

Nords Wharf PS



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Term 1 Week 9

Thursday 24 March 2016

School Calendar 2016 Term 1 Events

Term 1	
Fri 25/3 - Mon 28/3	Easter Long Weekend
Tues 29/3	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday 30/3	T-Ball Gala Day
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 Last Day of Term
Wed 27/4	Students Return
Wed 4/5	Athletics Carnival
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

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Karin Hird

Band News

Parents and I were invited to go and watch the band play during their rehearsal yesterday afternoon. It was a pleasure to see the band playing so well on their new piece, "The Argonauts". As a fan of mythology I really enjoyed imagining the sound of the drums and oars as the Argonauts made their way to capture the Golden Fleece. A special, "Well done!" to Torhi who has only had two weeks as a drummer. I'm sure the band will have a fabulous time at Band Camp next week and return with even more new songs in their repertoire.

Absence letters

This is a kindly reminder that all parents and caregivers are responsible for informing the school when their child is absent. You can notify via phone call, note, in person or using the SchoolStream App. Notification should occur within two days of the absence. Unexplained absences are recorded on your child's permanent school record as unexplained and unjustified.

Thank you to everyone who always notifies in a timely manner. Your support is greatly appreciated and assists our office in running more smoothly.

Band & Guitar payments

The Band Committee are meeting this afternoon. On the agenda will be methods for payments. I will provide further information next week. I can say that money for band and guitar tutoring and band fees will no longer be handled by the school. This is a part of the process of changing to our new finance system. New payment methods will start in Term 2.

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Thank you for supporting the school today by providing resources for making hats, attending the Easter Hat parade, donating towards the raffle and purchasing raffle tickets. The students looked wonderful. Congratulations to each of the raffle winners. Next week we will announce how much money was raised for the P&C.

University of NSW ICAS Testing

Students in Years 3 to 6 are able to participate in the ICAS testing in a number of key learning areas. All entries must be received by Thursday, 31 March. Unfortunately UNSW have introduced minimum numbers (per school) to sit the exams therefore if we do not get enough interest money will be returned to those students who have paid. To date we have enough entries for the Mathematics exam but all other KLAS have only received one entry.

Upcoming events

We have a busy two weeks coming up. Please take note of the following events and organisational matters:

- Mr Westcott will be on Long Service Leave next week. 5/6 will be taught by Mrs Thomas.

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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



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

- T-Ball Gala day on Wednesday for students in Years 3-6. Please indicate if you are able to assist with parent transport.
- LMBR training – I will be at training on Wednesday, 30 March. Mrs Hamilton will be at training on Friday, 1 April, Thursday, 7 April and Friday, 8 April.
- Mrs Halligan will be attending Band Camp with the band students on Thursday and Friday next week. Class 1/2 will be taught by Mr Castles.
- 16 students from Class 5/6 will be going to Swansea HS for the Premier's Sporting Challenge on Monday, 4 April. This will be the first 16 to return notes. Please indicate if you are able to assist with transport.
- P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 29 March** from 6:30 pm. (Please note the change of date). All welcome.
- School ANZAC Service on Wednesday, 6 April from 10:45 am.
- Last day of term is Friday, 8 April. There may possibly be a performance with the Caves Beach PS band. TBC.

During the holidays there will be a band fundraiser at Bunnings on Sunday, 24 April. Mrs Halligan will be organising a parent roster for the BBQ.

ANZAC Day, Monday, 25 April, is at the end of the holidays. Our leaders will be speaking at the Dawn Service held in Catherine Hill Bay. All students are welcome to attend. We also participate in the march through Swansea. This leaves from Swansea McDonalds at 11 am. All students need to be in school uniform. Our Captains will participate in the ceremony and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

School will resume for students on Wednesday, 27 April.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to the SSP information session last Thursday. The students thought it was great that their grownups were doing SSP as well.

We planted seeds for broccoli and leeks this week. Our pea seedlings are growing fast.

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Trinity Hook

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Ossian. Thank you for your support with making our Easter Hats and for coming to see us parade and sing. 1/2 have had a great week with Easter activities. In particular we had a lot of fun playing 'Guess what's in my egg?' The creative items in the eggs and descriptive clues were fantastic!

