

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 4

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Principal's Message

The beginning of this term has been very busy.

We have had the Science Fair at Swansea High School, Galgabba Public Speaking, class spelling bees, debating, soccer gala (Wednesday), Healthy Harold, the start of gymnastics and Jellybeans, Matter of Seconds, disco, Bandlink, parent interviews, Enrichment testing at the high school and of course our open day for Kids Matter. This is not a complete list but as you can see, plenty happens at our school!

Kids Matter Launch Day

The long awaited launch for 'Kids Matter' happened last Friday. Students and families enjoyed a number of fun activities including a yoga session (delivered by the talented Elise Smith), peer group activities, self portraits and of course the filming of the smiley face. It was exciting to see the finished video made by Rueben, Mrs Osa's husband. It looks fantastic!



Jellybeans Music

The Jellybeans program is going very well with a new teacher, Joshua Foy, this term. I'm happy to say that he is very good and the students are responding very well to him.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics program, run by Central Coast Gymnastics Academy, has also been going very well. The program is being offered free of charge to students as part of the Australian Sports Commission's 'Sporting Schools' program. The program provides participating schools with funding to implement sports programs with the aim of targeting over 850,000 children, increasing children's uptake of sport and creating healthy lifetime habits. To find out more about Sporting Schools visit: <https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/About>

New Relieving Principal

Finally, and most importantly, the selection of Relieving Principal for the remainder of 2015 for Nords Wharf School, has been made. It will be Ms Sue Holt. She is currently the Deputy Principal at Ashtonfield Public School. She has extensive experience as an Assistant Principal in three schools since 2004. She also brings her experiences as a Relieving Principal at Ashtonfield Public School on occasions, but also as Relieving Principal at Kearsley PS (PP5) for all of 2014.

We welcome her arrival and feel sure she will be made most welcome.

Peter Westcott
Relieving Principal

K/1 News

What another busy week we have had! Our Kids Matter launch day last Friday was fantastic. Thank you to all of our visitors who came to help us celebrate it. Our students participated in yoga, friendship building games and drawing/painting their self portraits which will be hung in the library as part of a whole-school mural. To watch the video captured by the drone (Mrs Osa's and her very clever husband, Reuben) head here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/fqs7lqyynlxgrvr/Kids%20Matter-HD%20720p.mov?dl=0>

Healthy Harold came for a visit. We talked about what types of things we need to keep us healthy (food, water, love, shelter, exercise etc), how to keep ourselves safe (eg do not pick up a needle found on the ground, tell an adult instead) and what our lungs, heart, brain and veins do inside our bodies. We all got to pat Harold before we left. Students will complete a workbook over coming weeks to reinforce what we covered during the session.

Band

Due to the soccer gala day on yesterday, Mrs Schofield will be offering lessons for those absent students tomorrow (Friday, 7 August). **ALL students** are asked to bring their instruments in for an extra band rehearsal. They will be playing the National Anthem at the Assembly this Friday afternoon. Thank you.

Trinity Hook

1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Evie A. What a great day we had last Friday on our Kids Matter Day launch. Thank you so much to those who were able to visit our school and class and participate in activities. The students had a lot of fun with the art and peer support activities and we thank Mrs Smith who visited our class for yoga. 1/2 has had a very busy week this week. On Monday we enjoyed visiting the Healthy Harold van and the delicious pizza at lunch, on Tuesday we had a visit from Evie's rabbit, Crumb and a cake stall and on Wednesday a visit from Mrs Flemming to read and direct the play 'The Magic Paintbrush'. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our special activities this week!

Thank you to parents who were able to make it to parent teacher night this week. I had a great opportunity to see most families, which was fantastic! It was lovely to share information about your child and I thank you for your support of our 1/2 class.

1/2 are enjoying Jellybeans music again this term with Mr Foy. They are particularly having fun with the song 'Krakatoa'. You can access the songs that our class sing by going to the Jellybeans music website (www.MyJellybeansMusic.com) and entering the password 'run12'.

Kate Halligan

2/3/4 News

Congratulations to Keely, Daniel, James M, Darcy, Max and Sunny for achieving 100% in their spelling. It is also great to see the students continued effort with reading and times tables practice.

I am away next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Zone Athletics carnival. Students from 2/3/4 not competing at the carnival will join Mr Westcott's class. I will also be absent on Friday, as I am attending a course in Parramatta. Mr Foy who teaches the Jellybeans program is also a qualified Primary teacher, and will be taking my class.

Next week our class will be looking at 'Data' during maths and the news topic is to simply 'make me laugh'.

Thank you to the parents that were able to come and help, as well as participate in the Kids Matter Launch Day on Friday, it was a fantastic day and everyone involved should be very happy.

Parent teacher interviews are over. Thank you for your efforts in coming to find out how your children have been going in class. I am aware that work commitments have made it difficult for some but am always happy to make other arrangements that suit.

Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6 News

This is the last week for Mrs Osa and I know, all the class will be sorry to see her go. We certainly wish her well in her studies to become a teacher.

If you missed a parent/teacher interview and you would like one, we can easily make arrangements for an interview next week.

