

# Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6

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## *Principal's Message*

### **Photo Day**

School photos will be taken tomorrow. All students should be wearing black shoes and white socks. Please, no colourful joggers tomorrow. Please try and have your child in their best uniform.

The Year 6 photo will not be taken tomorrow. The photographer will be returning in Term 2 to take the Year 6 photo and the Captains photo.

If your child is in the band then please make sure that they have their instrument with them (Band rehearsal is also on tomorrow). I have spoken to a couple of students and asked them to bring their guitars tomorrow as well.

### **Evacuation Drill**

Next week we are going to be having our evacuation drill. We are doing it a bit differently than in previous years, in that we are trying to recreate a more realistic scenario. There will be a picture of a fire placed somewhere on the school grounds. Whoever comes across the picture first needs to follow our procedures for an evacuation. That is: go to the office and report a fire, Mrs Hamilton will then sound the evacuation alarm, all classes and visitors will proceed to the oval, areas such as the toilets will be checked by a staff member, rolls will be marked and then we will finalise the drill. If you happen to be visiting our school and are the person who comes across the 'fire' then can you please follow these processes. It is very important that when you visit the school you sign in and out (even if you are visiting or leaving the schools grounds for a short time) using our Visitors Book. We will refer to this when checking if all persons on school grounds are accounted for.

### **P&C AGM Meeting**

Thank you to the outgoing P&C executive for your hard work over the past twelve months. It has been a pleasure working with you and we appreciate the effort that you put in to enhancing the educational journey of students here at NWPS. A special thank you to Annette Collins for your work as Secretary and to Trish Irwin for the amazing job that you have done with the school canteen over several years.

Congratulations to the new office bearers for 2015. Parents, your new P&C reps are as follows:

President: Sidone Lambert

Treasurer: Elise Smith

Secretary: Kelly Nee

Uniform shop co-ordinator: Sabrina Moore

Canteen coordinator: ????

Band Coordinator: Jenny Haywood

Fundraising Coordinator: A joint effort by the members of the P&C.

The P&C pledged money to purchase some additional **IT equipment**. This includes 2 iPads and 2 laptops. We are also receiving an additional two iPads as a donation from the Moore family and their business. This is a fantastic addition to our current resources and will mean that we will have 6 iPads and 8 laptops. Thank you P&C and Fusion Civil!

The P&C will also be making a contribution of \$800 towards the **Stage 2 camp** and later in the year will make a contribution to the Stage 3 camp. These donations go towards greatly reducing the cost of overnight camps and help to ensure that camps are affordable for all of our families.

**Uniform** was a significant topic during the meeting. The vote on keeping a tunic or not was very close. In the end it was: 10 votes for K-6 tunic, 10 votes for K-2 tunic and 19 votes for no tunic. As a result the decision was made to source a tunic for K-2 students. Lowes stock a possible option. Other options are also being pursued. The P&C hope to have a decision for you shortly. In the meantime, the current tunic remains a part of the school uniform until March 2017. At present we have the following items in stock:

#### Tunics

Size 4: 5 dresses

Size 6: 6 dresses

Size 8: 7 dresses and 2 skirts

Size 10: 7 dresses and 4 skirts

Size 12: 2 dresses and 5 skirts

The role of **Canteen Co-ordinator** was another significant topic and I have followed this up with a meeting with your President today. As you are aware, Trish is no longer able to continue in the role of Canteen Co-ordinator. For our canteen to continue to operate we need to find someone who is willing to perform this role. We are fortunate at present in that there are several parents and grandparents who are willing to assist in the canteen. This will be very helpful to whoever takes on the role of co-ordinator.

The role of co-ordinator can be broken in two. Firstly, ordering of product and checking that there is sufficient stock available for sale, including ordering for special occasions such as the Cross-Country BBQ. The second part is co-ordinating the roster and being the people person: making sure that there is someone in the canteen each day and that they know what needs to be done. When there is no-one who can perform the role then the co-ordinator may have to come in and cover for them that day.

This means that there is the option of two people working together to fulfil the role – one doing stock control and one being the people person.

You may be thinking that you are interested in helping out but that the current Monday, Wednesday and Friday doesn't suit you. It is possible to negotiate this time. For example it was suggested on Tuesday that we could trial having the canteen open Wednesday – Friday. We can also reduce the number of open days if needed.

The canteen is a very important part of the school community and the P&C. It is a significant fund raiser for the P&C, it gives children the opportunity to handle money and make purchases without mum or dad there for support, it supports families by providing healthy food options and a little treat or two, and the students really like seeing their parents when it is their day in the canteen.

We do have a couple of people who are able to support the canteen in the short term, however, if we do not get a new co-ordinator soon then the canteen will close from the start of Term 2.

#### **Cake Stall Fundraiser**

On Friday of next week there will be a cake stall at recess. One of our ex-students, Sky Hardy, is cutting off her hair for The World's Biggest Shave. The money we raise will go to Sky's efforts to raise \$5000 for helping families with their medical bills.

