

Nords Wharf PS



Term 2 Week 3

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School Calendar

2016

Term 2 Events

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Friday 13/5	Years 5 & 6 Science Fair Intro
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
Mon 6/6 – Fri 10/6	Financial Transaction Freeze
Monday 13/6	Queens Birthday
Fri & Sat 17-18/6	StarStruck
Mon 20/6	Soccer Gala Day
Wed 22/6	Netball Gala Day
Tues 28/6 – Wed 29/6	Band Link
Fri 1/7	NAIDOC Celebration Assembly Last Day of Term

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

Mother's Day Stall and Pampering Day

I have heard only positive feedback on last week's activities. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and to help make the day memorable. Thank you to Trinity for her organisation and planning. Thank you to the P&C for organising the cupcakes and for making the Mother's Day stall a success. We hope all our mothers had a lovely day on Sunday as well.

If you have any feedback, including ideas for next year, then we would be pleased to hear from you.

NAPLAN

Our students in Years 3 & 5 have completed their NAPLAN assessments this week. If any students were absent and missed an assessment then there will be a make-up day for them tomorrow.

School Excellence Framework results

This week I shared the results of "Student performance measures" from the School Excellence Framework with the staff. These measures refer to the NAPLAN results from 2014/2015 and compare our results with similar schools and with all DEC schools. They are an indication of the tremendous work that has been done over the past few years to have best practice in the classroom and to have high expectations for the performance of all our students. I will share the graphs and give a more detailed explanation at the next P&C meeting.

However, the important points are:

- In Years 3 & 5 the number of students in the top two bands equalled results for similar schools.
- In Year 7, matched students exceeded results in similar schools.
- In Year 3, 98% of students performed above the national minimum standard and in Year 5, **100% of students performed above the national minimum standard.**
- We had better value added for movement from Years 3 to 5 and from Years 5 to 7 than students in similar schools.
- Students who left our school in Year 6 and went to a government high school performed better than students who attended non-government high schools.

These are very pleasing results. If you are interested in finding out more then please attend the P&C meeting on June 7, or come and see me and I will show you the graphs.

5/6 Canberra Excursion

Our 5/6 students will be leaving bright and early on Wednesday morning to go to Canberra in conjunction with students from Pelican Flat PS. With the upcoming election, this is a very exciting year to be in Canberra and to be learning about the workings of our democracy.

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

Monday



Student Banking

Tuesday



Library

Tuesday



Scripture/ Ethics

Wednesday

Band

Wednesday & Friday



Zone Cross Country

All the best to our students who are representing our school at the Zone Cross Country on Wednesday. Mr D will be attending the carnival as supervisor and our P&C will be running the canteen. Students from 3/4 not attending the carnival will be split into other classes for the day.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students have had a lesson on blowing their noses correctly this week as we have a lot of students in our class with coughs and colds at the moment. As winter is approaching and the temperature drops, please make sure your child has a jumper or jacket with them each day. As students often take these on and off during the day they can easily be misplaced and end up in the wrong bag. It is a great idea to have a spare jumper at home in case this happens. Please label all jumpers and jackets.

We looked at ways that we can move our body this week during Science. Students played Simon Says and Freeze and they discovered that it is much easier to roll their body on the floor when they were in a curved shape than a star shape.

In Maths, we have been exploring equal and unequal groups of objects. During English, we read Alexander's Outing by Pamela Allen and we used Google Streetview to trace the steps that the characters took in the story's journey, looking at the landmarks they passed along the way, such as the Art Gallery and the Archibald Fountain.

Trinity Hook

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the Week is Taj. Thanks so much to the Mums and Grandmas who were able to visit us last week. The students were very excited to be able to participate in activities with you. This week, as part of our Literacy unit about 'Journeys', 1/2 have begun to look at the book 'Possum Magic', and it seems to be a class favourite already! We will be discussing aspects of the book in the coming week including looking at the journey that the main characters took on a map.

Next week, a note will be coming home about the school Public Speaking Competition. In preparation for the competition, 1/2 students have been writing a 'Practice Speech' at school about their favourite game or sport. Students will be able to have a practise with this speech and receive feedback during their news time over the following two weeks before they will be asked to deliver their own speech for the school competition. It's a great way for students to have a turn at speaking in front of the class and get some tips to help them be a better public speaker.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% in their spelling last week: Kamea, Talia, Kyan, Tommy, Bailee, Taj, Bonnie and Hallie. We have been looking at Area this week in Maths. Students have created their own Area Robots and used informal units e.g. their hands, tissue boxes, pieces of paper etc, to compare and order different areas. It was wonderful to see so many mothers, grandmothers, aunties and friends last Friday for our Mother's Day Pampering session. I know the children loved spoiling you and sharing that special time with you. Don't forget the school disco is on this Thursday night – 5:30 – 6:30pm for our Year 2 students and 6:30 – 8:00pm for our Year 3 students. Hope to see you all there!

