

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 5

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Principal's Message

Behaviour in Schools

The Department of Education has recently issued an update to the behaviour expectation of students within public schools. I have attached it to this newsletter so that you are aware of our guidelines. These expectations are for primary schools and for high schools.

At NWPS we have our three expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. This fits in beautifully with the new guidelines so we won't need to change what the students are already familiar with.

Please note that the guidelines make reference to the expectation that students attend school every day and that they wear the correct uniform each day.



Star Struck

The first Star Struck practice was held yesterday. Mr D accompanied the students and had a great day. The behaviour of the students was excellent. The second rehearsal will be held next Wednesday and then it is another fortnight to Star Struck week.

Yesterday the students from 2/3/4 were split between the other classes. Next week, Mrs Halligan will attend the rehearsal and I will have Class 1/2 for the day.

Tickets for Star Struck are available through Ticketek on 49212121. The shows are on Friday, 12 June at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm and on Saturday, 13 June at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Our students are performing near Tunnel 4.

Stage 2 Camp

Next week will be a very exciting week for our Year 3 & 4 students as they head off on their first school camp. They will be at Morisset Outdoor Education Centre from Monday to Wednesday. Mr D will be accompanying the students. Year 2 students from 2/3/4 will be split between K/1 and Class 1/2.

All meals are supplied. No need to bring morning tea or lunch for the first day.

Students will leave from school by 9:30 am. Please have your child at school by 9:15 for roll marking and organisation. All medication needs to be clearly marked and be given to Mr D.

We hope that the students have lots of fun and we are looking forward to hearing their stories when they get back.

Walk Safely to School Day

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day. It would be great if all students could walk at least a part of the way to school. This is a great opportunity to practise safe pedestrian behaviours and to have some exercise as well. Students who live out of Nords Wharf could, for example, walk from Central Ave to school.



The Children's Crossing

Over the past few weeks I have been in contact with the Roads and Maritime Service, Lake Macquarie Council and the local police about the crossing in front of our school on Marine Parade. There have been a few near misses of late and as a community I believe that we all have a role in keeping our students safe.

Attached to the newsletter you will find an explanation as to the operation of Children's Crossings. Basically, when the flags are out they act the same as a pedestrian crossing. Cars must stop for students who are crossing the road. I am talking to the appropriate people at Lake Macquarie Council to ask if it can be marked as a pedestrian crossing so that there is no confusion. I will keep you updated as I learn more.

It is an offence to park on or near Children's Crossings. This incurs a \$415 fine and a loss of 2 demerit points. It is

also an offence to approach Children's Crossings too quickly and to not stop at the crossing. Both incur a \$519 fine and a loss of 4 demerit points.

Please be mindful when driving near our school and please keep to the 40 kmph limit during school speed zone times.

Pokemon, and other collectable, Cards

Collectable cards are one of the many fads that come and go at school. They are currently the in thing to bring to school. There are many benefits to collectable cards. There are educational benefits such as students practising sounding out long and difficult names of characters and memorising a lot of facts about characters. There are also the social benefits such as sharing a common interest, talking with friends and learning to play by the rules.

However, there can also be some complications. These are more pronounced with the Year 1 and 2 students. These students are developing in their understanding of ownership and sharing. They will swap cards and then change their mind and want the cards back. Both parties become upset as this usually doesn't happen amicably. Students are also very excited about their cards and want to be talking about them and playing with them all the time.

We have been, and will continue, to discuss these issues with the students. If your child is card enthusiast can you please reinforce these messages at home as well. We have said that cards are only for the playground as they are a distraction in class. They are to go away when the bell goes. Students playing with cards in class will have them confiscated until 3 pm. If students want to swap cards then they should do this down at the school gate with the supervision and agreement of their parents. It is not to happen in school time. Students are not to sell each other cards.

While students follow these simple guidelines then they will be allowed to have them at school and enjoy being a card collecting enthusiast.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

We were very excited about participating in our first gymnastics lesson. We rolled, jumped, balanced and hung from the bar.

