PBL expectations each fortnight. Next week we will be concentrating on being safe in the playground.

Our three expectations are:

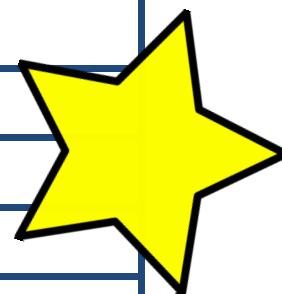
Be Safe;

Be Respectful;

Be a Learner.

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 1

Class	Name
1/2	Tammy, Bailee, Lyla, Billy
2/3/4	Elsa, Alex, Evan, Grace, Mac C
4/5/6	Joel, Taj R, Jay P, Kaylan



Uniform Shop



The Uniform Shop is open Thursday mornings from 9am—10am. New price lists and order forms are available from the school office.

Uniforms will only be available for purchasing on Thursdays, however pre-paid orders can be left at the office to be put together on the following Thursday. Orders can be collected from the office or sent home with your child. It would be greatly appreciated if all orders contained the correct amount as we have limited change available.

If you have any concerns regarding the uniform shop please contact Sabrina Moore on 0422 082 673.

Change of Details

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____

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