

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 5

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Principal's Message

Swimming

Congratulations to everyone who swam a race at the Zone Swimming Carnival this week. By all accounts it was an excellent event. Thank you to Mr Westcott for your great organisation. Thank you to all the parents who were able to stay and help the children on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As so many students were at the swimming, Mr Westcott's class was split yesterday. They all had work to do and were able to work well independently.

PBL Focus

Over the past two weeks we have been having a focus on Being Respectful. This has included talking about how we speak to others when we are being respectful, listening politely, how and when to interrupt appropriately, respecting other people's opinions and respecting other people's property, including the schools'.

These are all big concepts and we will be revisiting them during the course of the year.

We emphasise that students should:

- Look at the person who is speaking
- Use the person's name whom they are speaking to
- Use their manners: say please, thank you and excuse me
- Not interrupt: especially when the teacher is speaking to someone else
- Not walk between two people who are speaking to each other

When talking about property we emphasise how important it is to look after something that belongs to someone else, including if it belongs to the school.

Ambulance Cover

The School Ambulance Cover Scheme has been confirmed for the 2015 school year. This Scheme covers the cost of an ambulance for students who have an accident or fall ill while at school or when on an organised school excursion or activity.

Upcoming Events

We have a few events coming up between now and the end of term. Here is a brief overview with dates. Further information and notes will come out closer to the time for each.

Friday, 27 February – TOMORROW – Clean Up Schools Day

All students will be involved in cleaning the school grounds and neighbouring areas. K-2 clean within school grounds, 3-4 clean towards the Preschool and partially along Government Rd, while 4/5/6 clean Baxter Park and the Community Hall grounds. It is a good idea for students to bring their own gloves to wear.

Friday, 6 March— Photo Day.

Students need to wear their full school uniform. We have a whole school photo, class photos, individual photos, band and guitar photos, a Year 6 photo and captain's photos taken on the day.

Monday, 9 March—Tell Them from Me survey for Years 4-6

This is a voluntary online survey being completed by schools across the state. It will be followed up with a 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey in August. The school receives reports showing trends and highlighting areas for improvement as well as our strengths.

Evacuation Drill

During the week starting March 9 we will conduct our 6 monthly evacuation drill. This is a mandatory requirement from the Department of Education. In the case of an emergency requiring evacuation, we move in the first instance to our school oval. If by chance we needed to move further away, in case of a bushfire for example, then we would evacuate to the lake edge and follow instructions from the local Fire Brigade or other relevant authority.

Monday, 16 March—PE lessons with Hunter Health

Miss McCarthy from Hunter Health will be returning to do some further team teaching with each of our classes.

Wednesday, 18 - March Cross Country Carnival

We hold our Cross Country Carnival at school. K-2 students run one lap of the course, 3-4 students run two laps and 5-6 run 3 laps. The carnival is from 11:35 – 1:20 and is followed by a BBQ lunch. If you are able to help with the BBQ then that would be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday, 18 March— Year 6 Taster Lessons

Year 6 will be visiting Swansea HS from 1:50pm – 3:00pm for their first round of taster lessons. Transport will be needed to get the students to and from the High School.

Thursday and Friday 19 – 20 March—Band Camp

Mrs Hook and Mrs Schofield will be accompanying the band students on an overnight camp with Caves Beach PS Band.

Friday, 20 March—National Day of Action – Bullying! No Way

Students not at camp will be participating in a range of activities promoting our stance that bullying is not acceptable either at school or in the broader community.

Wednesday, 25 March— T-Ball Gala Day

T-Ball is open to students in Years 3 – 6. Mr D will shortly be organising our teams.

Monday, 30 March— Premier 's Sporting Challenge Leadership Day

Students from 5-6 will be invited to attend a day at Swansea HS to develop skills in sport and in leadership. They learn how to help younger students complete activities as well as developing their own skills.

Tuesday, 31 March— Easter Hat Parade and Book Fair

We hold a traditional Easter Hat Parade in the last week of Term 1 each year. It runs from 2-3 pm. There is also an Ashton Scholastic Book Fair held in the Library where you are able to purchase a range of high quality, well priced books. A proportion of the sales is donated back to the school.