Next week I will be at Band Camp on Thursday and Friday and I will be leaving work for a casual who will be taking the class. Therefore next week homework will be a revision sheet and there will not be spelling words or a spelling test. If your child would like a new home reader, please send it in on Tuesday or Wednesday to be changed. Have a lovely Easter break.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% in their spelling last week: Talia, Kamea, Kyan, Bonnie, Evie.A, Hallie and Charlotte. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who were able to come last week and help the students make their Easter hats. I think you will all agree that they looked wonderful this afternoon. The students have enjoyed some Easter themed addition and subtraction word problems in Maths this week. We also learnt how to create a graph using graphing software in Geography. This helped us to see very clearly which states and territories have been visited the most by our students and their families. Thank you to Cherelle Flemming for coming in and singing some Easter songs with us yesterday. The students had a ball! Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter break.

Donna Black and Karin Hird

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Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling over the last 2 weeks: Alex, Issy, Dylan, Maggie, Annie, Grace D, Darcy and Lachlan.

Students continue to impress me with their efforts in reading and their times tables practice. Next week our class will be looking at Position during maths.

Carl Derbyshire

5/6 Class News

This week in Mathematics, we have been working on decimals and percentages with Year Five and with Year Six, we have begun simplifying fractions and changing the denominator to make equivalent fractions.

In Literacy, the class has been reading a story called "Dream World".

Notes have gone home for the visit to Swansea High on Monday, 11 April, as part of the Premiers Sporting Challenge. The number we can send is limited and it will be a case of *first in, will go*. Preference will be given to those students who can supply transport.

Notes have also gone home for T-Ball. I know that Mr Derbyshire is very anxious to have those notes returned on Tuesday so that transport can be arranged.

Class trophies have been awarded this week. Kaitlyn was awarded the Organisation trophy. This was for having her desk very tidy and being ready for lessons each morning. The Working Hard trophy was won by Jett. This was for always being on task and his attention in lessons. These awards are kept at school and displayed on the student's desk.

Peter Westcott

Band News

Band Camp is almost here! Thank you to all parents for returning notes and volunteering to assist with transportation and/or food preparation. Just a reminder that we will be packing on Wednesday afternoon and help would be appreciated at this time. If your child is at the T-Ball Gala Day, we would still appreciate assistance upon return to school.

Kate Halligan

Office News—LMBR Update

This week was the first official training day for the new LMBR system and what a day it was! The new system will be a wonderful addition to schools and will ensure the day to day running of the school runs a lot more smoothly. Unfortunately no magic wand can be waved to make the new system come to life and a lot of pre-new system data updates are required. A lot of what has to be done will not affect families, however there will be some changes to way things are done and a few days when the school will be in limbo between the old and the new.

A letter was sent home earlier this week outlying the following changes:

- Direct deposits will cease to be accepted from 7 June 2016 as the current school bank account will cease to exist. Parents/carers will need to use the Parent Online Payment (POP) facility located on our webpage.
- POP Online payment transactions will be temporarily suspended from close of business 7 June until close of business 14 June 2016.
- There will be a temporary freeze on Cash/Cheque payments from 8 June—15 June 2016. No receipting can take place during this period.

Other changes will be:

- As of Term 2 all Scholastic Book Club orders will need to be paid online by parents/carers with order confirmations then given to the school, or a cheque made out to Scholastic Australia can be sent to the school with your order. Unfortunately the school will no longer be able to accept cash on behalf of Scholastic.
- Payment for Band and Guitar will no longer be handled by the school. Parents/Carers will be advised of the new payment methods by term end.

It would also be greatly appreciated if all outstanding money is paid in full by Friday, 27 May 2016.

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

Try to be a rainbow
to someone's cloud.

Maya Angelou



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Students in 5/6 have been working hard to improve their writing skills. Here is a fantastic sample written by Jay P.

Stuck on an Island

I was stuck on a small island in a massive patch of quicksand. No one was in sight.

Earlier that day, I had been stranded in the middle of the vast ocean in a small dinghy with no paddles and no motor, stuck in a current line. Suddenly, the small boat came to a thump on the shore of a remote, tranquil island. I jumped out and fell straight into fast sinking quicksand. I looked where the boat was beached. It was gone!

Suddenly, hands grabbed around my wrists. I looked up. It was James. He tugged and tugged until, pop! He pulled me out. I asked James, "How did you get here?"

"I travelled by boat." He replied. We looked where he had parked. Now his boat was gone. "We're stranded!"

Easter Hat Making Afternoon



A big thank you to all our parents/grandparents/carers who came along to help make the amazing Easter Hats we saw the students wearing today.

