

# Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 7

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## *Principal's Message*

### **Canteen Coordinator**

Great news! Sabrina Moore has volunteered to be our new Canteen Coordinator. She is certain to perform the role admirably, especially with Trish's support to get her started.

Sabrina is new to the role so please show her your support and patience as she learns the ropes.

This means that we will be able to keep the canteen open for the foreseeable future. Thank you, Sabrina!!

### **Uniform Shop Coordinator**

With Sabrina Moore taking on the role of Canteen Coordinator we needed to fill the position of Uniform Shop Coordinator as well. Thank you to Leanne Munro who has volunteered to take on this role. The uniform shop hours will stay the same this term, during the change-over process.

### **Uniform Change**

After considering various options we have chosen to use Lowes as our supplier for the girl's tunic. We still have current tunics available and will be selling these at the below cost price of \$35 each. The new tunic is not greatly different to what we have at present. You can see a sample on display in the office foyer. The new tunic will be available from Lowes Belmont for \$51.99, with a 15% discount for new Kinders. It will be available from the beginning of Term 4.

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

Tomorrow is National Ride to School Day and we would encourage all students to be physically active in how they get to school tomorrow. They can ride a bike, ride a scooter or walk to school. All students who do one of these, even if it is only a partial journey, will receive a sticker to congratulate them on their effort. Don't forget helmets!



March 21<sup>st</sup> is World Down Syndrome Day. The aim of this day is to raise awareness about Down syndrome and increase understanding of the contribution that people with Down syndrome can make to a community. Many of you know Jaden C, one of our students in Year 3. You would also be aware that Jaden has Down syndrome. Those who know him well would know him as a child who is

energetic, cheeky, loving and loud!! Life can sometimes be tricky for him. However, with good support from a range of organisations (Including our school and Down Syndrome NSW), Jaden is succeeding.

To celebrate the occasion, students will be watching a video about Down syndrome on Friday, 20 March. You may like to view it using the link below:

<http://youtu.be/5M--xOyGUX4>

Friday, 20 March is also the National Day of Action: Bullying! No Way. Following the video the students will participate in age appropriate activities related to bullying and to accepting others for who they are.

To raise funds for Down Syndrome NSW, we are hosting a mufti day and special sausage sizzle lunch on Thursday, 2 April (the last day of term). Jaden's favourite colour is yellow, so the mufti theme is yellow. We would love your support through purchasing a special sausage sizzle lunch. The proceeds will go towards Down Syndrome NSW.

**Cake Stall**

A reminder that we are having a cake stall tomorrow to help raise money for ex-student Sky, who is participating in the World's Greatest Shave this weekend. She is aiming to raise \$5000 so any additional donations are also welcome. Cakes will be from 20 cents to \$1.

**Evacuation Drill**

Sunny discovered the 'fire' in our school on Tuesday. She did a great job of quickly informing the office. The evacuation bell was sounded and all students moved safely and sensibly to the oval.

**Cross Country**

All students have been practising for the Cross Country over the past few weeks. The carnival is being held on Wednesday, 18 March. You should have received a note about this during the week. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Year 6 Transition to High School**

Swansea HS do a great job of helping our Year 6 students feel comfortable and ready for the big move to high school. Taster Lessons in Terms 1 and 2 will be our first step towards this transition. All Year 6 students are invited to the high school and partake in a range of lessons including TAS (woodwork and home economics), Science and PE. The first lesson is on Wednesday, 18 March from 1:50 – 3:00 pm. Students will have time to collect their sausage sizzle after the Cross Country Carnival.

Year 6 parents have also received an Expression of Interest form for High School. All parents must submit a form detailing where they are intending on enrolling their child for high school by March 20.

**Photographing students at school**

With a few events coming up soon I would like to take this opportunity to explain our expectations when it comes to parents, or students, taking photos at school events. I understand that we all want to take photos of our own child and that school is obviously a very important part of their life and is a demonstration of their achievements. Issues can occur when making decisions about whether or not to publish these on social media.

You are welcome to take photos of your own child at school events and to use these how you will.

You can only take photos of your child with a friend if the friend, and preferably their parents, agree. You should only publish these on social media if you have sought and gained the approval of the other child's parents or carers. Please be aware that we have some students whose parents have requested that their photo not be published in any way.

