

# Nords Wharf PS



Term 2 Week 2

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## School Calendar 2016 Term 2 Events

Term 2	
Friday 6/5	Mothers Day Stall and Pampering
Wednesday 11/5	Year 6 Taster Lessons Swansea High
Friday 13/5	Years 5 & 6 Science Fair Intro
Tues 10 - Thurs 12 /5	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Wed 18/5	Zone Cross Country
Wed 18 –Fri 20/5	Year 5 & 6 Camp Canberra
Thurs 26/5	StarStruck
Friday 27/5	CAPAPillar Day
17-18/6	StarStruck
Mon 20/6	Soccer Gala Day
Wed 22/6	Netball Gala Day
Tues 28/6— Wed 29/6	Band Link

### School Security Number

1300 880 021

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

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS—Karin Hird

### P&C News

The P&C had a very productive meeting this week. Please note the following:

- Entertainment books are still available. If you're interested in the digital version but aren't sure how it works, please come and see me and I can give you a demonstration.
- Uniforms have been discussed. The P&C are putting together a survey to ascertain what parents are wanting and what they like about the uniform. This should go home shortly.
- Our school will be running the canteen for the Zone Cross Country. Hopefully this will raise quite a bit of money for the P&C.
- Cupcakes have been ordered for Friday. We have had some beautiful gifts donated for the Mother's Day stall. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Friday.
- The P&C are in the early stages of organising a fete for next year. More information will be made available as decisions are made.
- The safety of the students as they exit through the main gate was discussed. In particular the possibility of having a kiss and drop zone between the bus zone and the gate in order to increase visibility and reduce congestion. The P&C will be writing a letter to Lake Macquarie Council about their concerns and to make this suggestion. We would like you to trial this and give us your feedback on whether or not it is effective. The idea is to pull up into that zone, let your child/ren out of the car and then drive off without being parked for more than a minute or so.

### Mother's Day Pampering

We're looking forward to a very special day pampering all of the wonderful mothers, nans, aunts and lovely ladies who come tomorrow. Ms Hook has asked that you wear comfortable clothes, preferably pants, as there will be some movement involved. Pampering sessions start at 12 pm. Please come to the COLA area. Cupcakes and afternoon tea will be served during the recess break and you are welcome to stay for the weekly assembly.

### Orienteering

We have received a grant from Sporting Schools to run sporting activities in Term 2. All students will be participating in orienteering sessions starting this week. There are four sessions running in Weeks 2, 3, 6 & 7.

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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**

Monday



## **Student Banking**

Tuesday



## **Library**

Tuesday



## **Scripture/ Ethics**

Wednesday

## **Band**

Wednesday & Friday



## **NAPLAN**

It is NAPLAN week next week. There are some beautiful letters that have been shared to Facebook letting students know that although NAPLAN is important, it is not a full measure of who they are as a person. Please share the following message with your child:

It is very important that you know that these tests don't show what it is that makes you exceptional and unique.

They won't show who in our class likes to sing, is good at drawing or can teach others to use the computer. The people marking the test won't know if you are a great dancer or enjoy public speaking. They won't know how good a friend you are and that your teachers really appreciate what a kind and helpful class member you are. They won't know that you participate in sports, help out at home and play nicely with your brothers and sisters.

The scores from NAPLAN will tell you how you did on that day, but it won't tell you everything. You've been making improvement this year and learning every day. You brighten our day and you're very special. So come to school ready to do your best and remember that no one can test the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

**Karin Hird**

## **Kindergarten News**

We had such a wonderful time at the Athletics carnival yesterday. I'm proud of how Kindergarten tried their best in each event. Today we had two teachers and a speech therapist from Carrington Public School visit to learn more about our SSP literacy approach. It was great to share our knowledge and show them how clever our students are. We are looking forward to pampering our mums and carers tomorrow.

**Trinity Hook**

## **Class 1/2 News**

The Star of the Week is Shaniah. 1/2 have been reading so well over the past few weeks that there are a record number of reading awards to give out this Friday! We had so much fun at the Athletics Carnival yesterday. I was so proud of all the students in 1/2 who tried their best and supported each other in races and events.

This week in Maths we have been talking about multiplication and division. If students are counting collections of objects at home, such as toys or food, you could ask your child if there is a better way to count, for example by twos or fives. Sharing out items between children is a great way for them to develop a greater understanding of division. We are looking forward to special activities with mothers and grandmothers tomorrow!

