

Nords Wharf PS



Term 2 Week 4

Thursday May 19 2016

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School Calendar 2016 Term 2 Events

Wed 18 – Fri 20/5	Year 5 & 6 Camp Canberra
Wed 25/5	Kindy excursion to Kindy Farm
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

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to each of the students who competed yesterday at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. It is a challenging race with approximately 80 competitors in each event. Our students performed to the best of their ability and demonstrated terrific sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr D for accompanying the students and to the wonderful parents who transported students, assisted with supervision and served in the canteen. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Canberra Excursion

We are having a quiet couple of days in the playground while our Stage 3 students are attending the biennial excursion to Canberra. I'm sure they are having a fantastic time with Mr Westcott and Mrs Muir. The bus is due back at school at 5 pm tomorrow. Check Facebook and School Stream for updates on their arrival time.

School Photos

You will have received your school photos in the last week. I have received one complaint about the colour saturation levels in the photos. If you have an issue with the quality of the photos you received can you please contact the school before Monday and we will be in contact with the photography company. It would be appreciated if we could see any photos that you are unhappy with.

Kids Matter

We are now ready to enter the third phase of implementation of the Kids Matter framework. Ms Hook and I will be attending training on Thursday next week which has a focus on communicating effectively with parents about areas related to mental health and wellbeing and identifying and promoting community groups which may act as a source of support for families and carers.

CAPApillar Day

On Friday next week we will have 25 students attending the CAPApillar Day at Caves Beach PS. We have selected Year 5 & 6 students participating in dance, drama, digital photography, painting and sketching courses with students from the other Galgabba schools. Our band students are also attending and will be joining the students from Caves Beach PS Band to learn some new songs. This is one of the events that is covered by Band fees. Parents are welcome to attend the performance at the end of the day. It starts at 2 pm in the Caves Beach PS hall.

LMBR (Finance) Training

Mrs Hamilton is at training today and tomorrow this week, Wednesday and Thursday next week and then on Thursday and Friday the week after. We will then be moving into our time of financial freeze before going live on June 14. Mrs Hamilton has been doing a fantastic job in preparing our school for this

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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



transition. It is the biggest change that has happened in school administration for about 30 years. While the end result is going to be a lot better than our current system there are sure to be some glitches along the way. We really appreciate the support that we have been getting from you, our parents, especially in regards to ensuring that debts are cleared before the financial freeze starting on June 3. If you have a cheque from the school it needs to be banked before this date as our current bank account will be closing and the cheque will then be invalid.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop was closed today. It will be open tomorrow. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten had the pleasure of a visit from a group of preschool children this week. We sang some songs and joined in activities together. Kindergarten have been learning some songs and a dance for our School Concert which will be held in Term 3. We have also been investigating things that move in the classroom, the playground and outside the school.



Trinity Hook

Class 1/2 News

As part of our Geography unit 'Exploring Places' this week, 1/2 have been studying maps of the local area. We looked at 'google maps' to see our school and local community and the students were also keen to find their own houses. This week we have been talking about what to remember when speaking to the class including using eye contact and speaking slowly, clearly and loud enough for everyone to hear. Students took home information about the Public Speaking Competition this week and are welcome to present their Practice Speech over the next couple of weeks. In Maths this week, we have been identifying and describing 3D objects such as cones, cubes, cylinders, spheres and prisms.

Kate Halligan

Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% in their spelling last week: Chase and Talia. We have been measuring area this week. The students had a great time using newspaper to measure the area of different spaces around the school. Some of their estimates were very close! This week in History we have been looking at families and what some of the differences and similarities are between families around the world and even in our own class. Notes went home this week for public speaking. If students can start writing and practising their speeches at home, that would be great. A big congratulations to Bonnie, Evie P and Tommy who ran in the Zone Cross Country this week. They all tried their hardest and we are all very proud of them.

Donna Black and Karin Hird

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Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to all the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week. They were Felix, Conner, Grace, Darcy and James. Students are continuing to work hard with their times tables. It is also great to see the students earning their home reading awards. Students have been able to get back into a normal routine now that NAPLAN is over. Next week during maths we will be looking at Fractions. Please be aware that students will be presenting their speeches next week, which I am really looking forward to. A yellow / orange note was sent out last week reminding students exactly which day their speech is due. Encourage your child to be prepared and ready on their day. 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.

Zone Cross Country

Yesterday, 12 students from Nords Wharf competed in the Zone Cross Country held at Barton Oval, running between 2 and 3 kilometres. Students from approximately 24 schools with 3 or 4 representatives each competed in what was a great, although tiring day. All students tried their best and both Kaitlyn and Evan were lucky enough to finish in the top 25. I must send out a very appreciative THANK YOU to all the parents that came and also supported each and every child during their race. We definitely would win any sportsmanship award if there was one on offer. Thank you again and congratulations to all the students at the carnival yesterday.

Carl Derbyshire

5/6 Class News

No news this week as Mr Westcott and 5/6 are enjoying their excursion to Canberra. Check out our Facebook page as photos are being uploaded regularly.

Peter Westcott

Star Struck News

Our next Star Struck rehearsal is Thursday 26th May. Thank you to our parents who have already volunteered to take students. We still need one or two more cars to transport students to the rehearsal. Due to the performance of our items, this would involve leaving school at approximately 11.15 am and picking up from Newcastle Entertainment Centre at 4.15pm. If you can assist, please let Mr Derbyshire know as soon as possible. Thank you

Carl Derbyshire and Kate Halligan

P & C News

On Behalf of the P&C and the school community, we would like to give a huge thanks to Anna Ditchburn and all the volunteers who helped out at the zone cross country as they did an amazing job. There was a lot of hard work put in to which we greatly appreciate.

**Kate Lechner,
President**

Library News

Welcome to our school library!

Our school library has an important role at Nords Wharf PS. It contributes to enhanced student learning by providing innovative programs and services which support teaching and learning in the school. It is a vital component of your child's education.

Library day for all students is Tuesday and all students require a Library Bag to ensure books are protected. All students are encouraged to borrow every week. K-Yr 2 can borrow one book each week, Yrs 3-4 can borrow up to 2 books and Yr5-6 can borrow up to 3 books.



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.

Education is

teaching our

children to desire

the right things.

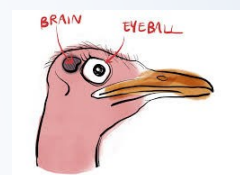
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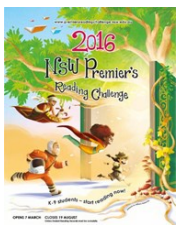
Did you know?

An ostrich's

eye is bigger

than it's brain





Our school will also be participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely

Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

PARENT HELPERS are needed to help organize our Premier's Reading Challenge books. If you are able to help out on a Tuesday please notify the school office and I'll be in contact with you.

Encouraging a love of reading,

Lorene Alexander

School Librarian

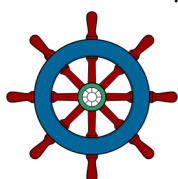
WANTED

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 3 Term 2

Class	Name
K	Judah N, Ethan H, Jude S, Jake M
1/2	Shaniah C, Billy W, Ossian M, Scarlett D, Aamon S
2/3	Bailee N, Hallie M, Evie P, Hallie M
3/4	Kayden H, Felix L, Lachlan W, Darcy G,
5/6	

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