

# Nords Wharf PS



Term 2 Week 7

Thursday, 9 June 2016

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## School Calendar 2016 Term 2 Events

Fri 10/6	Brain Cancer Fundraiser
Fri 10/6	Stage 3 Public Speaking
Mon 6/6 — Fri 10/6	Financial Transaction Freeze
Monday 13/6	Queens Birthday
Tues 14/6	GO LIVE
Thu 16/6	Thompson Pie & Cake order form due
Fri 17/6	Stage 1 Public Speaking
Fri & Sat 17-18/6	StarStruck
Mon 20/6	Soccer Gala Day
Wed 22/6	Netball Gala Day
Fri 24/6	Kinder Public Speaking
Tues 28/6—Wed 29/6	Band Link
Fri 1/7	NAIDOC Day Celebration Assembly Last Day of Term

School Security Number

*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 Meeting

The P&C met on Tuesday this week .... There will be a survey coming out soon in regards to the winter uniform, can you please complete it and return asap.

Thompsons Pie & Cake fundraiser is this week, order form attached and to be returned by Thursday, 16 June 2016.

Laser Tag fundraiser for the School Band, will be held in Week 10, all welcome, so please come along and enjoy the afternoon.

#### Cake Stall

On Monday Year 6 students ran a very successful cake stall raising money for our playground project. In all they made \$42.30. Thank you to everyone who supported their initiative through making cakes and buying cakes.

#### Beanies for Brain Cancer

Another of our wonderful students with a strong social conscience, Sunny S, has asked the school to support a local event raising funds for Michael Craig who unfortunately has brain cancer. Tomorrow students are asked to wear a beanie, any colour, and bring in a gold coin donation.

#### Star Struck

Sixteen of our Stage 3 students Taj, Madi, Mary-Jane, Ruby, Sam, Elsa, Sophie, Kaitlyn, Luca, Jay, Oliver, Sunny, Darcy, Rose, Eva and Billy will be attending StarStruck next week accompanied by Mr D and Mrs Halligan. Tickets are available for \$35 a head through Ticketek. There are matinee and evening shows on Friday and Saturday.

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=STARSTRU16&v=NEC>

Even if your child isn't in the show, it is well worth going to see. Always an amazing production and an enjoyable evening. Look out for our students in their animal onesies. They are performing to the song *I Want To Be Like You* from The Jungle Book

#### Absences

A reminder that parents are required to ensure that their child attends school every day and to notify the school within seven days of any absence. Students will be marked as either: Sick, Leave or Unjustified. Leave is for events such as attending a funeral or an approved family holiday. Unjustified is for events such as it being the child's birthday or a family holiday when there have already been family holidays that year (as it is advised that families take holidays during the generous school holiday periods).

Notification of absence can be made verbally, in writing or using the SchoolStream App.

Absences are monitored on a regular basis. Attendance rates below 90% will lead us to contact you to discuss how we can support you in increasing your child's

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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



attendance. Attendance rates below 85% will be referred to the Department of Education's Home School Liaison Officer for review and you will be asked to attend a more formal meeting in support of your child.



### EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



Karin Hird

### Kindergarten News

Students have continued to study and create patterns in Mathematics this week. We used natural objects, such as leaves, sticks and bark, as well as making coloured paper chains and wristbands with pipe cleaners and straws. On Wednesday, we watched the Band perform and had an Asthma Information session with Jody Pavlou from the Asthma Foundation. Our last orienteering session was held this week. When your child has received five Merit Awards please send them in to me so they can receive a Green Award. When they have ten Merit Awards they are eligible for a Principal's Award.

Trinity Hook

### Class 1/2 News

The star of the week is Mya. Well done on your fantastic speeches this week Year 1! We have really enjoyed listening to the speeches and it's been extremely tough selecting students to perform their speech at assembly. Yesterday we had the opportunity to learn about asthma after a visit from the Asthma Foundation. It was great for all students to gain a better understanding of what having asthma means for some students (and adults). In Mathematics this week, we have been talking about mass and 'hefting' items (balancing an object in each hand and deciding which is the heavier or lighter) to compare the weight of objects. Next time you visit the supermarket, see if your child can tell you what the scales are for!

Kate Halligan

### Class 2/3 News

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week: Billy, Shontelle, Kamea, Evie.P, Evie.A, Chase, Sari and Hallie. This week in Maths we have been looking at division and equal sharing. The students particularly enjoyed modelling equal groups using jelly beans! We have been talking about families and roles within families in History and looking at similarities and differences between the past and present. If you have a family story about life in the past, we would love to hear it. If you have an older

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family member who your child could interview or even invite them in to the classroom for the students to hear about family life in the past, that would be great. The children had an information session on Wednesday with Jodie from Asthma Australia. They talked about what causes asthma flare ups, what to do if their friend is having an asthma attack and what it feels like to have an asthma flare up. With the weather getting colder, it is great to see so many students coming to school with jackets. We have started to get a bit of a collection, however, in our blue lost property bucket, in our bag area. If you are missing an item of clothing or container, please check here first. Don't forget to encourage your child to read at home so we can get our reading challenge moving in the right direction!

