

# Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 1

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## *Principal's Message*

### **Relieving Principal Position**

Commencing Monday of Week 3 I will be taking up a relieving principal position at Belair PS. This position will be until the end of the year. In Weeks 3 and 4, Mr Westcott will be acting principal as we wait to have the position filled. Although this is a very exciting opportunity for me I know I will miss the staff, students and community here at Nords Wharf during this time. I will look forward to catching up with you at the TRINGO night later this term.

### **Good luck, Stanley!**

Stanley Smith, one of our School Captains, will be representing our school and our Region at the State Cross Country Championships tomorrow. On behalf of all the staff, students and parents: "GOOD LUCK, STANLEY!!" We are very proud of you.

### **Stories from different times, places and cultures**

This term all classes will be reading a variety of literature from different times, places and cultures. This is a fantastic opportunity to broaden students' horizons by exposing them to new ideas, new vocabulary and new authors. We hope to promote a love of reading within the children and within the school community. Each teacher has been asked to select a book from a different time, place or culture to share with the school. You are also invited to share a book. If you would like to come and tell the students about a book that you enjoy then that would be fantastic. It could be at the morning assembly or at our Friday afternoon assembly. We will be making a display in the foyer celebrating the books that are loved by our community. As the term progresses, students will also be given the opportunity to share books that they have read with the school.

I was the first person to share a book with everyone. I shared "Snugglepote and Cuddlepie" by May Gibb. It was a favourite of mine all through primary school. I was delighted to see one of our Year 2 students with a copy on her desk yesterday that she had started reading. Reading opens our minds to new worlds and new ideas.

### **Kids Matter Launch Day**

Friday, 31 July will be a special day for us when we officially launch the Kids Matter initiative with the students and the community.

Elise Smith is a member of our Kids Matter committee and she has offered to lead some mindfulness / yoga sessions with parents, classes and the whole school. There will also be peer support activities for the students, art lessons that parents are invited to join and a whole school photograph to end the day.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

9:15 – 11:00 am	Students are in class as normal
11:00 – 11:20 am	Recess
11:20 – 11:50 am	Peer support activity
11:50 am – 12:10 pm	Mindfulness / yoga session in the library for parents / grandparents to attend
11:50 am – 1:20 pm	Art activity in each classroom. Classes will withdraw during this time for 20 minute yoga activity with Elise.
1:20 – 2:00 pm	Picnic lunch – please bring a blanket and a picnic basket
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Whole school yoga session followed by a whole school photo (parents included) and packing up.

We hope to see you there!

**Matter of Seconds**

Each year we participate in the Matter of Seconds Water Safety program. This is aimed at teaching students the basics for saving someone's life in the event of a potential drowning or other event needing CPR. The program is aimed at students in Kinder, Year 3 and Year 5 with an appropriate message for each age group. The Year 5 & 6 students have the opportunity to practice CPR. This will be held on Thursday, 23 July and is at no cost.

**Disco**

We will be holding a junior (K-2) and a senior (3-6) disco on Wednesday, 22 July. The junior disco will be from 5:30 – 6:30 and the senior disco from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. The cost of entry is \$2 with the money raised going towards the Year 6 farewell present. The canteen will be selling dinner meal deals for \$4 including, pie and drink, sausage roll and drink or hot hog and drink. Orders need to be returned by Monday, 20 August

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent teacher meetings will be held from Monday – Wednesday in Week 3. A separate note will be sent home this week. Please complete your preferred time slots and we will do the best we can to accommodate them.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn program**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has begun for 2015. We would love you to collect the stickers so our school can take advantage of the resources that Woolworths will give to Nords Wharf PS as a reward. Ask your friends and neighbours to collect them for you too, if they don't already have students at our school. The more stickers we collect, the more rewards we can claim.

*Karin Hird*

**K/1 News**

Welcome to Term 3! It is great to see the students in our class eager to continue their learning and striving to move to the next levels of SSP. I have introduced some new games that support SSP and will continue to make more throughout the term. For those families who ordered a Sound Cloud keyring to use at home, an information sheet will be sent home soon with ideas and tips for all of Term 3.

We welcome Miss Brooke Titterton (Miss T) to our class for all of Term 3. She is a fourth year university student who will be completing her internship with us.

Information about parent-teacher interviews will be sent home. Please let me know through this form if you would like to meet to discuss your child's progress. Of course, if you can't make it during these sessions I am available at other times throughout the term. Just contact me and we can make a time.

I hope you have enjoyed looking through your child's portfolios and sharing his/her experiences and work samples. Please send the folder back to school so I can continue adding more work during Terms 3 & 4. You will be able to keep the folder at the end of the year.