During news, we have been talking about what to do to make our speeches great, such as scanning the audience with our eyes, standing still and using a clear, loud voice. We watched a DVD of children presenting great speeches to give us ideas. We also watched a DVD called Tooth Defenders and we talked about how to keep our teeth, tongue and gums health and strong.

Ros and her dog Jet came to visit our school on Monday to teach us how to approach dogs we don't know and how to treat dogs that we have as pets to keep ourselves safe.

Trinity Hook

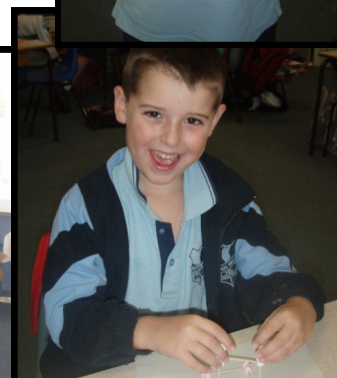
1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Julius. On Monday, Year 1 and 2 had a visit from Ros and Jet (the dog) who taught us how to approach dogs we don't know. We also learnt that 'no owner, no lead means no touch'. This was a fantastic and informative visit and we thank Ros and Jet for coming to our school. More information can be found at www.pets.nsw.gov.au. (There is also a free app available!)

Maths this week has focussed on 3D shapes. Students in Year 1 particularly enjoyed making 3D shapes with marshmallows and toothpicks in Maths groups.

Year 1 and 2 students will be presenting their speeches next week. Mrs Hird will be listening to the Year 2 students speak and I will be listening to Year 1. We will be looking for good eye contact and a clear voice. Students should try to make their speech interesting and use some hand gestures.

Kate Halligan



Hands on learning in 1/2



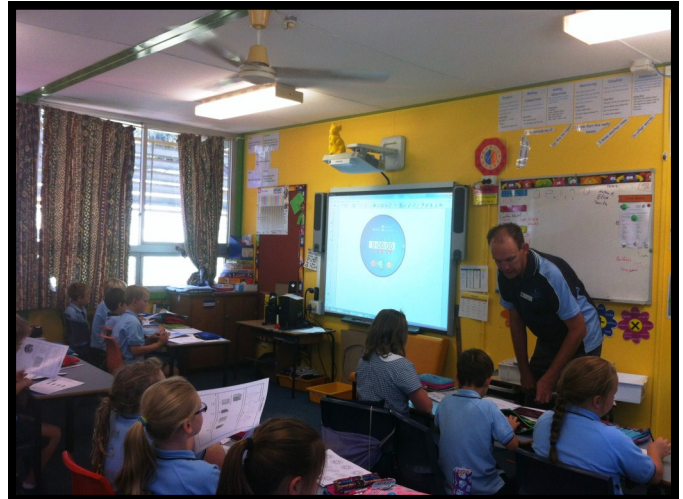
2/3/4 News

Congratulations to Maggie, Daniel, Thai, Darcy, Sunny, Ruby, Max C and Elsa for all achieving 100% in their spelling. It's only four more sleeps until camp! We are all very excited and looking forward to a fantastic time at The Outdoor Education Camp in Morisset next week. It would be a great idea for the students to have an early night on Sunday, possibly even Saturday, to ensure they are well rested and ready for the fun filled days at camp.

Carl Derbyshire



2/3/4 students engaged in their learning

**4/5/6 News**

Star Struck practice began this week and will be on again next Wednesday. While they were away the remainder of the class worked on their descriptive writing, Athletics and art. The writing produced was very pleasing.

All the students should be working on their speeches now. A scoring sheet will be sent home soon showing the way in which the speeches are assessed. This might help the students prepare.

All Antarctica work should now have been handed in for assessment. Check with your child to see if this has been done.

Don't forget spelling each week and times tables should be revised. Students should be reading regularly and recording it on their home reading sheet. These sheets are available in the classroom. Students should also be completing their Athletics. If your child does not have access to a computer they are welcome to come in early and work in class on Athletics.