#### **National Ride to School Day**

Friday, 13 March is National Ride to School Day. We encourage all students to ride their bikes to school on this day. Remember that students under the age of 9 are allowed to ride on the footpath with a parent or older sibling. If you can't ride a bike then being more active by walking to school is also a good thing. Students who live outside of Nords Wharf could be dropped off on Government Road and then travel by foot or bike from there.

We will be holding our Road Safety Day later in the year.

**Karin Hird**

#### **K/1 News**

It has been a busy week! We have been exploring 'addition' in Maths to find the total of two group and we have starting to use terms like 'add', 'plus', 'equals' and 'altogether'.

On Wednesday, we joined 1/2 and 2/3/4 to have our first run around the cross country track in preparation for the race, to be held in Week 8. It was so great to see the older students buddy up with the Kinders, guiding them around

the track and running their first lap with them!

K/1 has been visiting the computer lab in the library, learning how to log on and beginning to explore the Mathletics website. If there are any parents or family members who are available on Monday afternoons to join us for these sessions, please let me know. It would definitely make assisting 20 children to log on and read the Maths questions faster and easier!

For anyone interested in looking at SSP resources, you can visit my Weebly (website) at

<http://speechsoundpicswithmshook.weebly.com>

You will find links to the brain training videos for each level, as well as levelled online books and printable books, and much more! It is viewable on mobile devices but I find that it is much easier to navigate when accessing it with a computer.

### Band

Band Camp is only 2 weeks away and we are very excited! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their forms. I will send home information next week indicating who students will be travelling with and sharing a room with.

Please bring your instruments this Friday for school photos and rehearsal/lessons.

It has been fantastic to see so many Band members volunteering to play in front of our Friday assemblies. Well done!

### Bookclub

Orders for the second issue of Bookclub are due to the office by Friday, 13 March. The school receives Scholastic vouchers to the value of 20% of all orders each issue. This is a great way for our school to be able to purchase new books for our library and resources for the school! Thank you to all families who purchase through these Bookclub catalogues!

*Trinity Hook*

### 1/2 News

The Star of the week this week is Kyan. The paper plane craze has also swept our class, with many students making and flying their planes in the competition last week. Thank you to the boys who ran the competition, our students have really enjoyed being a part of it.

Over the past few weeks, as part of our personal development unit about building positive relationships, 1/2 students have enjoyed the Allen Adventure story about an alien who comes to Earth and needs to learn how to get on with others. The students watched and discussed the interactive story on an iPad and completed activities. The free app is available for iPad and Android tablets and more information about this program can be found on the 'Bullying. No Way!' website <http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>.

### Clean up Day

Last Friday, 27 February, Nords Wharf students cleaned up in and around the school grounds. The students did a wonderful job of collecting rubbish and our school looks much better for it! Whilst cleaning up near the vegetable garden, Ms Hook also found a large ripe watermelon! Thank you to the parents in the canteen who sliced it up for all the students to enjoy at lunch.

*Mrs Halligan*



**2/3/4 News**

Congratulations to Aliyah, Dylan, Alex, Daniel, Ben, Grace, Maddison Sunny and Ted who all scored 100% in their spelling test last week. Even though not all students are getting 100% it is obvious that most students are making a real effort to learn their spelling words each week.

Thank you to the parents who have sent supplies to class for their children. Each child needs headphones, whiteboard markers and a home reading folder to help protect the books. Don't forget to record your child's reading each day that they complete a 10 minute reading session. I am very excited to announce we have 3 students who have already achieved their Bronze award.

Next week our class will be looking at 'mass' during Maths and our news topic is open; the aim is for students to persuade me that their opinion is the right one e.g dogs make better pets than cats. This is in line with the persuasive writing we have been focusing on this term. It would be appreciated if you could give your children ideas that they can talk about.

In preparation for the school Cross Country in Week 8, students had their first walk around the track yesterday.

A note will be sent home next week in relation to Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp in Week 5, Term 2 (25-27 May) detailing as much information as possible. At this stage we are estimating the cost of this excursion to be \$200.

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.

Thank you to the parents that have already come in to help our students.

**Carl Derbyshire**

**4/5/6 News**

Well done to Stanley, Sam, Lachlan, Tiahna, Jared and Sophie, who all scored 100% in their spelling last week.

Our class Green Team is being organised. If your child would like to be a part of this group, they will need garden gloves and a note to say they have parental permission to work in the garden at recess and lunch time.

A major school excursion is being organised for 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. This will be a combined trip with Pelican PS students and will be over three days with the children returning on Wednesday, 9 September, 2015. This trip includes a visit to the Blue Mountains, Bathurst and an over-night stay at Dubbo zoo. The cost for this excursion is approximately, \$254. This price would have been much more but for our school P&C. A huge thankyou goes to our P&C which has donated \$100 per child. Parents can pay in instalments.

**Peter Westcott**

## Merit Awards Term 1 Week 5

Class	Name
K/1	Shania, Callum, Taj B, Delilah, Sophie T, Scarlett, Lisa
1/2	Alby, Sari, Evie, Max M, Julius
2/3/4	James S, Savita, Maddie HG
4/5/6	Kaitlyn, Tiahna, Sophie I, Mary-Jane, Keeley N
<b>Reading Awards</b>	
Bronze	Sunny, Joe, Nathan LW

