

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 7

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Principal's Message

Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival is being held at Baxter Oval in Marks Point tomorrow. We will be departing from school at 9 am sharp. We're aiming to have started by 9:30 am. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on the students. We are always happy to accept help with time keeping of age races and with field event organisation. The canteen will also be looking for volunteers if you are able to help through a portion of the day. A reminder that if you choose to take photos and share them on social media e.g. Facebook, then it is preferable if you only photograph your own child. You should seek consent before posting photos of other people's children.

P&C Meeting

A very productive P&C meeting this week. One topic for discussion was the recent delivery of school photos. Opinions were divided, however, some parents had received washed out, over-exposed individual portraits of their children. I have contacted The School Photographer and they are going to adjust their settings and reprint the whole school. I expect to have these new photos delivered shortly. Hopefully, if you were less than satisfied, then these reprints will be more to your liking. Please pass on any other feedback to any members of your P&C executive or to me.

The P&C approved the purchase of a new stove as the old one has had some overheating issues and is no longer safe. This new stove will arrive this term.

The P&C are interested to know your opinion on various aspects of the running of the school canteen. A survey will be coming home. In short: do you support healthier food options within the canteen? What would those healthier options include? The canteen is there to support our students. Please have your say so that we can work together to ensure that it is meeting your needs and theirs.

Save the date: the evening of Friday, 4 September will be the P&C's major fundraiser for the year. It will be a very exciting TRINGO night. If you would be able to make a donation to be used for prizes, auction etc then please see the office or Trish Irwin. This could be anything from a small prize such as gift card valued at \$30-\$50 to a more substantial prize such as a weekend away. All individual and business donations will be recognised on Facebook, in the newsletter and on promotional materials.

Kids Matter Parent Survey

The library will be open again tomorrow to enable you to come and have your say through the Kids Matter parent survey. We had over 40 responses by closing time yesterday. We have noticed that the majority of the responses have come from parents of students in K-2. We are hoping for an across the school perspective so would really appreciate it if parents of students in 3-6 could come in tomorrow. All parents receive a thank you Freddo for submitting their responses.

Star Struck Week

A busy week lies ahead for our senior students. Starting with the Athletics Carnival tomorrow, proceeding to a Better Buddies activity on Tuesday and then Star Struck for the remainder of the week. Most of the students are quite exhausted by the end of the Star Struck week. If your child is involved then please try to ensure that they come to school each day after having a decent amount of sleep and a nutritious breakfast. They will need plenty of water, healthy food and a warm jumper while they are at rehearsals and performances.

Thank you to Mr D and Mrs Halligan for all your hard work in preparing the students for Star Struck. Good luck, boys and girls. I am sure that you will have a fantastic week!

Public Speaking

Stage 2 students did an amazing job in their public speaking final last week. Ben B and Evan G were chosen to represent our school at the Galgabba and Zone Public Speaking competitions in Term 3.

Stage 1 students presented their speeches today. Kindergarten students will present their speeches on Friday next week. Stage 3 students will present theirs on Thursday, 18 June.

State Conference

I have been at a forum for principals today and next week I will be attending the State Conference for Primary Principals in Sydney on Wednesday and Thursday. Please see Mr Westcott if you have any issues during this time.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

This week in Maths we have been exploring sorting. We have been using the terms 'sorting' and 'attributes' and placing items in groups according to those attributes (length, colour, shape, size etc).

In Science, we took turns making our bodies move a certain way. We pushed, pulled, spun, slid, rolled and bounced. We have had some teachers and a principal from another school come to watch us and see how clever we are at doing our SSP work!

Tomorrow is the Athletics Carnival. Remember to pack snacks, lunch (if you haven't ordered a sausage sandwich), a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. Please make sure that everything has your child's name on it. **We will be leaving school at 9am so please be here by 8:45am** to organize children into the correct cars. Don't forget to send your booster seat with your child if they are being transported by another family.

Trinity Hook

1/2 News

The Star of the Week this week is Jace. Congratulations to our Stage 1 public speaking finalists Shontelle, Kamea, Hallie, Isabelle and Dylan and Jack from 2/3/4. These students delivered fantastic speeches to their classes and had the opportunity to perform their speech in front of the school this afternoon, which is very impressive for Year 1 and 2 students! Well done to these students and to all students for preparing and delivering your speech this term.

Over the past week, 1/2 have been enjoying the book 'Magic Beach' by Alison Lester, where the illustrations have been used to create a 'real' and 'imaginary' setting for the text.

1/2 are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Thank you in advance for those who have offered to drive other students and for help on the day.

Kate Halligan

2/3/4 News

We have had a great week back at school after camp. I hope your children have shared some of their wonderful stories about their time at camp with the family. Due to camp last week there was no spelling test on Friday.

Can you please ask your child if they have their own whiteboard marker at school and if not, please supply one for their use in class.

Next week we will be looking at Area during maths and our news topic is 'A little bit of history'. Students are asked to tell the class about something from history that they know about or interests them.

Thank you to the parents that have helped out in our classroom, your time is much appreciated.

Mr Derbyshire (aka Mr D)

4/5/6 News

Well done to Sophie, Mimi, Bella, Mary, Elloise and Evan who all scored 100% in their spelling in Week Six. This week, Stanley, Joel, Madi and Jay T each scored 100%. Well done to those people.

Year Six are all busy working on their science project.

Many students have completed their public speaking.

Times-tables need to be learnt. Please encourage your child to learn these. This is especially important for those in Year six.

Many students have earned a Home Reading Award but there are still some who have yet to earn their first. Please check with your child. Recording sheets are available in class.

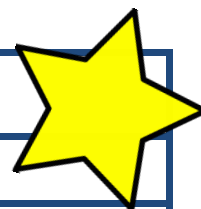
Peter Westcott

A Working Bee can be fun for all!

Students working together to add more soft fall to the playground.



Merit Awards Term 2 Week 6



Class	Name
K/1	Lisa, Wil, Rory, Ossian, Billy WW, Caitlyn
1/2	Sari, Charlotte, Sophie, Shontelle, Billy C, Bailee
2/3/4	Nathan R, Dylan, Aliyah, Grace, Elsa
4/5/6	Sami, Coby, Keeley, Taj R, Madi G, Jay P, Evan, Jesse, Eva, JayT

P&C News



The P&C are hoping to run a cake stall along with the BBQ tomorrow at the Athletics Carnival. Donations of cakes and slices would be much appreciate.



Thompson Cake & Pies Fundraiser

Don't forget to send your order forms and money into the school office by Wednesday 17 June (Week 9). The orders will be delivered to the school on Thursday 25 June and can be collected between 9:30 am to 3:30pm. There is a large choice of products including sausage rolls, savoury and sweet pies and a selection of cakes and slices.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Some interesting facts about Athletics

Athletes dressed in red are more likely to win events than athletes wearing any other colour! Hmm it will be interesting to see how the Kingfishers go tomorrow!



The faster you run the longer and higher you will jump. Why? Because you travel faster in the air, so the faster you go in the air the further you will go before gravity brings you down.

Shot Put first appeared in the Olympics in 1896. But only men could compete! It took another 52 years before women could compete in the 1948 London Olympics.



When throwing the discus you must stand in a 2.5 m diameter circle, and not step over it, and throw the discus as far as you can without going over the foul lines. You are not allowed to leave the throwing circle until the discus has landed, and is required to step out from the back half of the circle to avoid disqualification.



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