Congratulations to Stanley, Jay T, Kaitlyn, Sophie, Tiahna, Jay P and Mary who all scored 100% in their spelling last week.

Peter Westcott

Band Lessons

Due to the Years 3 and 4 Camp next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, band lessons will take place on Friday. The Term 2 fees have now been calculated and invoiced to students. Credits have been given for both missed lessons from Term 1 and a \$17.50 refund to students who attended Band Camp. Statements of account will be sent home tomorrow.

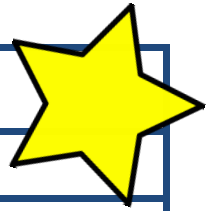
Group Photos



The 2015 groups photographs for Band and Guitar are now displayed in the School Office foyer. These photographs are \$16 each and be ordered through the school office (cash only) until next Thursday, 28 May. Orders can also be placed online using credit cards at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au.

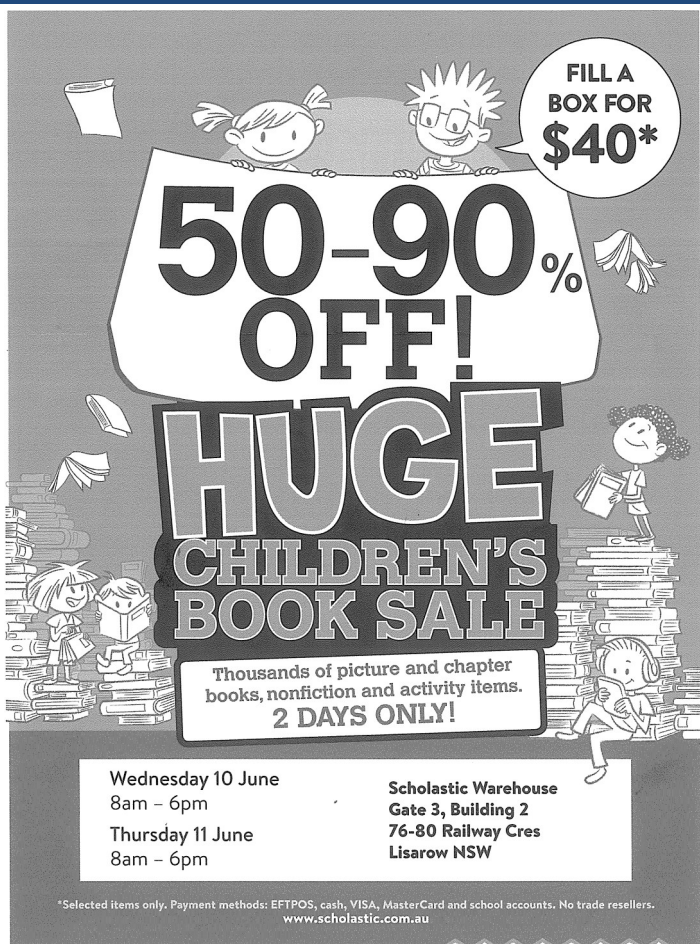
Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning from 9am—10am. If you are unable to make it to the school on a Thursday, order forms can be left at the office any day of the week, ready for the following Thursday. Provided the correct money has been included the uniforms will sent home with your child.

Merit Awards Term 2 Week 4



Class	Name
1/2	Sophie S, Shotelle, Torhi. Talia, Felix, Max M, Isabelle, Jace, Kayden, Alby, Lyla, Bailee
2/3/4	Alex, Dylan, Keely H, Aliyah, Maggie, James M, Mac C, Ruby, Lachlan
4/5/6	Joel P
Reading Awards 	
Bronze	Sami, Todd, Joel
Silver	Alby, Kamea, Tommy, Alex, Ossian, Callum, Scarlett, Taleah
Gold	Sophie, Delilah, Shontelle
PBL Awards 	
Bronze	Ben, Keely H, Elsa, Sunny, Ted, Koby, Dylan, James M, Ruby, Thai, Grace, Maggie, Kayden, Nathan LW, Max C, Sam, Aaron
Silver	Mary Jane, Jay P



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Confucius

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