Most of the class went to the soccer gala day on Wednesday. They all enjoyed themselves, won some and lost some and got along very well. It was very cold, though many of the children didn't seem to feel it.

I'll be away on Friday at a Principal's meeting and Mrs Black will be on my class along with Mrs Osa.

Don't forget that the excursion to Bathurst and Dubbo, is fast approaching. I'll get in touch with Pelican school for any additional information.

Peter Westcott

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is a New South Wales school government initiative to encourage students to read. Incentives include a Gold Certificate after completing 4 years of PRC, Platinum Certificate after 7 years completion and a medal in Year 9 after completing PRC from Year 3 to Year 9. I think it is a great incentive particularly for students who are reluctant to read in their early teenage years.

In Kindergarten to Year 2 the teacher reads 30 PRC books to the students from February to August. I record the books for the students and they each receive a certificate at the end of the year.

However, Year 3 to Year 6 learn to record their PRC books on the website. I instruct them on how to record the books and then they record themselves. They have one or two lessons to record their PRC. Then they are expected to record the books in their own time.

Primary students have to record 20 books: 15 PRC and 5 own choice. Reading initiatives in the school would make it very easy to read 20 books.

Would you please encourage students to complete recording their PRC? It is very easy with only the occasional hiccup.

The quickest way to logon is to Google – "NSW Premier's reading challenge". Then students logon with their school username and password. Next they click on student reading records. Click on the title search bar and start typing the book. Alternatively, students can go to 'Booklist' and search for their books.

Please let me know if you need assistance. I'm at school on Tuesdays.

Maria Stoppini

In the Spotlight



Students in 4/5/6 have been learning all about Descriptive Writing. They were given the opening lines for a story and asked to complete the next few paragraphs. There were many wonderful writing pieces but one in particular was outstanding. Well done **Aaron!**

"What was that?"

There it was again.

Then there was a thump and a bang. The door slowly opened. I quickly hid behind an old gnarled tree. The ogre looked very gruesome.

The ogre's face was lit up by the dim light of the yellow moon. His rugged back was silhouetted against the flickering fire-light coming from the cabin.

In an old husky voice he yelled, "I will find you!" He sniffed the cold dry air like a wolf in the dark.

I risked a look from behind the tree to see if the coast was clear, but when I looked the ogre was gone.

I started to panic. I felt my breathing grow heavier but I realised it was the ogre's breath against my neck!

Luckily I can run faster than him.

Will I escape?



Fundraising for others

Raising awareness and money for charities and volunteer organisations is second nature to a group of admirable students here at Nords Wharf PS. These students come up with their own ideas and organise and plan these events with minimal to no teacher assistance. So far this year we have had a cake stall that raised \$153.70 for The Worlds Greatest Shave, a toy sale that raised \$58.85 for Wallarah Rural Fire Brigade and this week a cake stall that raised \$69.50 for Multiple Sclerosis. We are sure you will all agree these students deserve a round of applause for their great efforts and community spirit.



Merit Awards Term 3 Week 1



Class	Name
K/1	Scarlett, Baxter, Ossian, Aamon, Caitlyn H
1/2	Jace, Sophie S, Alby, Shontelle, Joe. Evie P, Evie A,
2/3/4	Dylan, Max, Nathan LW, Annie, Jaden, Keely H, Felix, Daniel
4/5/6	Eloise, Jack, Jesse, Madi G, Sami, Stanley, Kaitlyn

1ST SWANSEA SCOUT GROUP

Nords Wharf PS has an amazing history of supporting its local Scout Group—1st Swansea. With Nords Wharf PS children making up a high percentage of the youth members.

If your child enjoys adventure and the outdoors come along and see what is all about.

Joey Scouts (6-8 years) Leader Liz 0447 403 535

Every Tuesday of term 4:30—5:30pm

Cub Scouts (7.5 –10 years) Leader Deb

Every Wednesday of term 6:30—8:00pm

Scouts (10.5—14 years) Leader Karen 0400 843 494

Every Tuesday of term 6:30 –8:30pm

Venturer Scouts (14.5 –17 years) Leader Karen 0400 843 494

Every Monday of term 6:30—8:30pm

Term 3 2015 Calendar

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
Week 7	Monday 24	Gymnastics
	Tuesday 25	Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 26	Scripture, Band, Canteen
	Thursday 27	Canteen, Uniform Shop, Jelly Beans
	Friday 28	Canteen
Week 8	Monday 31	Gymnastics
	Tuesday 1	Book Week Parade, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 2	Band, Canteen, Scripture
	Thursday	Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday	Fathers Day Stall, Tringo Night, Canteen

Swansea Public School
FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday August 30th
9am - 2pm

All the community is welcome. Bring your family! Bring your friends! You'll have a ball with awesome carnival rides like **Jeeeps, Slides, Jumping Castles, Zorb Balls, Swing Chairs, Clowns** and yummy food (yes, there'll be fairy floss!).

Not only will we have market stalls, dance and music performances but also live entertainment, a classic car show, students displays and auctions. Don't forget to grab some tickets in the **greatest raffle of all time!** We have fabulous prizes from our very generous sponsors - you won't believe your eyes!

Swansea Public School (Rawson St) & the adjoining Quinn Park.

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