

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 6

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Principal's Message

PBL

Our PBL focus for this week is Being Organised. This is an important life skill which helps us to focus on new learning. Lots of children already pack their own bag and prepare for their day at school. Well done to those children and parents. Teaching your children to be organised certainly helps families to have a positive start to the day.

NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN results were pleasing. Students in Years 3 and 5 will be bringing their individual results home today.

School Uniform

Our school uniform looks fabulous. Thank you to parents for helping our students to be proud of our school. Please ensure your children wear black shoes each day, except for sports day when they can wear joggers.

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students for representing Nords Wharf PS with great sportsmanship. Jarrod will now represent our school and the East Lake Macquarie Zone at the Hunter Regional Carnival next week. Good luck and well done!

Spelling Bee

This week we have held our hotly contested spelling bee for each stage to choose our school representatives to attend the Zone Spelling Bee Finals. Well done to all of our super spellers. Winners that will represent NWPS are: Stage 3—Stanley and Jack, Stage 2—Darcy and Evan, Stage 1—Maggie and Lyla

Year 5/6 Bathurst Camp

A reminder that all final payments are due now and medical forms and dietary requirements must be returned by tomorrow 21/8/15.

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge ends next week and students in Years 3-6 must enter their PRC books on the website <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Challenger/WebLogin.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>. To log in, students need to use their school username name and password. Primary students have to record 15 PRC book and 5 own choice books.

Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice reported to the school this week. We ask that all families take the time to check, and if necessary treat, their child/ren's hair this weekend.

Upcoming Events

- Debating—Our team will debate against Hillsborough at 12:00 noon next Wednesday. Good luck.
- The Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition will take place next Wednesday morning (Years 5/6).
- Book Week—Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character on Tuesday, 1 September
- Father's Day Stall and Tringo Night —Friday, 4 September
- School Readiness Talk—Monday, 7 September

Sue Holt
Relieving Principal

K/1 News

This week, students have continued skip counting in Maths and have been playing games that involve counting by 5's. As part of our Literacy unit, we have been reading, viewing and talking about stories from other times, places and cultures. Stories studied so far include The Mimis (Aboriginal legend), Handas Surprise (an African tale), The Last Viking (a modern day picture book which explores the brave Vikings and their traditions) and the traditional Cinderella story. Next week we will read a Vietnamese story which is similar to Cinderella. Students have been using their comprehension strategies to help them predict what happens next and to connect what is in the stories to themselves or things they know/have experienced.

Trinity Hook**1/2 News**

The 1/2 Star of the Week is Sari. Well done to Talia, Shontelle, Lyla, Keely and Maggie who participated in the Nords Wharf Stage 1 Spelling Bee yesterday. You kept spelling so well we had to give you Year 5 and 6 words! Congratulations to Maggie (winner) and Lyla (runner up). Thank you to Mr Westcott who ran our competition and family members who were able to attend.



1/2 are enjoying gymnastics on a Monday afternoon. You can have a look at some of our photos at gymnastics in this newsletter.

As part of our English unit about stories from other times, places and cultures, students in 1/2 have been reading 'Ziba came on a boat' by Liz Lofthouse.

In Mathematics, Year 1 students have been describing 2D shapes and the class have been sharing free choice news.

**Kate Halligan****2/3/4 News**

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Keely, Maggie, Jack, Daniel, Grace, Lachlan, Darcy and Max.

It was reassuring to hear that the students of 2/3/4 were very respectful and well behaved for our casual teacher it made me very proud.

Next week our class will be looking at Area during maths and our news topic is to talk about a different culture. 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**

Some students still have not returned their medical notes for our trip away. It is very important that they are returned by tomorrow as the organising school (Pelican Flats) needs this information.

Other notes that need to be returned are the GATS days at Swansea High School and the Engineering and Science Day at Kahibah School (selected students). Transport for these days needs to be organised by parents so please return ASAP so we can make sure all students have transport.

Congratulations to Tiahna, Jared, Stanley, Harry, Kaitlyn, Jay P and Jack for achieving 100% in their spelling.