Donna Black and Karin Hird

Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to all the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week. They were Issy, Kayden, Keely, Jack, Felix, Lyla, Maddison, Maggie, Daniel, Darcy and Annie. Students are continuing to work hard with their times tables. There were 2 GRAND WIZARDS this week. It is also great to see the students

earning their home reading awards. Students have worked really hard to get through the NAPLAN which I am happy that is now over. I know they all tried their best and hopefully did not stress too much. Next week during maths we will be looking at 3D Space. Please be aware that students will be presenting their speeches to the class in week 5, be sure to ask your child if they need any help. They may like to practice it in front of your family.

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

NAPLAN has now been completed and over the next few weeks we shall have various assessment activities. These will include public speaking and the students were given a note on Monday regarding this. The topic is free choice and should aim for three minutes in duration.



Next Wednesday we leave for Canberra and we shall need to be at the school by **6am**. An information sheet has been sent home. The class has been working on a research project as an assessment task for Federal Government.

This week we have begun learning about the artist, Pro Hart. The children have been creating artwork inspired by his creations.

In Science the class has been working on the unit titled, "What's the Message", which looks at the history of communication and technology today.

All CAPApillar day notes and money need to be returned tomorrow. Unfortunately late notes can not be accepted as Caves Beach PS requires payment next Tuesday.

Peter Westcott

Band News

This week band students have received an invoice for the Term (even if you have paid) as we transition to a new payment system.

Could band students please bring their instruments tomorrow as Mrs Schofield will give some make-up lessons.

Our next band event is CAPApillar day on the Friday, 27 May 2016. Please ensure the permission note is returned tomorrow.



Kate Halligan

Office News

In order for the University of NSW ICAS English exam to take place we require one more student to enrol. If you would like your child to sit this exam please see Robyn in the office by Wednesday, 18 May. This is an excellent opportunity for Year 6 students, seeking placement in the independent learning class for High School, to obtain an accurate indication of their ability. Unfortunately, if no other student enrolls the exam will need to be cancelled.

A reminder that the school will be transitioning to a new finance system in the upcoming weeks. It would be greatly appreciated if all outstanding money could be paid in full by Friday, 20 May 2016.

Each year students are invoiced for a book pack which includes work books, stationery and subscription to computer software programs such as Mathletics. These resources are vital to your child's education and are used daily in their classrooms. The school purchases these resources and software and calculates the cost of the packs based on the number of students in each class. Unfortunately, if families do not pay for these packs the school has to absorb the cost which can take away from other educational opportunities.

The Year 6 photo is on display in the office. If you would like to order a copy (1 for \$16 or 2 for \$30 with further discounts applied depending on the number ordered) please see Robyn or Nicole in the office. Orders need to be finalised 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.

**Learning is a
treasure that will
follow its owner
everywhere.**

Chinese Proverb

Did you know?

**Perth is Australia's
windiest city.
(Obviously they
haven't visited
Nords Wharf on a
windy day!)**



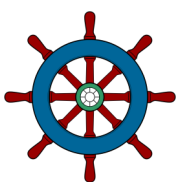
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WANTED An old *wooden dingy or sailing boat*. It doesn't matter if it is no longer sea worthy. A collaboration of creative minds (Mrs Hird and our wonderful General Assistant Mr Mandl) has come up with an amazing idea for a nautical themed play area in the school grounds.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS! The play area will also include a mural painted on the side of the admin block. If you have an artistic talent (or would like to 'volunteer' the services of a friend with artistic talent) your ideas and help to create the mural would be very welcomed. We will also happily accept donations of anything "nautical" e.g. rope, ship wheel, periscope etc.



This is just one of the exciting plans to improve our grounds and provide our students with a creative learning and play environment. Please help us to turn this idea into a reality. If you can help in anyway please see Robyn in the School Office.



Merit Awards—Week 2 Term 2

Class	Name
K	Matilda J, Ruby J, Jake M, Hayley P
1/2	Mya, Aamon, Lisa, Baxter, Kaitlyn H
2/3	Kyan S, Charlotte P, Kamea K, Talia C,
3/4	Grace D, Jace N, Maggie T, Issy G, Keely H
5/6	Elloise A, Oliver W, Mary-Jane K