

# NORDS WHARF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Nordsy Notes Term 3 Week 8 - Thursday 8 September 2022

Term 3 2022	
Thursday 8 September	Kindergarten 2023 Parent Information Session 6pm
Wednesday 14 September	Stage 3 Science and Engineering Day
Thursday 15 September	Kindergarten 2023 Teddy Bear's Picnic 9.30am—11am
Friday 23 Sept	Last Day of Term 3 Rewards Day
Term 4 2022	
Monday 10 October	Students and Staff return for Term 4
Wednesday 19 October	Stage 2 Excursion Awabakal Environmental Centre
Thurs 20 October	K-2 Taronga Zoo Excursion
Monday 24 October	Kindergarten Transition
Tuesday 1 Novem- ber	Kindergarten Transition
Wed 9 November	Kindergarten Transition
Thurs 17 November	Kindergarten Transition
Friday 25 November	Kindergarten Transition
Tuesday 13 December	Presentation Day
Wednesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Monday 19 December	Last Day of Term for Students
Term 1 2023	
Friday 27 - Monday 30 January	Staff Development Days— No students
Tuesday 31 January	Students Years 1-6 return

### Lunchtime Soccer Comp

This week saw us begin our lunchtime Soccer Competition. Teams consist of at least 5 boys and 5 girls. So far we have 5 teams participating. Games are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunch.

Results this week have seen the "Stars" and "Socceroos" with a nil all draw with Addi saving a fantastic goal attempt from Lenny. The senior "Bullsteam" had a close game, eventually winning 1-0 over their younger opponents, the "Winners", with another highlight being the save in goal by Aurora M. The last game of the week was another senior team, The "Thunder Cats" vs the younger "Socceroos". It was a close match but eventually the "Thunder Cats" won 3-1. Yet again, two great saves from Emilia in goals.

Mrs McSpadden

### Awabakal Words of the Week

The Awabakal word for "mouth" is

**Karraka**



The Awabakal word for "nose" is

**Nukuru**



The Awabakal words for "hand/s" is

**Madara**



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### Executive Report

#### WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to announce that Ms Megan Neilands has been appointed as the successful candidate for Principal, Nords Wharf Public School. Ms Neilands will commence in Term 4 2022. Ms Neilands comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge in curriculum and school leadership, including Instructional Leader and most recently Relieving Principal. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Simon Dunn for his outstanding leadership of Nords Wharf Public School this year.

#### FATHERS / DADS DAY STALL AND BBQ

Thank you to our amazing P and C for organising and running our Father's Day stall. All the students thoroughly loved the presents they purchased for their special men in their lives and the selection of gifts was impressive.

The Father's Day afternoon BBQ was a brilliant idea and all who attended enjoyed the band, BBQ and variety of games and activities. It was delightful to see so many people from our community on the school grounds, laughing and enjoying the afternoon fun together.

#### BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 23 August, we held our school Book Week parade. Our school was full of colour and fun, as students proudly paraded their character costumes and the relevant book around the oval in front of peers and parents. It was delightful to see the students dressed up or displaying colourful hair to support the days festivities. The festivities were completed with our Book Week Awards for the most creative and impressive posters depicting this year's theme "Eyes Wide Open". Congratulations to our winners:

KB—Grace and Beau

K/1D—Matilda and Alex

1/2C—Chilli and Layla

1/2D—Hallie and Mackenzie

3/4H—Ella and Maeve

3/4P—Marley and Rosie

5/6B—Zoe and Linkin

5/6W—Sophie and Patrick



#### NAPLAN

We received our Year 3 and 5 students Naplan results this week and all results were sent home to parents last Friday. We will be discussing our Naplan results at our next P and C meeting, after we have analysed them as a staff.

#### CHECK IN ASSESSMENT

This week our Year 6 students will be completing writing, reading and numeracy assessments as part their Check in Assessments. Year 6 assessments are earlier than the year 3,4,5 students as their results will be sent to their high school at the end of the year, which is a new initiative by the DoE to allow for smoother transition of our students to high school.



