

Nords Wharf PS



Term 2 Week 5

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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

Connect Ed Conference

Last week I went to the annual Hunter Central Coast Principals' conference. It is always an interesting event with fantastic speakers. This year we were fortunate to hear from Victoria Cross recipient, Mark Donaldson; leading market researcher and forecaster, Mark McCrindle and the well-known author and science commentator Dr Karl Kruszelnicki as well as a range of educational presenters.

Mark McCrindle spoke very entertainingly about trends in Australia and generational change. As you probably know children born from 1995- 2009 are Generation Z. I learnt that those born since 2010 are called Generation Alpha. The iPad was released in 2010 and so these children have had touch screen technology since birth. He predicts that they will have, on average, 17 jobs in their lifetime spanning 5 careers. We discussed possible impacts on education and the needs of these students in preparing them for the future. On his website www.mccrindle.co.au there are a number of interesting infographics covering a range of trends that may interest you.

Playground Construction

We have begun constructing a new playground area for our younger students. The first stage will be next to the office and will consist of a sandpit, a 'jetty' and some decking areas for playing with cars, blocks, puzzles etc. The end wall of the office will feature a mural to add to the nautical theme. We are also installing a boat in another area of the playground for added visual interest. Later will be enhancing the 'fairy stump' and installing some screens and seating areas. These projects will create spaces that encourage students to be creative and imaginative in their play.

Office News

POP payments on our school website will close on June 3 and then reopen after we 'go live' in the new system. We still have over \$900 outstanding from invoices to parents. It would be greatly appreciated if you could finalise your payments by the 3rd.

Karin Hird

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten had an exciting visit to Nords Wharf Preschool this week to see the Kindy farm animals. It was wonderful watching the joy on their faces as they fed and interacted with the animals.

On Wednesday, we joined the students from 1/2 and 2/3 to read "I got this hat" as part of the National Simultaneous Storytime event where children all around Australia read the same book at the same time.

We made our own hats and drew pictures of ourselves with interesting hats as well.

I was thrilled to be informed this week that two of our lovely school parents had nominated me for the Apples for the Teacher competition being run by the

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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



NEWFM radio station. If I win a voting competition I be lucky enough to receive an Apple laptop and every child in Kindergarten will receive an iPad mini 2. If you would like to vote, visit www.newfm.com.au/apple-for-the-teacher/ or click on the link on our school FaceBook page. You can vote as many times as you like and voting is open until Sunday, 5 June. Thank you!

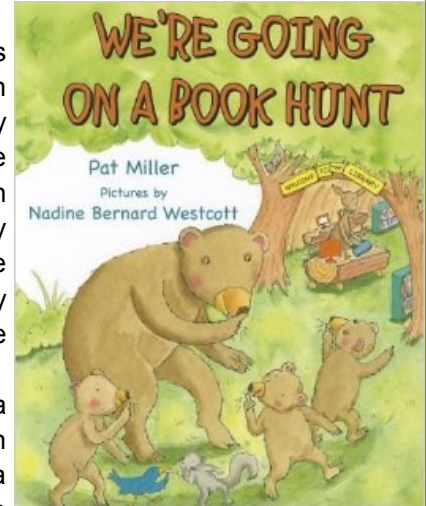
Trinity Hook

Class 1/2 News

The Star of the Week this week is Caitlyn. Yesterday was National Simultaneous Storytime, where we joined with Kindergarten and 2/3 to listen to the story "I got this hat" by Jol and Kate Temple. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centers, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country to promote the value of reading and literacy.

Well done to students who have had a practice with their speech that was written in class. This week we have also watched a DVD of Stage 1 student finalists in the Hunter/Central Coast Public Speaking Competition. 1/2 students have another week to work on their speeches for the Public Speaking competition before they will be asked to present them to the class in Week 7 (beginning 6 June).

Kate Halligan



Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week: Kyan, Bonnie, Taj, Kamea, Talia, Bailee, Sari and Tommy.

The students did some great work in Science last week. We have been talking about what resources we get from the Earth and how we use these resources. The students discussed and drew what the Earth might become and look like if we don't take care of it compared to what it might look like if we do take care of Earth's resources. Ask your child what was on their poster and how they think we can best look after the Earth's resources for the future.

In Maths this week we are looking at Patterns and Algebra. The students have been creating and describing different number patterns and using these patterns to solve addition and subtraction problems.

On Wednesday, we participated in National Simultaneous Storytime with the K and 1/2 students. The students enjoyed reading 'I Got This Hat' and creating a picture of themselves wearing a favourite/funny hat.

Just a reminder, that speeches start next week and continue into week 7. We are looking forward to hearing your wonderful speeches!

Donna Black and Karin Hird

Class 3/4 News

Congratulations to all the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week. They were Alex, Jack, Maggie, Daniel, Grace and Darcy.