**Donna Black and Karin Hird**

### 3/4 Class News

Congratulations to all the students who scored 100% in their spelling last week: Alex, Kayden, Maggie, Daniel, Grace and Darcy. Students are continuing to work hard with their times tables with a lot of new students earning their tables cards. It is also great to see the students earning their home reading awards; hopefully they have asked you to sign their reading log as we are trying to encourage our whole class to read more. We are very good at reading and are working hard on expression and fluency.

Congratulations to Sophie and Isabelle who tied for first place in the Stage 2 speeches in front of what was a very full library last Friday. They will be representing our school later in the year against other schools from the Lake Macquarie area. Next week during maths we will be looking at Area.

I am still looking for clean empty "Pippa's Pots". (An Aldi brand of yoghurt with a sturdy lid and handle). We have found they work very well at our Orienteering collection points and keep unwanted 'visitors' from getting inside. If this is a product your family use, please send in the empty containers with your child.

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

Our public speaking finalists were chosen this week for Friday's assembly. They were Elloise, Ruby, Evan and Sunny from Year 5 and Oliver, Sam and Eva from Year 6. I chose four from year five because the scores were so close.

Year 6 students should now be working on their science experiments. For those who have yet to begin, I have a book full of fairly simple experiments and if you google science fair project experiments, you will find an array of suitable activities. All the children are encouraged to do more home reading and teachers have been discussing further ways to encourage this. There are recording sheets in the classroom for the children to take when needed.

**Peter Westcott**

### Office News

The cooler weather has seen an increase in the number of head lice cases being reported to the school. As treating hair for head lice is an expensive and time consuming task, not to mention painful for child and parent, we ask that every family take the time to check (and treat if necessary) their child's hair this long weekend. If all families do this, we might be able to stop the head lice cycle.

For further information please go to NSW Health website:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

or the Department's website :

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>

**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.

Float like a  
butterfly, sting  
like a bee!

Muhammad Ali

Did you know?

Muhammad Ali

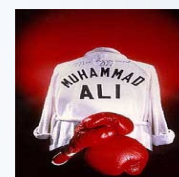
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Marcellus Clay

Jnr

Born 17-1-1942

Died 3-6-2016





### Star Struck News

Next week is Star Struck Week! The students have been practising our item at school and are looking forward to performing. It is particularly important that students try to get enough sleep, eat well and dress warmly next week as it is a huge week for everyone! Food can be purchased at the venue but it is expensive and we recommend students bring their own healthier options.

Thank you so much in advance for parents who will be assisting us with transport. All rehearsals and performances next week are at Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

**Mr Derbyshire and Mrs Halligan**

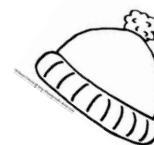
Date	Rehearsal/Performances	Time
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Major Movement Rehearsal	11.15 am (leaving school) to 4 pm (pick up from the centre)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Technical and Dress Rehearsal (costumes required)	8.20 am (leaving school) to 5.30 pm (pick up from the centre)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Performances 10.30 am and 7 pm	9 am (leaving school) to 10.45 pm (return to Nords Wharf on the bus) Option of picking up between shows
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Performances 2 pm and 7 pm	1 pm (leaving school) to 10.45 pm (return to Nords Wharf on the bus)

**Kate Halligan**



#### Laser Tag: Thursday 30 June

All students are invited to Laser Tag to raise money for the school band. Please note that all students are welcome (not just band students). Students are able to have 3 games of Laser Tag for \$20 and need to wear enclosed shoes. Laserblast is located at Unit 6, 132 Chelmsford Rd Charmhaven and the fun begins at 4pm.



### Brain Cancer Fundraiser

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June I will be doing a cake sale - 50c - \$1. You could also wear a beanie to school and bake some cakes. Please try and keep them nut free!!! Bring some change for a yummy cake or a gold coin donation to wear your favourite beanie. Thank you



#### Thompson's Pies & Cakes Fundraiser

The next P&C Fundraiser for our school is the Thompsons Pies & cakes Fundraiser. Order something savoury to save you cooking, and/or something sweet as a treat! Or put them away in the freezer for the holidays or a rainy day. An order form will be sent home from school today, and all orders are due back by next **Thursday 16 June 2016**. Thanks for your supports!

**Jenny Tattam**  
**P & C Committee**

# Week in Review -

## A sneak peak at the wonderful work our students do



*kindy making paper chains*



### Merit Awards—Week 6 Term 2

Class	Name
K	Elizabeth G, Veda A, Hayley P, Siena S
1/2	Aamon S, Taylah S, Tyler E, Rory B
2/3	Billy C, Will M, Evie A, Sari S, Kyan S
3/4	Jaden C, Lyla M, Nathan R, Alex B, Felix L
5/6	Max C, Jett O, Luca P, Sunny S, Maddison G, Tiahan S, Elsa M, Savita R

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