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### STUDENT REPORT REFORM

We have met as a staff recently, to discuss the possibility of changing our student report format. Due to the appointment of our new principal, we will be including her in future discussions before we present it to our P and C.

### STAGE 3 CAMP WOLSTONCROFT

Thank you to Nick Wlodarczyk for booking, planning and supervising all who attended the three-day camp. Thank you also to Maddi Dunlop who attended the camp at the last minute, we know the students loved having you both with them on the three-day adventure. The students came back and eagerly informed us about the fun the activities, who was annoying and who was fun in the dorms and which food they loved. Camps develop friendships and makes life memories, and we appreciate Nick and Maddi's generous time so our students could attend this opportunity.

### ZONE PUBLIC SPEAKING and ZONE SPELLING BEE

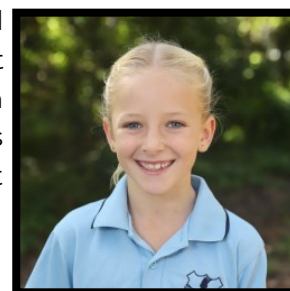
We are extremely proud of our students who represented our school at the Zone Public Speaking and Zone Spelling Bee competitions. Even though none of our students moved through to the next phase of the competition they were strong competitors.

### PERSONALISED LEARNING PLAN

Over the last two weeks our teachers have been contacting our aboriginal parents to discuss the review of our students personalised learning plan. During these conversations students have been discussing their Semester 1, academic, social and cultural goals and establishing new ones for the remainder of the year.

### SPORT

We have had a busy term with sport. We had our Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival Friday of Week 6. Congratulations to all students that participated at this carnival. Special mention to Hallie G who was successful in qualifying for the Hunter team to compete at the NSWPSA Athletics Championship. We wish her every success when she competes in Term 4 at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.



Our senior boys' Touch Football team played in Round 4 of the NSW PSSA Knockout Touch Football competition against Floraville P.S. last week. Unfortunately, the boys lost and were knocked out of the competition. However, Mr Cox from Floraville PS commented on their resilience, persistence and determination.

### Kindergarten 2023

We are very excited to meet our Kindergarten 2023 students next week at the Teddy Bears Picnic. The students and their parents/carers are invited to join us for a picnic from 9:30am—11am. BYO blanket and food and most importantly your favourite Teddy Bear. We hope to see all the smiley faces there.



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## **Where will you be in 2023?**

**We are currently planning classes for 2023 and need your help! Are you moving out of the area? Do you have a child eligible to start school in 2023?**

**IF YOUR SITUATION IS CHANGING AND YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ATTENDING NWPS NEXT YEAR PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP.**

**ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR AND HAVE NOT CONTACTED THE OFFICE PLEASE DO SO ASAP.**

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### File case 1: Mrs Brown


We have been hired to investigate and discover information about our Nords Wharf Teachers for 2022 – this is our first case file and discoveries of

#### *Mrs Wlodarczyk—Stage 2 & 3 Assistant Principal*

- **His hidden talents:** can go cross eyed with one eye straight.
- **Pets he own:** Sea Monkeys when he was younger. Now a dog named Franky.
- **What pet he would like to own:** Adopt a rat.
- **Last meal request:** Home cooked lasagne.
- **His best cooked meal:** Pesto Penne pasta.
- **If he won the lottery and gave up teaching he would:** Spend time travelling with family then give back to community by volunteering.
- **A good day at school would be:** when you fill someone's bucket.
- **The most embarrassing teaching moment was:** there are too many so share!
- **His Hogwarts house would be:** Gryffindor – as Harry Potter is the coolest person to be a friend with.
- **What songs he knows all the lyrics to:** Unfortunately none, my memory is horrible – ha ha ha ha.



Case closed by  
Agent Z and Agent S

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