You are welcome to take photos of your child where there are many others in the background. This might include a whole school photo of the Easter Hat Parade for example. Still err on the side of caution when deciding whether or not to publish these on social media.

I request that you not tag other people's children on social media. If someone requests that you not photograph their child then please respect their wishes. Please don't publish any photos that would embarrass the child or the school.

**Karin Hird**

**Easter Hats for the Easter Hat Parade**

The Nords Wharf Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday, 31 March. In preparation for this event, students will be making and decorating their Easter hats together at school. The whole school will be making their hats on Monday, 23 March from 2-3pm. We would be most appreciative of any parents or grandparents who could come and help us at this time!

For the hat-making we ask that each child bring a piece of cardboard or a plain hat with a brim (for the base) and any other craft materials to decorate their hat. These decorations could be stickers, ribbons, Easter chicks, cotton balls, pom poms or anything else your child would like to have on their hat. Materials for the Easter hat can be brought in anytime to their classroom in a bag with your child's name on it. We look forward to a fun and creative afternoon of hat making! Thank you



**K/1 News**

We are very excited to be singing two songs at our assembly tomorrow. If you can come and watch, it starts at 2pm. Baxter brought his bearded dragon in for us to see today. We loved watching him eat vegetables. When we were taking turns patting his tail, he jumped onto Sophie's shoulder to say hello.

We have been making sure that when we write our sentences we include a capital letter at the start, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end.

If you would like to download some Apps to support reading and the SSP program, I would suggest the following Apps:



SSP Spelling Piano is only available on iPad.



*Baxter's special friend*

**Trinity Hook**

**1/2 News**

The star of the week is Sophie! Congratulations to all the students who have been receiving Bronze Home Reading awards and Times Tables awards (I know others are close!). Well done, you have been working very hard and I am proud of you.

Our class have been keenly preparing for the Cross Country Carnival next Wednesday. We have been regularly completing fitness runs of a morning and have run the cross country course both last week and this week.

This week as part of our unit 'Products and Services', 1/2 have made damper bread! We discussed the process from wheat to bread, how bread is made and got to try a piece of tasty damper. Yum!

For the next two Fridays, (March 20 and 27), I will be attending professional development courses to assist with school programs. A casual teacher will take the class. Students are still able to complete the spelling test on these days, however, if you would like home readers for the weekend, please send them in to be changed on Monday or Wednesday. Many thanks.

**Kate Halligan**



*Mmmm It smells so good.*

**2/3/4 News**

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Aliyah, Alex, Grace, James M, Ruby, Evan, James S and Thai. Thank you to the families who have provided students with a home reading folder, headphones and whiteboard markers. These are essential items for class learning, so if you have yet to do so please make it a priority.

Remember to record your child's reading each day that they complete a 10 minute reading session, as every session brings them closer to a Reading award.

Next week our class will be looking at 'Patterns and Algebra' during maths and our news topic is again free choice. Don't forget the school cross country is next Wednesday.

Students in Years 3 and 4 have been given an information/permission note for the Aussie Bush Camp Excursion. Please read and return the note as soon as possible.

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**

Congratulations to Keeley, Tiahna, Sam, Kaitlyn, Sophie, Jay P and Mary who all scored 100% in their spelling.

The stage three students completed a revision Mathematics test this week. Todd, Keeley, Stanley, Taj and Jesse did particularly well. Ask your child how they went and in particular things, that they had trouble with. If you can help them with any difficulties, that would be great and of course, I'll be revising areas of difficulty in class.

The year six students will be visiting the high-school next Wednesday from 2pm until 3pm. Transport for these students will be needed and notes returned as soon as possible.

**Peter Westcott**

## Merit Awards Term 1 Week 6



Class	Name
K/1	Mya, Taylah, Wil, Scarlet
1/2	Shontelle, Billy C, Jace, Charolte, Felix, Chase, Torhi, Hallie, Alex, Joe
2/3/4	Koby, Elloise, Maddison HG, Mac C, Aliyah
4/5/6	Kaitlyn G, Jay, Sam, Mary-Jane

## Reading Awards -Bronze

1/2	Kyan
2/3/4	Mac C, Daniel, Maggie
4/5/6	Madison G