

Nords Wharf PS



Term 1 Week 9

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School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 1	
Thurs 31/3— Fri 1/4	Band Camp
Monday 4/4	Premiers Sporting Leadership Challenge 5/6
Wed 6 /4	ANZAC Service 10:45am
Fri 8/4	Band Performance Caves Beach TBC Last Day of Term
Wed 27/4	Students Return
Tues 3/5	Starstruck rehearsal
Wed 4 /5	Athletics Carnival
Friday 6/5	Mothers Day Stall
Tues 10 - Thurs 12 /5	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Tues 17/5	ICAS Digital Technologies
Wed 18 –Fri 20/5	Year 5 & 6 Camp Canberra
27 May	CAPAPillar Day
17-18 June	StarStruck

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

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Karin Hird

Parent Teacher Interviews

The formal interviews for discussing student progress following reporting happens early in Term 3. However, if you would like to have an interview this term, or early in Term 2, then please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually agreeable time.

Band and Guitar Payments

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the school will no longer be handling money for the band or for guitar. From Term 2 the following methods will apply:
Band: make a payment for the full amount to the Band committee and then they will pay our Band Conductor, Julia Schofield, from their account.
Guitar: payment is to be made directly to our guitar tutor, Aaron Hood. A note is coming home next week asking for upfront payment for the term.
Please be aware that these payments are the livelihoods of our tutors. They need to be paid on time.

Catherine Hill Bay Heritage Film Festival

The Catherine Hill Bay Heritage Film Festival is being held on Saturday, 23 April at the CHB Bowling Club. The day comprises special tours in the afternoon of the wharf followed by a performance of a musical work at the commencement of the film festival, starting at 6:00 pm. There was a community workshop with local musicians, historians and community members to develop musical ideas for a work inspired by the Jetty. Catherine Le Brun was engaged to write the music and it will be played by our very own band together with students from the Caves Beach PS Band. A note is going home to band members to confirm their attendance. We're honoured that our students were invited to be involved in such a special event.

Annual School Report

Each year every public school writes a report outlining their accomplishments and publishes it onto their website. Our report is being finalised now. The complete report will be available on the website from Monday.

T-Ball Gala Day

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and supervision yesterday. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our school was represented very well by all of the students who all finished the day with smiles on their faces: even Mr D was happy.

ANZAC Day Service

We will be having our ANZAC Day service on Wednesday. It would be lovely if students could bring in flowers to lay during the service. These will later be bound together and taken over to the Catherine Hill Bay cenotaph.

We are Safe. Respectful Learners

P&C President

Kate Lechner

Canteen

Open Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday
Coordinator
Anna Ditchburn

Uniform Shop

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

Guitar

Tuesday



Student Banking

Tuesday



Library

Tuesday



Scripture/ Ethics

Wednesday

Band

Wednesday & Friday



P&C Meeting

The April P&C meeting was held a week early. It was a pleasure to see so many parents in attendance once again. We've regularly had ten parents at each meeting this year. Kate Lechner did a wonderful job as the new president as well.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in the Easter Raffle. It raised \$870. There was talk about events for the remainder of the year. There were some great ideas suggested.

The next fundraiser is the Mother's Day Stall. If you're out shopping over the holidays you may come across something that would make a great donation. All donations to be left at the office. The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 8 May.

Stranger Danger

There was recently a case of a man in a white Hilux approaching a young male in Cams Wharf which has highlighted the importance of reminding parents to discuss 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children.

The following is from the NSW Police Force:

- * Avoid walking on your own and instead walk with other family members, friends or an adult they know when going to and from school;
- * Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
- * Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times;
- * Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to;
- * Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police;
- * Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust;
- * Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop; and
- * If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

In Maths this week we have been exploring the concept of halves. Students are learning that when you divide something into halves, each piece must be equal and fair. When you divide something into two pieces that are not equal then they are not halves.

In our Kids Matter unit on SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) we have discussed pleasant and unpleasant feelings again and how we can 'be the boss of our feelings' and use techniques to change our bad mood to a good mood. We focussed on three breathing techniques. The first is called Rabbit Breathing, the second is Belly Breathing and the third is Glitter Breathing. Students practised all three in class and I will refer to them throughout the year when a student needs help to calm down or feel better. You can watch these two videos online with your child so you can see what the techniques look like and use them at home. We have added our fingertips pitter-patter down our face while we glitter breathe, just like the glitter falling in the jar.

<https://www.google.com.au/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=elmo%20belly%20breathing>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVA2N6tX2cg>

In our English Unit, we continued to look at how texts convey feelings of characters. This week we watched a short video called The Catch. This does not have any talking in it so students discussed how they could tell how the characters were feeling by looking at the facial expressions, the use of colour, light and size, and the use of music. We also looked at the way the characters interacted.

