

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 9

Thursday 18 June 2015

Principal's Message

Gala Days

Unfortunately the bad weather has meant that the gala days due to occur this week needed to be postponed. At this point in time the Netball Gala Day will be held on Wednesday of next week. The Soccer Gala Day will hopefully go ahead later next term. Thank you to the parents who had volunteered to help with transport. Netballers will receive a revised note for next week. Any help with transport is greatly appreciated.

Half Yearly Reports

Next Wednesday afternoon the Semester One reports for each student will be handed out. Students from Years 1 to 6 are assessed on a five-point scale in all Key Learning Areas. The gradings are: A, B, C, D and E. A description of each grading will be on the front of the reports.

The majority of students will achieve a 'C' grading.

A 'C' grading indicates: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Teachers will be assessing and reporting on the work that has been programmed for Semester 1. The end of the year report will assess the work programmed in Semester 2, that is, the report will not be cumulative.

Students in Kindergarten have a different report, which indicates their progress in meeting the outcomes of the Early Stage 1 syllabus. They are graded in English and Mathematics only. They are graded on a three-point scale of: Working Above expected outcomes, Working At the expected outcomes, or as Working Below the expected outcomes.

Parent Teacher meetings will be held early in Term 3 to discuss individual student progress and direction for the remainder of the year.

Year 6 Independent Learners Project

Swansea HS have designated classes to cater for students who are capable of being extended beyond the scope of the curriculum. There is an Enrichment Class where the students need to sit a test and complete a project to gain entry. There is also an Independent Learners Class for which the students need to complete a project. The Enrichment Class has the top 15 Year 8 students and the top 15 Year 7 students from across the Galgabba group of schools. The Independent Learners class is made up of the next 30 Year 7 students. These are students who consistently achieve high results at school and who have a great work ethic. While these are great learning environments, they don't suit all students and there are still very good students in each of the other classes. Our interested Year 6 students have time between now and the end of term to complete their projects. The Enrichment Class test will take place next term.

If you are a parent of a student in Year 4 or 5 you may like to start considering whether or not this is an opportunity that you would like for your child.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations and End of Term Performance Assembly

As NAIDOC Week occurs during the school holidays, we will be celebrating the event on Thursday of next week.

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. We are very fortunate to have some students from Swansea HS coming to entertain us in the morning session. These boys have made their own didgeridoos and they have been learning to play them. They will be telling their story, and hopefully entertaining us with some great didg music, at 9:15 am on Thursday. You are welcome to stay and enjoy their presentation. After that our students will return to their own class and complete a range of activities celebrating Aboriginal culture.

At 1:40 pm we will be having an End of Term Performance Assembly, which you are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for our band and guitar players to perform for an audience. There will also be a performance by the Star Struck dancers, Class 1/2 and K/1 as well as a presentation of awards to the winners of our recent Public Speaking competition.

Pumpkin Soup Day

With a plentiful supply of pumpkins from our school garden, Mrs Adams volunteered to make some pumpkin soup for the students to try today. At just 50 cents a cup the soup was a bargain and tasted great. We are fortunate to have so many wonderfully caring parents within our school. Thank you, Mrs Adams!

NCCD Fact Sheet

It is now mandatory for all schools to collate data each year through the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with a Disability. A fact sheet about this process is attached to the newsletter. I will be entering the data for our school early next term.

Asthma

Students who are susceptible to asthma can become more so in the colder weather. If this is the case for your child then you may wish to send them to school with an inhaler. Where an inhaler is being prescribed for a short time only there is no need for a full health plan, however, you will be asked to complete a form indicating your permission for a prescribed medicine to be administered at school.

If your child has 'severe asthma' requiring more support then please ask your doctor to provide an asthma plan for the school.

Athletics Carnival Ribbons

The students from Class 2/3/4 and Class 4/5/6 received their ribbons yesterday. K/1 and Class 1/2 will receive their ribbons at the assembly tomorrow afternoon. This starts at 2 pm and is held in the library.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

Our Kindergarten public speaking finalists presented their speeches to the whole-school assembly last Friday. We are all very proud of how brave they were to speak in front of such a large audience. Tilly and Sophie will now represent Nords Wharf PS at the Zone and Galgabba competitions. Well done to Caitlyn and Taleah for a fantastic effort as well. We have been playing many addition games this week and working on increasing our speed.

K/1 have read the story "Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" And we also viewed it online through YouTube. Students will now take turns bringing the book and toy home with a diary to keep track of the pigeon's adventures. We love sharing these when the book returns each Monday.

Only 18 school days left until we will have our '100 Days at School' party. We are very excited! All Junior Athletics Carnival ribbons will be handed out at this week's Friday Assembly. You are welcome to join us. Have a great weekend.

Trinity Hook

1/2 News

The Star of the week is Talia. This is the final week of homework for the term. We have enjoyed listening to facts about students' favourite animals in news this week and next week students are invited to speak about how school was different when their grandparents went. This ties in with the investigations about the history of the school we have been doing this term.

Number Rumble is a fun national Maths competition for students in Years 1-4, with the goal of assisting children with Maths and encouraging the use of digital devices in school. As participants of this competition, we have free access to 10monkeys Maths World between 7am and 3.30pm. Interested students can use their Mathletics username and password to log in at www.10monkeys.com/au.

