

Nords Wharf PS



Term 1 Week 4

Friday 19 February 2016

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School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 41	
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

Absences

Students are expected to attend school every day. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all student absences be accounted for as Sick, Leave, School Business or Unjustified. Students are marked as Unjustified if the Principal is not satisfied with the reason provided as a valid reason for not attending school. Parents are to notify the school within three days of their child returning to school otherwise the student is marked as unexplained and unjustified.

Students with less than 85% attendance, and / or with numerous unexplained absences may be referred to the Department's Home School Liaison Officer to develop a plan for improving attendance patterns.

To make it easier for you we have an attendance form on our School Stream App. There is also a form at the end of the newsletter for you to print off and we have printed forms available at the office. We also accept verbal explanations from parents or carers over the telephone.

Book Pack and Voluntary Contribution

It would be greatly appreciated if all book packs could be paid for by the end of February. Thank you to everyone who has also made a voluntary contribution. We have around \$900 so far which will go a long way towards improving our school grounds.

In previous years we have allowed \$17.50 per student to cover the cost of Athletics, and did so again this year. However, having 112 students this year has put us into a higher price bracket meaning that it is costing \$24.50 a student instead. The school is absorbing this additional cost this year, however, please be prepared for an increase in the book pack price in 2017.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to each of the students who qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival being held next week. We wish you luck in all of your races. A note is going home today. Mr D will be attending on both days. On Monday class 3/4 will be taught by a casual teacher. On Wednesday they will be split between the remaining classes.

Gardening Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in being part of a gardening working bee. The first task is to clean up the existing garden spaces and determine a planting plan. The first clean up session will be on Monday morning from 8:30 am. From there we will determine where to next. Please bring your gloves and gardening tools. We welcome your support. Later in the semester we will begin work on developing new garden spaces within the school.

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

Band
Wednesday



**School Security
Number**
1300 880 021

Kindergarten News

I have been so impressed with the efforts and hard work Kindergarten have been putting into their learning over the past week and a half! Ms Hook loves hearing about all the wonderful things we are doing in class. It is amazing to see how far students at this stage can come in such a short period and I am sure that it will only become better and better as the term goes on.

This week we have been continuing our hard work with our SSP lessons that aim to improve student's phonemic awareness as well as their reading, writing and spelling skills. I have begun to take small groups of 4 to 5 students and explicitly running through the 'duck hand' strategy to assist with reading during these sessions.

As this is a new approach that many of you may not know about, I will collaborate with Ms Hook to ensure that I am able to provide you with some information and background about SSP in the coming weeks as well as ideas on how to use it at home to support your child's learning.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Trinity Hook & Brooke Titterton

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the Week in 1/2 this week is Callum. Great job to all Year 1 and 2 students with their spelling words last week. Students can be proud of their effort for our first spelling test of the year. This week we had our first attempt at reading groups. When we get used to working in these groups we would love to welcome in parents who have generously offered to assist us.

Thank you to Mrs Flemming who came in this week to play some songs on our new piano! The piano has generated a bit of interest for anyone visiting our room and it was lovely to have Mrs Flemming visit and play some songs that the students could sing and dance to.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Another busy week of learning in the 2/3 classroom! Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% in their spelling last week: Alby, Evie A, Kamea, Talia, Joe, Sari, Tommy, Bonnie, Bailee and Billy C.

In Maths this week we have been looking at addition and subtraction. The students have been using their 'friends of twenty' and addition and subtraction fact families to help with this.

The 2/3 students have also been enjoying playing T-ball this week and are improving their skill of the two handed strike as well as catching and throwing.

Donna Black and Karin Hird



Students in 2/3 on a Bug Hunt!



5/6 Class News

This week we have been looking at paintings by the French painter, Monet, and produced an artwork, "The Boatmen", in an impressionistic style. Ask your child if their artwork, "Hands", has been completed. If not, they should bring it home and finish it.

In Mathematics we have been learning to write metres and centimetres in decimals. In Literacy we have begun a poem about emotions. Each night your child should be reading and practising their spelling.

For HSIE we are continuing our work on Federal Government. Ask your child what are the three levels of government and what their responsibilities are.

Peter Westcott

Band News

Mrs Schofield held instrument lessons yesterday and band rehearsal at the new afternoon time. Thank you to the parents who have paid all or part of Term 1's band fees and the \$20 deposit for Band Camp. As per the band agreement, lessons need to be paid weekly, fortnightly and in advance for the whole term with the full balance paid by Week 8 (Friday, 18 March). Unfortunately, if payments are not kept up-to-date and/or the full tuition is not received by the due date, your child will be unable to participate in Band. Statements of accounts were again sent home this week showing the balance outstanding.

Band Camp is fast approaching (Thursday 31 March to Friday 1 April) a \$50 deposit needs to be made no later than Monday, 22 February to secure a place for your child. The original note said full payment was required by Week 5, however due to the number of new band members this year we have extended the payment due date to Week 6. New band members have received information about the camp this week.

Kate Halligan

In the Spotlight



Keep your eyes open for an article in Tuesday, 23 February 2016 *Newcastle Herald*. Our wonderful leaders Madi, Oliver, Kaitlyn, Sam, Taj and Steven, along with Mrs Hird, will be featured in the newspaper's article on *School Leaders*.



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 don't need a
silver fork to eat
good food.

Paul Prudhomme

Did you know?

Unless food is
mixed with saliva
you can't taste it!

Flamingos can only
eat when their
heads are
up-side-down!





Nord's Wharf General Store

Did you know that we offer school lunches when the canteen is closed.

We offer 10% off menu pricing for school lunch orders, healthy options are available. Eg: sandwiches, wraps & salad bowls.

Looking forward to serving you, Anthony & Dale *Ph 4976-2266*

Merit Awards—Weeks 2 & 3

Class	Name
Kindergarten	Evie S, Connor, Sharlee, Bodi, Hayley, Ellie, Veda, Jake M.
1/2	Callum, Tahlah, Ossian, Scarlett, Taj B, Baxter, Sophie, Aamon, Julius.
2/3	Talia, Joe, Bailee, Billy C, Alby, Bonnie, Evie P, Kyan, Taj M, Hallie.
3/4	Nathan R, Maddy O, Grace C, Jaden, Sophie S, Koby, Torhi, Dylan, Jack L, Keely.
5/6	Billy K, Taj R, Ted, Ruby Tiahna, Kaitlyn, Max C.

Absence Note

Name: _____ Class: _____

Date/s of absence: _____

Reason for absence: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____



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