*Trinity Hook*

**1/2 News**

A warm welcome back to school in Term 3! It was wonderful to be greeted by all the smiling Year 1 and 2 faces on Tuesday and we have been sharing news from our holidays this week. The Star of the Week this week is Joe. Homework, a spelling grid and a term outline went home this week. In addition to the topics on the term outline, our English focus across the school this term is on books from other times, cultures and places. Our SSP key rings also arrived this week! Ms Hook and I will be making suggestions for how you can use the key ring at home with your child. (This information will be coming soon.). Looking forward to a great Term 3!

*Kate Halligan*

**2/3/4 News**

First of all I would like to welcome back my class and say thank you for no accidents over the holidays. I myself had a quiet holiday and simply enjoyed spending time with my family. All of the students had a lot to talk about and we are spending this first week writing recounts of our holidays.

Hopefully everyone received their Term 3 overview and will have an idea on what our class is doing each week this term. There has also been a spelling list sent home for students to try and learn, these words have already been used throughout the first half of the year in weekly spelling tests. Students in Stage 2 will be tested on Friday and the results will be used for assessment purposes as well as determining which students will compete in the Stage 2 Spelling Bee competition. I am looking forward to the results as students spelling has continued to improve.

This week's news topic was a free choice, next week's is "What I did in the School Holidays" and in maths we will be focusing on Volume and Capacity.

At the disco planned for next week on Wednesday I will be asking parents to choose times for a parent teacher interview so please make sure you see me on Wednesday to book a time for the following week. It was great to see those students who asked their parents for a whiteboard marker instead of a lolly. This means they can complete work faster as they are not waiting to share a marker.

I would also like to inform you that as part of our literacy unit, in Week 3, I will be showing students the movie Shrek. Among other things we will be looking at how Princess Fiona is not the typical princess that needed to be saved by a handsome prince and definitely knew how to take care of herself, an attribute not usually portrayed in most fairy tales. **This movie is rated PG**, a note will be sent home tomorrow asking for permission for your child to watch this movie. Please return it to the office 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. I trust that we are looking forward to another great term in class 2/3/4.

**Mr Derbyshire**

#### **4/5/6 News**

This week the students were given spelling lists to learn. The top five scores will compete in the school spelling bee.

The students have written a recount this week on their recent holidays and the effort in this work has been very pleasing.

It has come to my attention that there are still students who need to learn times tables. Could parents check with their child and encourage rote learning of tables that are not known.

In Week 4, most of our class will take part in a soccer gala day. We will need private transport for this to go ahead so I'm hoping that parents will be available to help.

In Week 3, parent interviews will begin. If you are unable to make the nominated times, I'm sure that we can arrange a suitable time, perhaps in the following week.

**Peter Westcott**

#### **Office News**

The NSW Department of Transport have advised that they are experiencing problems with the Private Vehicle Conveyance program. It is not expected to be rectified for at least 4 weeks. This affects families who live outside of Nords Wharf and are eligible to claim for student transport assistance. At this stage the Semester 1 travel subsidy will not be paid until well into September. If you would like more information please visit the school office.

We have an overflowing basket of lost property all without names. If you are missing jumpers please come to the office and see if any may belong to your child.

Students in Year 6 have been given a parent/caregiver information leaflet for The University of NSW "Middle Childhood Survey". If you **do not** wish for child to participate in this survey please complete the inside cover of the information leaflet and return it to the school office next week.

Do you have a child eligible to start Kindergarten in 2016? Do you have a neighbour or friend living in Nords Wharf, Catherine Hill Bay or Cams Wharf with a child starting Kindergarten in 2016? If so, have you/they completed an enrolment form? We are trying to finalise our Kindergarten numbers for 2016 and need enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the school office ASAP as we are very close to gaining an additional class depending on our 2016 numbers.

**Robyn Hamilton**

#### **Canteen News**

Starting this term the canteen is now open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Due to the increased cost of products some of our prices have increased. The new menu was sent home last term and is attached again today. The menu has also been placed on the webpage and School Stream.

#### **P&C News**

We will be holding our annual Father's Day Stall on Friday, 4 September (Week 8). Donations of small gifts would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the school office.

Remember our Tringo Night is fast approaching and will also be held on Friday, 4 September. We hope to see you there!

**Change of Details**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Absence Note**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/s of absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Term 3 2015  
Calendar**

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
	Friday 24	Canteen
Week 3	Monday 27	Parent Teacher Night
	Tuesday 28	Parent Teacher Night, ICAS English, Galgabba Public Speaking,, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 29	Parent Teach Night, Canteen, Scripture
	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
Week 4	Monday 3	Health Harold
August	Tuesday 4	Healthy Harold, P&C Meeting 6pm, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 5	Soccer Gala Day, Canteen, Scripture
	Thursday 6	Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 7	Canteen
Week 5	Monday 10	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals
	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

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