

Nords Wharf PS



Term 1 Week 6

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School Calendar

2016

Term 1 Events

Term 4	
Wed 16	Year 6 Taster Lessons Swansea HS
Thurs 10	Cross Country Carnival
Thurs 17	Easter Hat Making Afternoon 2pm
Mon 21	Harmony Day
Thurs 24	Easter Hat Parade Book Fair
Fri 25/3 - Mon 28/3	Easter Long Weekend
Thurs 31/3— Fri 1/4	Band Camp
Monday 4 April	Premiers Sporting Leadership Challenge 5/6
Tues 5 April	P&C Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 6 April	ANZAC Service
Fri 8	Band Performance Caves Beach Last Day of Term
Wed 27	Students Return
18 May— 20 May	Year 5 & 6 Camp Canberra

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Karin Hird

Staffing News

I'm very excited to announce that with our increase in enrolments we qualify for a Relieving Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year. Next year's allocation will be dependent on us holding an enrolment of over 104 students. Trinity Hook will hold the position for 2016. Her area of responsibility will be to supervise the K-2 classes.

We also qualify for an additional day in the office. This means that Robyn will have support two days a week from the beginning of Term 2.

P&C AGM

Congratulations to the newly elected P&C Executive for 2016.

President: Vacant

Treasurer: Elise Smith

Secretary: Kelly Nee

Canteen Coordinator: Anna Ditchburn

Uniform Shop Coordinator: Leanne Munro

Fundraising Coordinator: Jenny Tattam

The President is a very important position within the P&C and for the school community. The president chairs P&C meetings and supports other P&C members in performing their roles. If you would be interested in performing this important role then please contact the school or speak to one of the members of the P&C.

At the P&C meeting several other issues of importance were discussed. These include:

Uniform – it is time to evaluate the uniform to see if it still meets the expectations / requirements of parents. A survey will be formulated and printed next term. The results from this may lead to modifications to our current uniform.

Canteen – Anna has many ideas on how to increase the variety of healthy foods being provided. She will be organising a few special days. Look out for flyers and promotions on School Stream. The price of sausage sizzle sandwiches was discussed. As a result a revised pricelist for the upcoming Cross Country was agreed to and this will be sent home today.

Band – A newly re-established band committee will be meeting prior to P&C meetings to specifically discuss band issues. The first meeting will be at 3 pm on March 24, (straight after the Easter Hat Parade). All parents are welcome to attend. The Band will be holding a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, 24 April. Please come and give them your support.

Fundraising – the P&C have a variety of fundraising ideas for the coming year. The first will be the Easter Raffle. Please make a donation at the office. Raffle

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P&C President

Vacant

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

Wednesday

Band

Wednesday



**School Security
Number**

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tickets will go home early next week. Early in Term 2 will be our Mother's Day Stall. We will also be asking for donations to be used as gifts for this event.

Donation to the school – the P&C had a bank balance of just over \$10000. This meant that they were able to approve a request from the school to donate \$2000 towards the purchase of the Commbox in Class 3/4. Further funds will be donated throughout the year, including \$2000 towards the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra.

Cross Country

The annual Cross Country Carnival is being held on Thursday next week. The races will commence at 11:55 am. The sausage sizzle will be held following the races. This should be around our normal break time of 1:40 pm. All parents are welcome to attend the Cross Country Carnival, cheer on the students and to join us for the BBQ. Remember all lunch orders must be pre-ordered.

Easter Hat Parade

I apologise for any confusion caused by the Book Fair notice in last week's newsletter. In the fortnight leading up to Easter we will be holding the following events:

The students will be making their hats at school on Thursday, 17 March. They need to bring in their supplies on the day to make the hats. Parents are welcome to come along and assist with hat making from 2pm. This is a really fun afternoon.

Tuesday, 22 March – Book Fair in the library. Books can be purchased before school (8:45 – 9:15 am), during lunch (11:15 – 11:55) and after school (3:00 – 3:30).

The Canteen is hoping to hold a special offer with fruit 'ice-cream' on this day. More information to come.

Thursday, 24 March – Easter Hat Parade. The parade starts at 1:45 pm. (We will have an early recess to make sure that there is sufficient time for the parade.) Students will be in school uniform wearing their special hats. During recess, 1:25 – 1:45 the Book Fair will be open and tea and coffee will be available from the canteen. Last minute purchases can be made from the Book Fair at 3 pm.

There are no mufti days in this week.

Gardening Project

It has been a pleasure to see a lot of progress being made in our garden this week. Special thanks to all the parents who came and assisted with shovelling dirt and to Phil Condie for his expert advice.

There are many keen parents who would like to assist at various times through the week. At the moment we have the following times scheduled:

Mondays: 8:30 – 9:15 am

Wednesdays: 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Fridays: 11:15 – 11:55 am

Any time that you have available would be greatly appreciated. Students are also welcome to come and assist and be a part of the 'gardening club' at these times.

Kindergarten

I am hopeful that Trinity Hook will return to work next week. On her return we will organise a parent information session. I apologise if you haven't felt as informed as you would have had this meeting been held earlier. If you have any questions about the organisation of NWPS, or any aspect of school life, then please come and see me or Miss Titterton.

