

Nords Wharf PS



Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 4 February 2016

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School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 41	
Wed 10	Swimming Carnival
Wed 10	Teddy bears' picnic
Thursday 11	Parent Information Sessions
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

Receiving the School Newsletter

We are working towards being completely electronic with the delivery of the school newsletter. This will enable split families to ensure that both parents receive the newsletter; reduce our carbon footprint; enable you to access the colour version (any printed copies will be in black and white); and increase efficiency in our office.

Electronic versions can be accessed via email, our School Stream App or from the school's website. Our newsletter is set out to be easily read on mobile devices.

Today all families are receiving a paper copy. If you still wish to receive a paper copy then please return the attached slip. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email then please return the attached slip with your email address.

IF YOU DO NOT RETURN A SLIP THEN, FROM NEXT WEEK, IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT YOU ARE ACCESSING THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY.

School Stream, Facebook and the Nords Wharf Public School Website

This year we will be using School Stream, Facebook and the school website to deliver information to you in the following ways:

1. School Stream is an App that you can put onto your phone or other mobile device. We will be using it to provide alerts and reminders about school events. E.g. remember to wear mufti on ... or the cross country will be postponed until next week because of rain ... If there is an emergency evacuation or if we need to tell you about an excursion arriving back to school late etc then that will also be through the App. We are also learning to use the calendar feature and will be making increasing use of that. The beauty is that you can save events directly into your calendar app. The newsletter is uploaded to School Stream each week as well.

To download SchoolStream go to PlayStore on an Android device or to the Appstore on an Apple device and type in SchoolStream. Download the app and select Nords Wharf PS as your school. If you need assistance with this then please ask at the office or see one of the teachers in the playground. Or you can follow this link:

<http://www.schoolstream.com.au/download/?school=Nords+Wharf+Public+School&school-url=http%3A%2F%2Fnwps.myschoolstream.net>

2. The school's Facebook page will be used to celebrate events and successes. It will not be used for updates and reminders about events. Staff do not access Facebook during school hours so please don't ask questions on the page expecting them to be answered that day. <https://www.facebook.com/NordsWharfPublicSchool>

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P&C President
Sidone Lambert

Canteen
Open Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
Coordinator
Sabrina Moore

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

3. The school's website has a lot of information from the Department of Education on it. There are often interesting news stories about education and tips to support your child. We also upload the weekly newsletter, permission notes, the Annual School Report, the School Plan and photos.
<http://www.nordswarf-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Kids Matter – Social and Emotional Learning

We are now in the second phase of implementation for our Kids Matter initiative. This term all classes are talking about their emotions and developing greater awareness of their own emotional response to various situations. All classes are answering the following questions; according to their stage of development.

What are emotions and why are they important? Label emotions accurately and identify the emotions of others.

Body signals of different feelings.

Which feelings are pleasant and unpleasant?

Does everyone have the same feelings at the same time or the same intensity of feeling? Does everyone react with the same feelings (E.g. On a roller coaster)

How can we manage our emotions to achieve our goals?

How do our feelings influence the way we behave?

Empathising with others.

If you have any questions about our program please ask them at the upcoming Parent Information Night next week.

Bomb Threats to Schools

As you may be aware there have been numerous hoax bomb threats to schools across Australia since the beginning of the school year. It is believed that the computerised threats are originating from outside Australia, in every case the threat has been designed to cause disruption and there has been no danger to students or staff. I would seek to reassure you that our school has a detailed emergency management plan. In the event that we receive any type of threat the students and staff would be immediately evacuated and the NSW Police engaged to investigate, we would ask at this time that you support the school by not contacting or attending the school as this can interfere with our capacity to manage the event. The school will always seek to keep parents informed whilst prioritising student and staff safety. Our school would give early communication via our School Stream App. If you have any concerns please contact me so we can discuss in further detail.

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival for students 8 years and over is on Wednesday next week. Last year we had some students who became severely sunburnt. Please ensure that your child has adequate sun protection - sunscreen, hat, rashie or shirt. Our expectation is that all students will attend the carnival. There will be no staff in the office on Wednesday as Mrs Hamilton will be assisting at the carnival. On Wednesday please have your child at school by 8:30 am ready for an 8:45 am departure. We will assemble in the COLA, mark rolls and sort students into their travel lines. If you are assisting with transport please ensure that you have shown your licence and registration to the office. You also need to have completed a Working with Children form.