Kate Halligan

2/3/4 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Aliyah, Keely, Maggie, Darcy, Max and Sunny. We are fast approaching the final week of Term 2 and I am sure most of the students are looking forward to the break. It has been fantastic watching our students in 2/3/4 continue to improve with their times tables and home reading records, I hope this continues throughout the year. It would be great if any parents who are yet to supply their children with whiteboard markers could do so as they truly deserve such a wonderful midyear gift. Next week our class will be looking at Time during maths and our news topic is free choice. 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.

Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Jay P, Evan, Tiahna and Mary. Year 6 will be very busy over this next week. Many of them will be completing tasks at school in an effort to gain entry into the independent learners' class at Swansea High School. As well as this they are also completing their Science project, for the Science Fair, held at Swansea High School next term. This week the class has viewed a short video as a stimulus for their descriptive writing. This has certainly been successful with some great writing being produced. The aim is to create writing that gives the reader clear visualisation of the scene being writing described. Ask your child about it.

Peter Westcott**Canteen News**

A canteen survey will be sent home tomorrow. Please take the time to complete it and return it to the school office before the end of term. At this stage it is planned that the canteen will open **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** next term.

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.

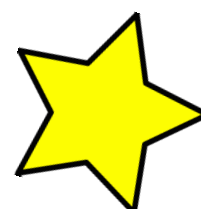
The Thompson's Pie Drive fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to the families who ordered. Remember orders need to be collected next Thursday between 9:30 am and 3:30pm from the school canteen.

Merit Awards Term 2 Week 8

Class	Name
K/1	Aamon, Scarlett, Baxter,Taj B, Taylah,
1/2	Kyan, Max M, Evie, Torhi, Kayden
4/5/6	Oliver, Lachlan

Upcoming events

Wed 24 June	Netball Gala Day
Thurs 25 June	NAIDOC Day and end of Term 2 Assembly
Fri 26 June	Last day of term 2
Mon 13 July	School Development Day (staff only)
Tues 14 July	Students return



School Holiday Kids Activities



NETBALL ACADEMY
Pivot

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC
SKILLS CLINIC > 8 – 13 YEARS
6th & 7th of July 2015 – Charlestown Indoor Centre
9th & 10th of July 2015 – Charlestown Indoor Centre

SPECIALIST CLINIC > 11 – 14 YEARS
9th & 10th of July 2015 – Genesis Newcastle

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Hunter Wetlands Centre

Bush Skills Adventure 8-12 years

Wednesday 1 July

9:30am—12:30pm

\$20 per child

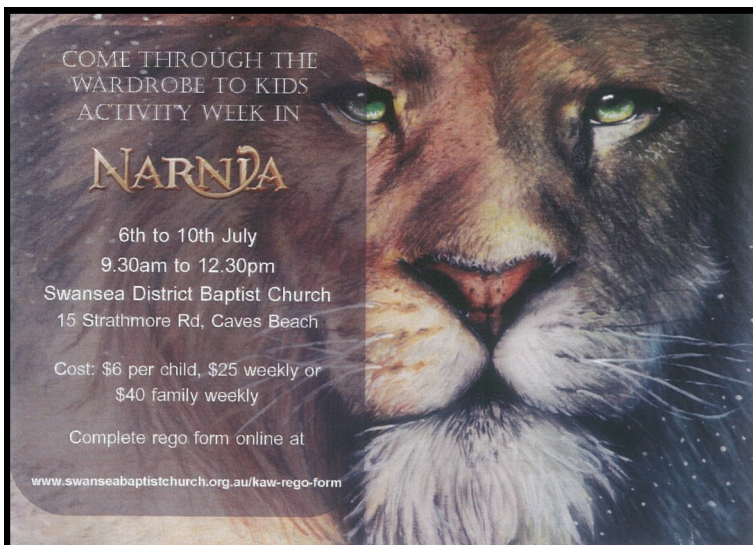
Wriggly Wetlanders 5-8 year

Wednesday 1 July 9:30am– 12:30pm

Wetlands Explorer 5—12 years

Available anytime and free! Collect your map and follow the trails.

For more information call 4951 6466 or visit the website. www.wetlands.org.au



COME THROUGH THE
WARDROBE TO KIDS
ACTIVITY WEEK IN

NARNIA

6th to 10th July
9.30am to 12.30pm
Swansea District Baptist Church
15 Strathmore Rd, Caves Beach

Cost: \$6 per child, \$25 weekly or
\$40 family weekly

Complete rego form online at
www.swanseabaptistchurch.org.au/kaw-rego-form

Southern Beaches Rugby Holiday Academy

Rugby Camp 2015 is a specialised holiday coaching program for boys and girls aged 5-14 years. It is a fantastic introduction for younger players and also a way for the more experienced and talented players to hone their rugby skills. The camp is designed to expose children, both rugby and non-rugby players, to higher levels of coaching and to thereby foster development of both individual and team skills.

Thursday—Friday 9 and 10 July 2015

8:30am—4:00pm

Allan Davis Oval, Gatehead

\$50 for the day \$70 for both days. Includes coaching, lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Family discounts available.

Bookings: Coby Boble—cbdnoble@bigpond.com or
Susie Doran—Susie@doransiteservices.com.au



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