Wednesday, 1 April- World of Maths

World of Maths is a company who comes in with a range of hands on maths problem solving activities. They are terrific! Students really have to learn to think out side the square and to try a range of strategies in order to solve the problems. There is a range of difficulty in activities for K-2 and for 3-6.

Thursday, 2 April- Last day of term

Staff return to school on Monday, 20 April with students returning on Tuesday, 21 April.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

This week, we have continued to discuss data, including how to represent it in graphs and how to interpret these. We have been discussing things that we are proud of, as well as things about us that other people (eg family members) are proud of too. I know I am proud of the efforts they are putting into their learning in class and proud of how they support each other's accomplishments without prompting.

In Visual Arts, we have been experimenting with different printing techniques (such as our 'Reflections' artworks) as well as ways to introduce the appearance of texture into our paintings.

Today marks 20 days at school. Time is flying and before we know it we will be having our 100 Days at School party.

Trinity Hook**1/2 News**

The Star of the Week this week is Bailee. Over the week, the students and I have been enjoying the book (and song) 'Hey, Little Ant', which asked us, the readers, to look at life from an insect's point of view. A big thank you to Aaron who visited our classroom on Tuesday and played his guitar while we sang along. The students thought it was wonderful.

Home reading has begun. Students need a plastic envelope folder of some kind (last years is fine) and each night of home reading is written on the record sheet. For those students who are reading beyond levelled readers, Mrs Stoppini is making up a box in the library of short chapter book these students may borrow to read. Alternatively, other books from the library or home can be read and recorded so that students can receive Home Reading Awards. An award is presented for every 25 nights of home reading completed. Students are welcome to bring in readers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and I will endeavour to return them the same day. Mathletics passwords were also sent home with homework last week and students are encouraged to access Mathletics from home.

Mrs Halligan

2/3/4 News

Students that asked for home readers were given books.. There will be either two or three books sent home each Wednesday as this is the only day we can sort and re-issue students with their books. Please make sure your child brings them in on the Tuesday or Wednesday. Don't forget to record your child's reading each day that they complete a 10 minute reading session. If possible I would also like to ask that you supply your child with a home reading folder that protects our school readers. We would love for the books to last as long as possible so other children are able to continue reading them, some books do suffer slight damage if just put in their school bags with everything else.

Next week our class will be looking at Data during maths. Our news topic is about their "My favourite thing to do" or "My favourite toy" (*which they may bring in if it does not, or never has had, a heart beat*). If you can give your children ideas they can talk about it would be very much appreciated. I am very happy to inform you all that the students are gaining confidence in preparation for next term's Public Speaking.

The class is working well and getting used to the changes of a new teacher and a new setting, including the increased work load and difficulty. We continue to run most mornings which has added health benefits, and will also help when it comes to the school Cross Country in Week 8. As you may know I have planned a Bush Camp for students in Years 3 & 4 in week 5 of Term 2 (25-27 May). A formal note will be coming home next week detailing as much information as possible. I can say that the approximate cost will be \$200 so you may like to keep this in mind.

As always, please feel free to come and discuss any concerns or queries 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. Thank you to the parents that have already come in to help our students.

Carl Derbyshire

4/5/6 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Todd, Sami, Bella Kaylan, Taj, Jack, Stanley, Sam, Jared, Mary and Joel. It's obvious that most children are making a real effort to learn their spelling words each week.

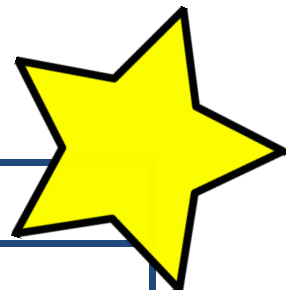
This week we have been learning about factors, prime and composite numbers. Also in Mathematics we will be revising division and multiplication.

In literacy, we have been discussing good comprehension strategies such as visualising, making connections and questioning, while in HSIE we have been learning about Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer.

Peter Westcott

Merit Awards Term 1 Week 4

Class	Name
K/1	Caitlyn, Taleah, Delilah
1/2	Isabelle, Sophie, Kyan
2/3/4	Aliyah, Annie, Keely H, Sunny, James, Julius
4/5/6	Kaylan



Absence Note

Name: _____ Class: _____

Date/s of absence: _____

Reason for absence: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Change of Details

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____



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