

Nords Wharf PS



Term 1 Week 1

Friday 29 January 2016

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School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 41	
Thurs 28	Years 3-6 start
Mon 1 Feb	Kinder start
Tues 2	P&C Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 10	Swimming Carnival
Wed 10	Teddy bears' picnic
Friday 26	School photos
Tues 1 March	P&C Meeting 6:30 pm
Thurs 10	Cross Country Carnival
Thurs 24	Easter Hat parade
Fri 25/3 - Mon 28/3	Easter Long Weekend
Thurs 31/3— Fri 1/4	Band Camp
Tues 5 April	P&C Meeting 6:30 pm
Fri 8	Last Day of Term
Wed 27	Students Return

The community acknowledges The Awabakal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is located.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Karin Hird

It is great to be back at the beautiful Nords Wharf PS. Thank you to everyone who has come and said 'hello'. I really appreciate it. Our school has such a beautiful community feel to it. It was really nice to see, not just students, but parents also catching up in the playground yesterday.

It is very exciting to have been able to form five classes this year. We currently have 112 students enrolled. Classes have been formed as follows:

Kindergarten—Ms Trinity Hook

Class 1/2—Mrs Kate Halligan

Class 2/3—Mrs Karin Hird and Mrs Donna Black

Class 3/4—Mr Carl Derbyshire

Class 5/6—Mr Peter Westcott

Release from Face to Face (RFF) - Mrs Brooke Titterton

Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) - Mrs Donna Black

Librarian—Mrs Maria Stoppini

We continue to be supported by our wonderful SASS -
School Administration Manager (SAM)—Ms Robyn Hamilton
School Administration Officer (SAO) - Mrs Louise Summerville
School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) - Mrs Kristi Muir
General Assistant—Tony Mandl

All classes have been formed following careful consideration by the teachers, taking in to account the learning, social and emotional needs of each student. We also need to follow the Department's rules about how many students may be in each class. If you overhear your child talking about a child as being no good as they are in a 'lower' class can you please support the school and the students by putting a stop to the conversation.

A letter will be coming home with students from Class 2/3 outlining the timetable and other details, early next week.

Bell Times

Following discussion and consensus last year we are implementing a revised daily schedule this year. The times are now as follows:

8:45 am—teacher on duty

9:15 am—morning session

11:15 am—lunch

11:55 am—middle session

1:40 pm—afternoon tea

2:00 pm—afternoon session

3:00 pm—home time

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P&C President
Sidone Lambert

Canteen
Open Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
Coordinator
Anna Ditchburn

Uniform Shop
Open Thursdays
9:00 am—9:30am
Coordinator
Leanne Munro

Student Banking
Tuesday



Library
Tuesday



Scripture
Wednesday

Guitar
Tuesday



Band
Wednesday



**School Security
Number**
1300 880 021

Band News

I met with Mrs Schofield today to discuss band organisation for 2016. We are seeking to minimise disruptions to class time, enable all students to attend either scripture or ethics classes and reduce disruptions in the library / computer lab. Our proposal is that tutoring will start in the middle session on a Wednesday and Friday and that whole band practice will move from Wednesday morning to Wednesday afternoon, finishing at 3:30. Mrs Schofield is sending an SMS message to all band parents asking for confirmation that students will be able to attend full band rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons. Please respond as soon as possible. If this plan is approved then this change will start in Week 3. **BAND NEXT WEEK WILL BE AT THE NORMAL TIME OF 8:30 AM.** Please be aware that Kate Halligan is the band coordinator for 2016. There are still positions available within the band, including percussion. If you are interested in your child participating please see Mrs Schofield or get an information letter from the office.

Ethics Classes

We have had two additional parents train as Ethics teachers. This means that in 2016 we will be offering Ethics Classes to students in Years 1-6 who are not attending Scripture. A note with further details will come home to those students in the coming week.

Facebook Photo Contest

Throughout the holidays we have been running a photo competition, "The Summer Reading Challenge", on our Facebook page. We have prizes for the most creative reading location/photo. One will be a staff choice and the second will be the most 'liked' photo, as voted by the public. Voting closes on Friday, 5 February at 9 am. The winners will be announced at Friday's assembly. If you click on the link, "The Summer Reading Challenge" you will be able to see all of the photos at once.

Welcome

We would like to welcome three new families to Nords Wharf PS. Jett and Maddie O, Jack and Grace C and Luca P. We know the community will make them feel very welcome too. We also look forward to welcoming all our new Kindergarten students on Monday.

Karin Hird

Office News

Welcome back to 2016! It was lovely to be greeted by so many smiling and sun kissed faces yesterday.

To ensure the school has up-to-date information for contacting parents and emergency contacts, if any families changed address or phone numbers over the holidays please advise the school office a.s.a.p.

Guitar will re-commence in Week 3. An expression of interest note will be sent home early next week for both continuing and new students.

Robyn Hamilton

P&C News

The first P&C meeting for the year is this Tuesday, the 1st of February. The P&C meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm.

The P&C plays a very valuable role within the school: raising funds for much needed equipment, supporting the band, running the uniform shop and the canteen, providing valuable feedback to the principal about parent viewpoint and supporting staff and students in the running of major school events such as the Christmas Carols, School Concert and Discos.

It would be wonderful to have more parents involved with our P&C this year. If you're interested in being involved then please come along on Tuesday and meet us. The P&C is a positive and productive way to support your child's education.

Sidone Lambert - President

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