Peter Westcott**Year 6 Farewell**

Tradition at Nords Wharf PS is for the Year 5 students and parents to plan and host the Year 6 farewell. The first Year 6 Farewell Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 10 September at 3:15pm in the library. It would be appreciated if as many Year 5 parents as possible could attend this meeting as a farewell dinner requires a lot of organisation and planning. RSVP to Robyn in the office by Thursday 9 September. Thank you



P&C News

Our Tringo Night is only two weeks away! Like the fabulously fun Bingo Night last year, Tringo Night is our major P&C fundraiser for the year. This year we are raising money to help improve the surface of the COLA to ensure our children's play area is as safe as possible.

As last year's Bingo Night was such a great success we decided to add trivia to this year's evening. So now we have a Tringo Night. Tables seat up to ten people so why not bring your friends and families along! Tickets are on sale at the school office now. Early bird special (if you buy before 28 August) only \$10. Tickets purchased after that will be \$15.

We have had some fantastic and generous prizes donated, here are just a few!

- \$200 gift voucher from Cruiseabout, The Junction
- A weekend away for 2 people at Maison de May Boutique Bed & Breakfast in Carrington. Value \$170
- A double pass for a thrill ride with Jetbuzz. Value \$120
- \$100 gift voucher from Al Lago Restaurant
- \$50 gift voucher from the Doylo
- \$50 gift voucher from Bunnings

In the Spotlight

4/5/6 have continued with their descriptive writing, and once again Aaron has produced some excellent writing. Aaron's narrative tells of a space ship landing on an alien planet.

I landed the ship with such force that it blew vines off near-by trees.

The gauges on my exo-suit told me the air was breathable.

I thumped the button that opens the door.

The moment I stepped onto the planet's hot dry land I knew this would be a hard mission.

I had my rail-gun ready.

I had cautiously entered the jungle byt every step I took I was confronted with a new danger. Little plants bursting with dazzling white flames, mole-like creatures that could swallow trees whole!

Suddenly the joyful chirp of the birds stopped and the earth started to shake. Then a deep booming growl echoed across the land.

Will I escape this forest alive?



Would you like to see a Buddy Bench here at Nords Wharf PS?

KO-FM 102.9 are holding a competition for schools to win a Buddy Bench.

The Buddy Bench is a permanent bench at school where children are encouraged to sit when they are feeling left out or upset. If a classmate (or in our case, a school mate) sees someone sitting on the bench they are urged to invite them to play, walk or talk with them.

If this sounds like a great idea to you, please register online at:



www.kofm.com.au/win.26200-kofm-buddy-bench/

Merit Awards Term 3 Week 5



Class	Name
K/1	Rory, Mya, Callum, Tilly
1/2	Chase, Bailee, Sophie, Shontelle, Sari, Kamea
2/3/4	James S
4/5/6	Mary Jane, Todd, Tiahna, Ellosie, Smai, Lachlan

Father's Day Stall Friday 4 September

The P&C will be holding their annual Father's Day Stall in Week 8

This is an important day for our students who get the chance to search for, and buy, that perfect present for the most important male in their life.

In order for this to happen we really need donations for the stall.

Socks, coffee mugs, chocolates, tools, car wash, ties, deodorant the list goes on and on.

Donations can be left at the school office.

Thank you for helping support your
P&C and school

Term 3 2015 Calendar

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 3	Jelly Beans, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 4	Fathers Day Stall, Tringo Night , Canteen
Week 9	Monday 7	Year 5/6 Camp. School Readiness Talk
	Tuesday 8	Year 5/6 Camp, Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 9	Year 5/6 Camp Band, Canteen, Scripture
	Thursday 10	5/6 Science Day, Canteen, Uniform Shop
	Friday 11	Canteen
Week 10	Monday 14	
	Tuesday 15	Library, Guitar
	Wednesday 16	Touch Footy Gala Day, Band, CanteenCanteen
	Thursday 17	Visual Arts Extravaganza, Jellybeans, Canteen
	Friday 18	Last day of term



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