Parent Information Handbook

We have recently updated our Parent Information Handbook. This is a useful publication with many of the minor details about the organisation of our school. It was sent home to Kindergarten parents and to the parents of students who've started with us in the past six months. The document is also available on our school website: www.nordswharf-p.school.det.nsw.edu.au and there is a hard copy available for reading in the office foyer.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

This week in Kindergarten we have had a lot of fun with our learning! To welcome in the new season we created some autumnal artworks using coloured crepe paper to design an autumn leaf.

We have started to read some green level readers during SSP reading group sessions and our sound detections skills are really improving!

We have also been making "pictures in our brains" as a way to help us remember what we need to write in our sentences. This strategy is called visualisation and will be used frequently in our class.

In Mathematics this week we have been learning how to subtract by playing some games on the interactive whiteboard and using tactile objects to help us count. We have also gone over the class and school rules to refresh and remind students of how learners behave at our school. This includes trying your best, being a good friend, showing respect to teachers, other students and any member of our school community, and always being safe in and out of the classroom.

Just a reminder also that the blue homework/ home reader folders are to be brought back to school on Fridays where they will be filled with a SPELD Reader and Pocket Rocket to read at home. They will then be returned the following Monday.

Trinity Hook & Brooke Titterton

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Taylah. This week we have read the book "The way I feel" and made our own 1/2 class book about how we might look when we are feeling different emotions.

In Mathematics we have been measuring the length of objects using streamers, blocks, paper clips and... marshmallows! Thank you to Mrs Clark who was able to come in this morning to help students with the marshmallow activity!

Next Thursday, 10 March is the Cross Country. 1/2 have been completing a lap of the school most mornings as a fitness activity and this will assist students when running the course next Thursday. We will be walking around the track during the next week so that students are prepared for the event.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% in their spelling last week: Kyan, Chase, Bonnie, Hallie and Tommy.

This week, students have been doing some fantastic writing! Each week, we participate in the Five Sentence Challenge, where students are shown an image and write five interesting sentences relating to the image. This week we used 'Sizzling Starts' to hook our audience in, right from the beginning of our writing. Some students used dialogue to do this, or opened with a question or used sound words like 'Boom, Argh, Crash'! It made for some very interesting stories!

In Maths this week, we have been looking at Multiplication. Students practised using repeated addition to work out multiplication problems – using both concrete materials and number lines in their books. Tomorrow, as part of our Science unit, we will be having a close look at earthworms!

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

Peace is a journey
of a thousand
miles and it must
be taken one step
at a time.

Lyndon B Johnson

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

Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling over the last 2 weeks: Alex, Issy, Sophie, Daniel, Annie, Jaden, Darcy and Lachlan. Students have continued to impress me with their effort in reading and times tables practice. I am very happy to announce three new *Grand Wizards* this week.

Next week our class will be looking at Mass during maths.

The Cross Country is next Thursday and students have been practising daily in order to achieve their best result. If you are able to come along and support your child you I know they would love it.

As always our volunteers are greatly appreciated and new parents/carers would be welcomed into our classroom particularly for Reading and Maths groups.

Carl Derbyshire

5/6 Class News

Year 6 will have the opportunity to visit Swansea HS on Wednesday, 16 March, for some 'Taster Lessons'. These will be from 2pm until 3pm. We will need help with transport. A note was sent home today.

Our class has completed a painting on canvas using the Monet painting, *The Boatmen*, as inspiration and have now started a second painting, which will be a surfing scene. The students draw names from a container to see whose turn it is to paint.

In Science, the students have been learning about mould and in HSIE, Federal Government.

Most students have been earning their times-tables awards. Ask your child which awards they have earned and encourage them to continue practising all their tables. Also, most children have been doing *Mathletics* at home. If your child has not got access to a computer at home they are welcome to come in before lessons and use a computer in the classroom.

Finally, if you would like to have a chat with me informally, I do bus duty on Tuesday afternoon and parents are welcome to talk to me then.

Peter Westcott

Library News

Our book sale was a great success with many students purchasing pre-loved library books. A grand total of \$55.40 was raised! Every little bit counts and the money will be used to purchase new books for the library.

A reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching! The Book Fair will be open Tuesday, 22 March before school, at lunch time and after school and on Thursday, 24 March between 1.25pm and 1.45pm and 3pm—3.30pm for any last minute purchases.



Easter Raffle



Once again our wonderful P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle.

Donations of Easter items such as soft toys, craft sets, or of course Easter Eggs, would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave your donations at the school office.



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In the Spotlight—Mapping Local Places!



Last week student's in 2/3 went on a nature walk to explore the spectacular surroundings of Nords Wharf in order to create a map of their local area.

Thank you to Leanne Munro for helping to make this an enjoyable and education experience.

Crusieabout The Junction proudly supports Nords Wharf PS.

For every booking made with Crusieabout The Junction we will donate a percentage back to the school.

Simply mention Nords Wharf PS when booking your travel and we'll take care of the rest. Your friends, family and associates can also do the same.

From cruises, tours, airfares and accommodation through to insurance, car hire and visas, we do it all. And we have a Sail Free Guarantee—if you find a valid cruise quote and we don't beat it, you will sail free*.

April School holiday cruises are still available from just \$749pp for an 8 Night Cruise.

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Merit Awards—Week 5

Class	Name
K	Ruby, Jude, Amelie, Conner
1/2	Aamon
2/3	Sari, Chase, Charlotte, Taj M, Kyan
3/4	Sophie S, Maggie, Jace, Alex, Annie
5/6	Coby, Eva, Bella, Luca, Sunny, Kaitlyn, Madi, Sam, Savita, Jett