Facebook Summer Reading Photo Competition

We have given an extension on voting until 5 pm tomorrow. The winners will be announced on Monday. The winners will be receiving a voucher for a book from Book Club up to a value of \$20.

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Guitar

Guitar will be starting on Tuesday. All students who wish to be involved need to return a note; including students who have been involved in previous years.

New Outdoor reading area

Students from Class 3/4 have been enjoying having reading groups outdoors. Thank you to the Lupton family for the donation of the 10 chairs that have made this possible.



Kindergarten News

Our new Kindergarten students have adapted to school life and routines very well. Their big buddies have been helping them settle in.

We have been doing yoga, practising counting and writing numbers. Students have participated in games that develop their phonemic awareness, including hearing the smaller phonemes (sounds) within words.

Homework will be sent home after the Parent Information session next week, when I will explain the SSP (Speech Sound Pics) approach to teaching reading and writing. This will help you understand how to support your child at home.

Library day for Kindergarten will be Tuesday. Please send a library bag in so your child can bring a book home to share with you.

Please feel free to ask me about anything you are unsure of.

Trinity Hook

1/2 News

Welcome to an exciting year of learning in 1/2! Thank you for all the supplies that have been coming into the classroom. The students and I have been enjoying getting to know each other over the last week. We have been engaging in many fun first week activities such as making Oreo penguins (this was a hit) and writing a letter to our previous teacher. 1/2 have been reading '365 penguins' and 'Have you filled a bucket today' and discussing how to be kind to others to help fill their 'bucket'. Daily Maths groups have begun this week with Mrs Halligan taking Year 1 and Mrs Black taking Year 2.

Homework will begin next week and I am looking forward to talking about the term ahead next Thursday, 11 February at the Parent Information night in the 1/2 classroom at 4:30pm.

Next Wednesday, 10 February, some Year 2's will attend the swimming carnival while we have a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' day back at school.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Class 2/3 have had a great start to the year. Mrs Black and I are very excited about teaching the class. This week we have been reading a book by Margaret Wild called "A bit of company". This lovely story is about a boy who is lonely and ends up finding company with his next door neighbour. In our writing we are focussing on ensuring that every sentence has a capital letter and a full stop. Homework will start next week. Home reading has started with reading logs coming home today. There are books in the classroom which students can borrow or they can read books of their own choice.

Donna Black and Karin Hird

TERM DATES

2016

Term 2

26 April—

1 July

(Students return 27 April)

Term 3

18 July—

23 September

(Students return 19 July)

Term 4

10 October—

20 December

(Students finish

16 December)

Quote of the Week.

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

You're on your own, and you know what you know.

And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.

Dr Seuss



5/6 News

Welcome back everyone!

This term the class will be learning about Federal Government as a lead up to our excursion to Canberra on Wednesday, 18 May to Friday, 20 May.

Students are encouraged to begin and maintain home reading throughout the year. With each 25 nights of home reading recorded, students will receive a certificate at assembly.

Most students have the equipment they need.

- 2 HB pencils
- A red biro
- Coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Pencil case
- Eraser
- Whiteboard marker

I look forward to greeting you at the Parent Information night next Thursday (6pm).

Peter Westcott

Teddy Bears Picnic

Next Wednesday, 10 February, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (who are not at the swimming carnival) will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic Day.

Students are asked to bring a teddy to school on this day. Students will be participating in special activities with their teddies outside (weather permitting).

Looking forward to a great day of teddy activities and fun!

Trinity Hook and Kate Halligan

Band News

Welcome to a fantastic year of band! Next week, there will be no band on Wednesday, 10 February (as the students will be at the swimming carnival), however Mrs Schofield will be giving individual lessons next Friday, 12 February.

WANTED: Drummers! Would you like to learn the drums? Two drummers are needed to join our band. Tryouts will be held on Fridays over the following two weeks so please let Mrs Schofield or myself know if you are interested. Please note that successful students will be required to pay band fees of \$160 per term and to undertake weekly lessons as a member of the band.

Our exciting event towards the end of this term is Band Camp and more information will be coming home shortly.

Kate Halligan

In the spotlight



Students in 1/2
had a great time
making Oreo
penguins. Yum!



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Newsletter Request

Parent / Carer names: _____

Youngest child's name: _____ Class: _____

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I would like to receive a hard copy of the school newsletter.

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I would like to receive the school newsletter by email. My email address is:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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