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 presenting their speeches which have been very good, there are still a few to get through this week and the winners will be announced on Monday. The winning speeches will be presented at assembly on Friday, 3 June.

Next week during maths we will be looking at Angles.

Carl Derbyshire

5/6 Class News

Years 5 and 6 combined with students from Pelican school for a visit to Canberra last week. The children had a great time. The bus trip was long but fun, playing an "I Spy" game and watching movies. The children made good friendships with the Pelican students which will help them next year in their transition to high-school. The food was good and the cabins warm.

At Canberra they visited the Mint, Parliament House, the War Memorial, Telstra Tower, Questicon, The Australian Institute of Sport, Old Parliament House and toured the embassy district.

On the return trip the children received various awards for particular behaviours during the stay, eg *The Messiest Eater* or *The Happy Camper Award* and participated in a quiz based on facts from their trip as well as watching a movie.

Peter Westcott



Library News

As part of our regular housekeeping to update our records of school library books we need to double check all books that have been borrowed.

We are hopeful that after a thorough search all overdue books will be returned to our library.

If your child has any outstanding books you will receive a note listing all books. Please check the list and return the note stating which books have been found and returned and which books are still missing.

All missing books from previous years, as well as this year, will be included.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us to provide the best library for our children.

Lorene Alexander

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

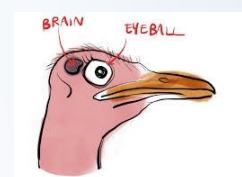
of the week.

Education is
teaching our
children to desire
the right things.

Plato

Did you know?

An ostrich's
eye is bigger
than it's brain



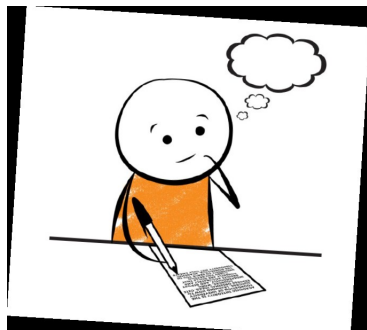
Week in Review -

A sneak peak at the wonderful work our students do.

Questions by Class 2/3

This week we have been learning to write interesting questions. Here is a small sample of our work:

Are you flexible? Have you ever lied? Shontelle
 Do you like my hair? Evie A
 Am I a fox? Kamea
 What country do you come from? Bonnie
 Am I going to get a dog? Tommy
 Where is America on the map? Bailee
 Who flies an x-wing? Max
 Did you go to the planet Mars? Alby
 Is the pizza guy coming tonight? Joe
 Why are you sad? Wil



Recount writing in Class 5/6

Canberra—Taj R

The bus doors closed with a swish and we were on our way. We were all very excited.

It was very early but I wasn't tired. I sat next to Jett who was listening music on his iPhone.

Later that day went to the Australian War Memorial. It was really good. My favourite part was the eternal flame because it looked good and I liked the concept of the eternal flame which stands for 'They will always be with us'.

We did many thing that day but my favourite part of the day was the AIS. The Australian Institute of Sport. It was really cool. Our instructor, Jarryd, was really nice. My favourite part was the game room up on the top floor.

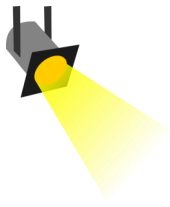
On our last day we went to Questacon. My favourite part of Questacon was the 6 metre feel fall slide. I was the person to do the slide and after Questacon we went to McDonalds.

This excursion has been the best by far!



Merit Awards—Week 4 Term 2

Class	Name
K	Veda A, Jake M, Bodi McN, evie S, Amelie L
1/2	Mya F, Taj B, Delilah T, Taleah C, Julius O
2/3	Wil McN, Evie P, Bonnie T, Tommy B
3/4	Torhi S, Maddison O, James M, Daniel A, Sean McE
5/6	Sophie I, Steven McE



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WOW! THE WORK HAS BEGUN ON OUR NEW
NAUTICAL THEMED PLAYGROUND

A very big thank you to **Glen Ditchburn** for excavating the grass area next to the Admin block for what will be our K-2 Nautical Themed Playground. Our wonderful GA Tony Mandl will work his wonders over the coming weeks. We can't wait to see the end result!



Another very big thank you to the **Castelli** family for donating their old boat which will be turned in the a spectacular new garden.



A working bee will take place next Wednesday to fill the boat with soil. Students/parents/carers are all welcome. BYO gloves and bucket.



Will our boat garden look even better than this one??

Open mike night at Swansea Workers Club

every Thursday night from 7pm.

Hosted by Aaron Hood from Rock Cave Music

All ages welcome. All musical talented welcome!



Come along and showcase your talent or simply sit back and enjoy the local entertainment.

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