If you would like to watch this video with your child I am sure they would love to talk to you about these techniques. <https://vimeo.com/47100690>

Trinity Hook

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the week is Aamon. Thank you to all the Stars who have taken Pig the Pug home and written about what he has been up to. Pig the Pug is coming to Band Camp with me on Thursday and Friday, so next week 1/2 will get to see what fun adventures he had. Pig the Puug and I will be back on Monday! Year 1 and 2 have made some great gains this year with their knowledge of speech sound pics and using this knowledge when reading. This has been a focus for us this term and it has been fantastic to see such great results! Many students have been achieving home reading awards at assembly too. Keep up the excellent effort 1/2.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to Hallie who achieved 100% in her spelling last week. The students have been working on persuasive writing this week and came up with some very strong arguments in favour of either cats or dogs making the best pets. Perhaps you could ask your child which argument they wrote about and their reasons why.

This week in Maths, the students have been practising addition and subtraction, using various mental strategies such as the jump strategy. The students have also enjoyed using their maths skills in various games and on Mathletics during Maths groups.

Class 2/3 particularly enjoyed delivering their news this week and by the sounds of it, all thoroughly enjoyed their Easter weekend!

Donna Black and Karin Hird

Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling over the last week: Alex, Issy, Jack, Dylan, Annie, Darcy and Lachlan. The students have also impressed me with their effort with reading and their times tables practice. A few of the Year 3 students are getting very close to achieving their Tables Wizard.

Next week our class will be doing some revision during maths. Maths groups are every day after lunch starting at 12 pm till 1pm and Reading groups are 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. Home work now includes a request for 2 Mathletics activities each night.

Carl Derbyshire

5/6 Class News

This week has been short but busy with band camp and T-Ball we have had a lots of changes but also lots of fun and learning.

5/6 have been exploring visual literacy. We have watched numerous multimodal clips and examined how a story can be told using music, sound effects and pictures; and how the author has used these things to create mood and meaning in the story.

In maths we have been using dice and cards to reinforce our number skills and times tables.

Thank you to all those who handed in their Canberra notes on time. It's great to see how excited the students are for the excursion.

Rebecca Thomas

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents and students for a very successful book fair. It was great to see all the students getting excited about reading.



Thanks to your generosity we sold just over **\$1600.00** worth of books which allows the school to get some great new books for our library.

Rebecca Thomas

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

Complaining not only ruins everybody else's day, it ruins the complainer's day, too.

The more we complain, the more unhappy we get.

Dennis Prager

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Canteen News

The Canteen will be opened as normal next Wednesday and Thursday **but will not be open on Friday** as it is the last day of term.



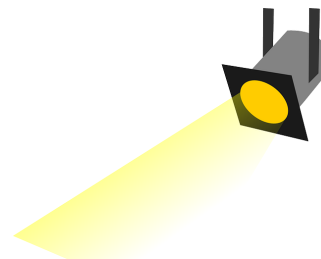
P&C News



Mothers Day is fast approaching. Donations for the Mothers Day stall would be greatly appreciated.

This year the P&C have donated a copy of the 2016 Entertainment Book which will be raffled off as a thank you to the families who donate an item. Donations can be left at the school office, don't forget to ask Robyn for your ticket for a chance to win this fantastic prize.

The Mothers Day stall will be held on Friday, 6 May 2016.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Students in 2/3 have been working on persuasive writing this week Here are just a few of the outstanding pieces.

I think dogs are better than cats. Firstly, dogs are better because they can come to you and cuddle you. Secondly, dogs are better because you can walk them any place. Dogs are really better then cats.



Taj M



I think dogs are a bit better then cats. Firstly, dogs are better because they can ride skate boards!

Secondly, dogs are better because they ride bikes. I love dogs much more then cats. What do you think?

Kamea

I think cats are better than dogs. Firstly, cats are better than dogs because they can climb trees. Secondly, they're soooooo cuddly! Thirdly, they keep you safe by keeping snakes away. Fourthly, they're afraid of cucumbers. Which I think is pretty funny. Don't you think? I really think cats are nice. I hope you agree.



Talia



Merit Awards—Week 8

Class	Name
K	Matilda, Hayley, Bodi, Veda
1/2	Mya, Rory, Shaniah, Baxter, Delilah
2/3	Kamea, Hallie, Bailee, Bonnie, Sari
3/4	Keeley, Felix, Koby, Sophie, Maddisoan
5/6	Coby, Savita, Ruby Mary-Jane, Luca, Sunny, James S

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from Years 5 and 6 will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This refund has already been factored into the cost of the excursion.