

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 2

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Principal's Message

Thank you to everyone who has come and wished me well for my time at Belair PS. I appreciate your support. If you have any issues over the coming fortnight please see your child's teacher or see Mr Westcott for more serious issues.

School Crossing

Another near miss this week! Please remember to keep the school crossing clear and to drive safely when dropping off and collecting students.

Public Speaking

The winner and runner-up of each Stage will be representing our school at two competitions this term. Firstly, at the Galgabba Public Speaking competition to be held next Thursday and secondly, at the Zone Public Speaking competition, which is spread over Week 5. Good luck to Tilly, Sophie, Hallie, Dylan, Ben, Evan, Jesse and Jack!

Science Fair

On Thursday evening, 30 July our Year 6 students will be participating in the Galgabba Science Fair at Swansea HS. This is an exciting event and will hopefully inspire our students to do well with Science at high school. Thank you to Mrs Black and to Mr Pracy who have been working with the students to help them prepare their experiments and displays.

Jellybeans

Each of the classes had their first Jellybeans lesson for the term today. I was fortunate to see an excellent lesson with Kindergarten. The students have the opportunity to use equipment that we don't have at school and learn some fun songs. Thank you to everyone who has already paid. The cost is \$30 per child for the term. It is possible to pay in three \$10 instalments if that suits you better. Please make a payment before next Thursday.

Matter of Seconds

The lifeguards from Lake Macquarie Council spoke to our K/1, 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 classes today. K/1 heard about being safe at the beach, including sun protection, staying between the flags and being rescued. 2/3/4 heard about currents, safe places to swim, the flags and what to do if you get into trouble. Class 4/5/6 had a practical CPR lesson as well as reviewing safety when swimming.

Disco

Last night's disco was very successful and raised about \$500 for Year 6, towards their school present and farewell. The students' behaviour was very good. Thank you to Mr Westcott for being our amazing DJ, and thank you to the P&C who did a great job preparing everyone's dinner on time.

Parent Teacher Interviews

My apologies for causing confusion by writing the wrong week in last week's newsletter. The dates on the note are correct. The interviews are being held from August 3 – 5.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 4 August starting at 6:30 pm. I will be attending this meeting. All parents are welcome to attend P&C meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Karin Hird

K/1 News

Students have been creating a fantastic artwork this week that involves printing a repeated pattern with an old, wooden batik printing block and then painting inside the print with water colours.

Jelly Beans has started again. We are excited about learning some new songs and playing instruments again.

It was great to see so many students at the disco this week! I've picked up some new dance moves from some of them!

Talking and Listening tasks will be sent home next Monday for the remainder of the term.

We were excited to get a personal message from Miss Emma, the developer of the SSP literacy approach. She was very proud of the progress our students are making this year.

If you would like to watch the message, you visit this link: <http://youtu.be/xLyUEN-7JmM>

Band

Fifteen of our Band students have been working hard over the last two days at Bandlink in Newcastle. This is a fantastic event, involving approximately 500 students, which allows them to hone their skills, learn to play new music and meet other students from the area who also play music. I'm proud of their efforts and their wonderful performances at the end!

A reminder that all Band fundraising chocolate money should have been returned to school already. If your family has not returned their envelope, please ensure it is sent to the office by Monday.

Trinity Hook

**1/2 News**

The Star of the week this week is Kayden. It was great to see students having fun at the disco last night. Once we started dancing we didn't notice the cold weather at all! Thanks so much to all our lovely parents who supported us on the night.

Thank you to parents who have returned the parent-interview notes. I am endeavouring to give out requested time slots and fit in with sibling interviews as well. Please let me know if the times do not suit and we can organise an interview for another day.

This week, Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying the book 'Ping', set in China and written in 1933, as part of our English focus on books from other times, cultures and places.

Students will be bringing home a list of the Year 1 and 2 core spelling words we have covered so far this year. Next Thursday, the students will complete a spelling test with a selection of these words and the students with the top five scores will be invited to participate in the school Spelling Bee.