**Kate Halligan**

## **Class 2/3 News**

Another busy week in 2/3! This week in Maths, the students have been looking at the different ways we can represent multiplication e.g. repeated addition, groups of and making arrays. Ask your child if they can find any arrays in real life (carton of eggs, rows in a veggie garden, bumps on pieces of Lego, for example) and see if they can tell you the total amount in your example using skip counting. The children have been working hard in reading groups this week. Another pair of hands during reading groups would be great! If you can spare some time, reading groups are on at 1pm Tuesdays, 1:20 Wednesdays and 2pm Thursdays. We were really proud of all our students at yesterday's Athletics Carnival. They all tried very hard in all their events and showed terrific sportsmanship. Thank you to those parents that came to support their child and help us out on the track and field and in the canteen. We couldn't do it without you!

**Donna Black and Karin Hird**

### Class 3/4 News

Students are continuing to work hard with their times tables, there were 7 GRAND WIZARDS this week. It is also great to see the students earning their home reading awards. Students have started the term extremely well and are writing some fantastic stories with interesting SIZZLING STARTS.

Swing!! It hits a home run, they run to the bases, OUR TEAM WINS!  
Nothing can beat the bang of the bat hitting the ball in BASEBALL.

Dylan.

Next week our class will be completing the NAPLAN TEST, please make sure your children get enough sleep and have had breakfast. 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 Class News

This is a very busy time and there are lots of things happening.

\*Next Tuesday is the first day for NAPLAN. Please ensure that the children get a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast in the morning. Remind the students that this is not something they should be stressed about.

\*Next Wednesday, Year 6 students will be going to taster lessons at Swansea High.

\*Next Friday, interested students will travel to Swansea High for an introduction to the Science Fair. Students can Google science experiments or science fair to get ideas for their project.

\*On Friday Week 5, 27<sup>th</sup> May, selected students will go to Caves Beach PS for CAPApillar Day. This will involve the band and other students being involved in creative and practical arts. Please note that there is a charge of \$30 for those that are involved in the creative and practical arts.

\*Students should also be thinking about the upcoming public speaking.

\*Of course, we also have our trip to Canberra on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Week 4. I have sent home another itinerary and an information sheet. The overnight medical form should have been returned by now and all monies paid. On the day of departure we will need to be at the school by 6am.

Peter Westcott

### Nords Wharf Athletics carnival

Yesterday we enjoyed our Athletics carnival, which I must say was in unbeatable weather. Congratulations to all the students who participated and were always trying their best. It was also very encouraging to see so many parents and grandparents there to watch, cheer and even help some of the competitors and teachers throughout the events. I would like to thank the teachers and the volunteer parents that helped with making the carnival run smoothly. The canteen also ran fantastically which helped make it a great day for everyone. The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held Term 3 Week 5, only students that achieved an actual Zone qualification score will be asked to attend as well as students that came 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in running races. This should be announced within the next few weeks. Notes to parents will be out shortly. Thank you once again to everyone involved for making the day a great one. I am already looking forward to next year's.

Carl Derbyshire

### Canteen News

Thank you for all of those who have supported the canteen last Term and in the Athletics Carnival. With your help and successful organisation of the teaching staff we raised over \$500 at the carnival. We would also like to advise that the canteen operating days are Wednesday – Friday and during Term 2 & 3 it will be opened during lunch time only. However you can still order food for recess that will be handed out to the children during the lunch period to keep in their bags for recess. A huge thank you to our generous local business sponsors, Miss Melons and Caves Beach Quality Meats.

Caves Beach Quality Meats supplied the delicious sausages for the Athletics carnival and donated 50 free towards the event. Luke the butcher, was born and raised here and has been in the trade for over 10 years. You can phone orders through or just pop in and see him. Open Monday – Saturday. Shop 7 Caves Beach Road, Caves Beach.

Miss Melons is locally run and is proudly supporting our School by delivering 20 pieces of fresh fruit each week at no charge for all children to share at lunch on Fridays. Miss Melons would really appreciate your support. You can find them on Facebook, Instagram or visit their website.

## 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**

**There's a reason  
some people think  
they can do  
anything.  
They listened to  
their mother.**

**Did you know?**

**In the vast majority of  
the worlds languages the  
word "mother" begins  
with the letter "M"**





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT—ATHLETIC CARNIVAL 2016



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## Merit Awards—Week 11 Term 1

Class	Name
K	Veda A, Amelie L, Siena S, Judah N
1/2	Tyler, Lisa, Hamish, Callum, Delilah
2/3	Max M, Billy C, Shontelle F, Evie A
3/4	Darcy C, Dylan L, Koby F, ConnerM, Alex B
5/6	Jay T, Steven McE

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