

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10

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Principal's Message

2016 Enrolments

Thank you to the wonderful Anthony Nee for making our new enrolment sign for the front of our school. We are very close to being able to form a fifth class in 2016. If you know of anyone in the community with children to enrol for next year, could you please encourage them to come and see us early in Term 3. We are able to accept enrolments from students K-6. Our drawing area includes Nords Wharf, Catherine Hill Bay and Cams Wharf.



Netball Gala Day

I had the pleasure of attending the Netball Gala Day on Wednesday. We had four teams competing: two junior mixed teams, a senior mixed team and a senior boys team. The gala day was an opportunity to try out different playing positions, meet and catch up with students from other schools and enjoy some low-key competition. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and thank you to those who could stay and assist the teams throughout the day.



NAIDOC Day and Creative Arts Performance

Yesterday we had an excellent performance from a group of indigenous students from Swansea HS. The boys had all made, and learnt to play, their own didgeridoos. One of the boys also read us an Awabakal Dreaming story of the creation of Belmont Lagoon. This was followed by classes completing a range of activities aimed at further developing their understanding of Aboriginal culture and, for the older students, the significant contributions that have been made to our society by Aboriginal people.

In the afternoon we had our Creative Arts Performance, giving students from band, guitar and Star Struck an opportunity to show what they have been learning this year to a broader audience. We were also entertained by the students from K/1 singing "Beans in my Ears" and Class 1/2 dancing to "Power". Thank you to all of the parents and families who could attend. It was great to see you.

School Security in the Holidays

There will be teachers in and out of the school during the holidays. However, if you see any suspicious activity within school grounds could you please report it the School Security and Response Unit on 1300880021.

Reports

Reports were sent home this week, together with portfolios of student work. I have received some feedback about the Effort grading. I will be rectifying this issue for the end of year report. The description for each level is as follows:

- 5 – Outstanding
- 4 – Very high
- 3 – High
- 2 – Satisfactory
- 1 – Low

I hope that helps your interpretation of the reports. There will be parent teacher interviews in Week 3 of Term 3. This is a good opportunity to raise any queries that you may have as a result of the report, although teachers are available earlier if you would like some clarification.

Term 3 Events

Planning for Term 3 is well underway. A calendar with events is attached. A useful idea is to highlight the events that pertain to your family and then attach the calendar to the fridge or a noticeboard.

Please be aware of the events being held early in the term.

- School returns on Tuesday, 14 July.
- Jellybeans starts in Week 2.
- The Disco is Wednesday evening in Week 2.
- Parent teacher nights are from Monday - Wednesday in Week 3.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

Congratulations to students who performed the song 'Beans in my ears' at yesterday's performing arts assembly. They did a great job!

As we complete our Things That Move unit, we have been watching science videos this week about how balls bounce (depending on their elasticity) and how friction affects the ability of objects to slide.

Ask your child what they can remember about these.

We also viewed the Aboriginal story called 'How the Birds Got Their Colours', then students painted very creative pictures of birds as a visual response.

I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday. See you next term!

Trinity Hook

1/2 News

The Star of the week is Billy. Thank you to all who were able to attend our Performing Arts Assembly yesterday. The 1/2 students have been extremely excited about performing our dance for you!

This week we bring to a close our unit about the history of Nords Wharf Public School. We compared a photo taken in 1974 with a photo taken in a similar place in 2015. See if you can spot the similarities and differences! 1/2 also read 'Flood' by Jackie French this week and wrote about our own real life experiences.

Yesterday, as part of NAIDOC Day, students in 1/2 read Awabakal dreaming stories about our area and painted their response to these. The stories included 'The petrified women of Swansea Heads', 'The day the moon cried' (about Belmont Lagoon) and 'The Lizard Rock'.

Following are two samples of the wonderful writing created this week in 1/2.

The Storm by Jace

I hated life without power. No phones, no Xbox, nothing. Only toys and nerf guns. It felt like war. Two teams; the rain team and the human team. Windows rattled and houses shook.

Storm by Chase

The powerful storm ripped homes apart. No one was safe. We had no power. Lots of people tried to find shelter.

Finally, thank you so much for your support this term, especially with public speaking, the athletics carnival as well as homework and home reading. It has been delightful to see the students' progress further this term. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Kate Halligan

2/3/4 News

Wow! What a busy term we have had and what a fantastic job 2/3/4 did at yesterday's Performing Arts Assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many helpers who have made the last two terms possible, be it driving students to events, helping with reading and maths groups or working with their children at home to ensure homework and reading gets done. Thank you from all of 2/3/4.

I hope all my students and families have a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to Term 3.

Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6 News

Over the holidays, all students should continue their home reading practice. If you have not got a recording sheet, record your child's home reading on paper from an exercise book. Your child could list the titles and dates and you could simply initial it. Have your child select a times-table and they should learn it thoroughly during the holidays. Test them by asking individual tables out of sequence, for quick recall.

Don't forget the excursion next term. Many people have money outstanding and the weeks will quickly go by.

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Sophie, Sam, Madi, Tiahna, Kaylan, Joel, Taj and Jay T.

Peter Westcott

Canteen News

Thank you to the families who returned the canteen survey. If you did not get a chance to complete the survey perhaps you could find time in the holidays and return it Week 1 next Term?

A reminder that canteen will operate on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from next term. Term 3's calendar is attached.

P&C News

The P&C will be holding a disco in Week 2 of Term 3. More information and a meal deal order form will be sent home shortly.

The Thompson's Pie Drive fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to the families who ordered.



Can you spot the differences?

Both photos are taken from the same angle 41 years apart!

Above is the timber classroom and old canteen from 1974. To the right is 2015. It's hard to believe how much has changed.



Just a few of our shining stars!



Merit Awards Term 2 Week 9

Class	Name
K/1	Ossian, Tyler,
1/2	Evie, Chase, Julius, Charlotte, Felix
2/3/4	Lachlan W, Darcy, James

Week 1	Monday 13	Staff Development Day
July	Tuesday 14	Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 15	Canteen, Scripture
	Thursday 16	Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 17	Canteen
Week 2	Monday 20	
	Tuesday 21	Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 22	Band Link, Canteen, Scripture, School Disco
	Thursday 23	Matter of Seconds, Band Link, Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
Week 3	Friday 24	Canteen
	Monday 27	Parent Teacher Night
	Tuesday 28	Parent Teacher Night, ICAS English, Galgamba Public Speaking,, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 29	Parent Teach Night, Canteen, Scripture
Week 4	Thursday 30	Year 6 Science Fair Night, Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 31	Kids Matter Launch Day, Stage 3 Camp Final Payment Due, Canteen
	Monday 3	Health Harold
	Tuesday 4	Healthy Harold, P&C Meeting 6pm, Library, Guitar
August	Wednesday 5	Soccer Gala Day, Canteen, Scripture
	Thursday 6	Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 7	Canteen
	Monday 10	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals
Week 5	Tuesday 11	Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals, ICAS Maths, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 12	Zone Athletics, Jelly Beans, Canteen, Scripture
	Thursday 13	Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals, Zone Athletics, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 14	Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals, Canteen

Also coming up

Book Week Parade 1 September, Fathers Day Stall 4 September, Tringo Night 4 September, Stage 3 Camp 7-9 September, 5/6 Science Day 10 September, Touch Footy Gala Day 16 September, Visual Arts Extravaganza 17 September