Kate Halligan

2/3/4 News

Congratulations to the following students who scored 100% in their spelling; Maggie, Dylan, Jack, Alex, Daniel, Darcy, and Sunny. Students have also impressed me with their continued effort with reading and their times tables practice with two GRAND WIZARDS awarded this week. All students have also improved in their spelling, with results for the upcoming Spelling Bee competition very close.

Congratulations to Evan, Darcy, Grace, Sunny and Mary Jane who have made it to the finals.



Master Spelling Bee

The time slots for parent teacher interviews are filling very fast so please get your note in to avoid disappointment. I will have the time table inside my door next to other notes on Monday and I will also send individual confirmation letters to those parents that have returned their notes.

Next week our class will be looking at Angles during maths and our news topic is "My favourite pet".

Finally, a reminder that our class will be watching Shrek next week as part of our literacy unit. This movie is **rated PG. If you do not want your child to watch please contact me urgently.**



Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6 News

Well done to those Year Six students, particularly Todd, Harry, Jared and Jack, who helped with the school disco.

This week Mrs Osa has been working with our class and the students have been responding very well to her lessons. She will be with us for the next few weeks.

Next week we will have Healthy Harold, which is basically a PDHPE lesson, that will concentrate on the effects of alcohol. We shall also begin gymnastics which will take place each Monday for the rest of the term.

Those students who are going to the Zone Athletics and the Soccer Gala Day need to get their notes in if they haven't as yet done so.

Peter Westcott

Office News

Robyn Hamilton

Canteen News

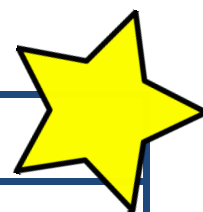
On Monday, 3 August (Week 4) the Canteen will be having a special lunch order day. Claire Thomson (mum of Sophie and Delilah) has kindly offered to make healthy homemade pizzas including the bases! Pizzas will be \$2.50 each with a choice BBQ pepperoni, ham and pineapple or margarita. A special lunch order form will be sent home next Monday, and we ask that all orders be in by Friday, 31 July. Unfortunately **no late orders will be accepted** and no extras will be available on the day. The canteen will not be selling any other food on the day, however drinks can be purchased.



Uniform Shop

Until further notice the Uniform Shop will be open from 9:00am—9:30am every Thursday morning. Please remember if you are unable to make it during this time pre-orders can be left at the school office.

Merit Awards Term 3 Week 1



Class	Name
K/1	Caitlyn, Baxter, Hamish, Mya, Tyler, Billy, Lisa, Tilly, Wil, Taleah, Shaniah, Scarlett,
1/2	Shontelle, Kamea, Charlotte, Sophie, Bailee, Tommy, Felix, Torhi, Lyla
2/3/4	Jack, Eva, Sunny, Ruby, Annie, Grace, Thai, Koby, Ben, Savita, Jaden, Maggie, James, Daniel
4/5/6	Sami, Keeley, Jay P, Madi G, Mary Jane, Tiahna, Jesse, Bella, Sam, Billy, Jay T, Kaitlyn

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 3	Monday 27	
	Tuesday 28	ICAS English, Galgabba Public Speaking,, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 29	Parent Teach Night, Canteen, Scripture, Band
	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, Gymnastics Parent Teacher interviews
August	Tuesday 4	Healthy Harold, Parent teacher interviews, P&C Meeting 6pm, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 5	Soccer Gala Day, Canteen, Scripture, Band, Parent teacher interviews
	Thursday 6	Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 7	Canteen
Week 5	Monday 10	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals, Gymnastics
	Tuesday 11	Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals, ICAS Maths, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 12	Zone Athletics, Canteen, Scripture, Band
	Thursday 13	Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals, Zone Athletics, Canteen, Uniform Shop, Jelly Beans
	Friday 14	Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals, Canteen
Week 6	Monday 17	Gymnastics
	Tuesday 18	Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals, Library, Guitar, ICAS Maths
	Wednesday 19	Scripture, Band, Canteen
	Thursday 20	Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 21	Canteen

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