

Nords Wharf PS



Term 1 Week 3

Friday 12 February 2016

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School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 41	
Monday 15	Garden Planning Meeting 8.30am
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

LMBR—Finance and Student Welfare package

This week Robyn Hamilton and I attended the first in a series of training days leading to the implementation of a new Finance and Student Welfare package being rolled out across NSW. This is a major initiative involving a lot of change in how we budget, make payments and complete receipting. As we are trained further I will ensure that you are kept informed on how these changes impact on you. There will be many benefits including the ability to make online payments. This will be available in the next couple of weeks. See information in Office News. At the moment we are preparing for the change through a series of data cleansing tasks. A note will go home next week with the information that we currently have on file for you. Please check it carefully and make any adjustments needed. These notes need to be returned by Friday, 19 February, even if they are all correct. We need to also ensure that we have the most recent court orders and health care plans for your child. If you are aware that we don't, then can you please send these in as a matter of urgency.

Introducing these new systems will be creating a lot of extra work load for Mrs Hamilton in the office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could support her through staying up to date with school events via the newsletter and the School Stream App.

Swimming Carnival

Mr D has written a report about the swimming carnival to be found further in to this newsletter. I'd like to publically thank him for his organisation which made the swimming carnival such a success. It was wonderful also to see so many parents in attendance. Thanks for your support. And it was really pleasing to see students who didn't think they should attend the carnival having a great day and participating as they felt comfortable. A terrific real life example of students building their self belief and resilience through participation.

School Garden Project

I have had several parents approach me in regards to the possibility of having a working bee or two to clean up our current veggie gardens and possibly create more. I have budgeted any money raised through the voluntary contribution to make this possible. If you are interested in being involved then we will have an initial planning meeting at school on Monday morning at 8:30 am. If you are unable to attend but are interested in being involved when we get underway then could you please let me know via email or by ringing the school.

School Photos

Photo Day is on Friday, 26 February . The envelope is coming home today. Payments can be made online, by sending in the correct amount of cash (no change given) or with a money order. All students are photographed individually

We are Safe. Respectful Learners

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

Guitar

Tuesday



Student Banking

Tuesday



Library

Tuesday



Scripture

Wednesday



**School Security
Number**

1300 880 021

and as a part of the class. There is also a band photo, a guitar photo, a school leaders photo and a Year 6 photo. The Year 6 photo is presented to the students at the Year 6 Farewell in a special package.

Kindergarten News

Students have been busy completing special SSP (Speech Sound Pics) literacy lessons and were excited to read some of their first words that were made up of the sounds represented by s,a,t,p,l,n. After the first 14 introductory lessons they will be completing a daily brain training video along with other activities. There will a parent information session held later this term to explain how you can support this learning at home.

Miss T will be teaching the class in my absence. At this time I am unsure of my return date. Thank you for your understanding.

Trinity Hook & Miss T

1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Scarlett. Our Star of the Week gets to take home our class soft toy, Pig the Pug for a week and then shares what they've been up to that week. Thank you Tilly, who took Pig the Pug home last week when she was Star of the Week. I hope he was well behaved!

On Wednesday we had a fantastic Teddy Bear day. We wrote descriptions of our teddies and measured how long they were. We also had a lovely teddy bears picnic with some tiny teddies. Thank you for making it a lovely day students and Miss T!

Thank you to parents who were able to come to the parent information afternoon. If you were not able to make it or would like to see me I am happy to chat before or after school.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Our class had a great day at the swimming carnival. We were very proud of all of our students – they showed great sportsmanship, team work and camaraderie. It was great to see so many of our Year 2 students in the big pool, trying their best and also in the novelty events, working hard to score extra points for their house.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the information night last night. For those that could not make it, an information sheet will come home today. 2/3 have been working well in class and have settled in to their new routine. The students particularly enjoyed going on a bug hunt this morning for our science unit, 'School Yard Safari'. Perhaps you could ask you child where they 'hunted' and what they found!

Donna Black and Karin Hird

3/4 Class News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. They were Alex, Isabelle, Keely, Maggie, Daniel, Annie, Darcy, Lachlan and Grace C. The students have also impressed me with their effort with reading and their times tables practice. I am very happy to announce 5 new **Grand Wizards in only the 3rd week of school**. I must not forget to mention the students who continue to earn their times tables cards especially from my new Year 3 students. A great achievement.

Next week our class will be looking at multiplication and division during maths. Thank you to the parents that have already come in to help our students. Except for Thursday morning when Maths starts straight away, Maths groups are every day after lunch starting at 12 pm till 1pm and Reading groups follow after that. If you would like to help at any time during class please come and see me as it would be very much appreciated.

Carl Derbyshire

5/6 News

The class has been working well. Most students have been taking great care with their school work. Students who receive fifteen stamps or stickers in their books are rewarded with a merit award. Merit awards may also be awarded for one off instances of excellence in behaviour or effort.

PBL tickets will be issued for following the three school rules. These are glued onto a chart. As charts are completed, the students will receive PBL certificates.

We use a wall chart for class behaviour. Ask your child if they were on blue today. This means they had excellent behaviour.

Homework: Spelling should be practised each night. Please don't forget the dictation.

- Complete unfinished work.
- Athletics
- Home reading—Children read for 25 nights and this is recorded on a home reading sheet to receive an award. Awards begin with Bronze, Silver and Gold.
- Times-Tables. Year 6 in particular, must know all their times tables by the end of this year—sooner the better! Most Stage 3 students know them already.

Mrs Leggatt, Principal Swansea HS, spoke at the parent information evening last night. If you were unable to make the meeting then her handout for Year 6 is going home today.

Peter Westcott

2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday was our swimming carnival and it turned out to be a fantastic day. Not only was the weather perfect but the students and the parents were very well behaved. First of all I must thank all of the parents that helped with recording, timekeeping and life guard duties throughout the day as it certainly helped to make the day enjoyable and to run very smoothly. I would also like to thank the parents who helped with transport to and from the pool and those who stayed on to support and cheer the competitors. There were some fantastic races and I for one noticed on multiple occasions some great sportsmanship which was very pleasing for staff and parents to witness also. The students must be commended for their attitude and behaviour. After the scores were tallied up with only 5 points between 3rd placed Sea eagles and 2nd placed Kingfishers the clear cut winner of the 2016 swimming carnival was the PELICANS! Congratulations to all of the students and a personal thank you for making the day run perfectly.

Mr Carl Derbyshire

Teddy Bears Picnic

The Teddy's Bear Picnic was a great event. Our bears even came into the classroom to help us learn. We played Pin the Nose on the Teddy and watched Winnie the Pooh with the 1/2 class.

Kate Halligan and Brooke Titterton

Office News

As of Friday, 19 February it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- The student's name, and
- Class and reference number OR
- The student's name, and
- Date of birth.

These details need to be entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

Robyn Hamilton

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.

Tell me and I forget.

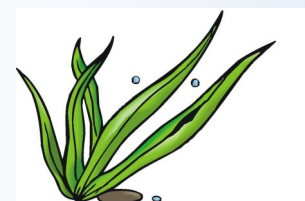
Teach me and I
remember. Involve
me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin

Did you know?

85% of plant life is
found in the sea.

Sea water is
approximately 3.5%
salt.



In the spotlight

K-1 TEDDYS BEARS PICNIC



A very BIG thank you to Margaret Tessarolo and family who have donated a piano to our school. The lucky students of 1-2 are loving the sound of tinkling keys!

