

NORDS WHARF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Nordsy Notes Term 3 Week 3- Thursday 3 August 2022

Term 3 2022

Monday 22 August - Friday 26 August	Book Week
Tuesday 23 August	Book Parade 9.30am
Tuesday 23 August	AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) 6pm Wiripaang Public School
Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 August	Stage 3 Camp Point Wolstoncroft
Friday 2 September	Father's Day Family BBQ 3pm in the COLA
Tuesday 6 September	P&C Meeting 6pm
Thurs 8 September	Kindergarten 2023 Parent Information Session 6pm
Thurs 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 November	Kindergarten Transition
Wed 9 November	Kindergarten Transition
Thurs 17 November	Kindergarten Transition
Friday 25 November	Kindergarten Transition
Tuesday 13 Dec	Presentation Day



We are now in the planning process for classes in 2023. If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year, or you have a neighbour with a child starting Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office.

Enrolments can be completed online or a hard-copy can be taken home to complete.

Our Parent Information Session, a Teddy Bear's Picnic for Kindy 2023 students and our Transition Programs are all coming up. We would hate for anyone families to miss these valuable events.

Awabakal Words of the Week

The Awabakl word for "head" is

Walang



The Awabakl word for "eye/s" is

Ngayikang



The Awabakl words for "ear/s" is

Ngurayiyang



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Principal's Report—Simon Dunn

Kaayi,

It has been a very busy start to Term 3. I am very proud of our students who have settled back in and are putting in a fantastic effort.

Public Speaking

Yesterday was the Galgabba community of schools Public Speaking Finals. Representing our school we had Isla, Hayden, Cronje, DeVilliers, Eli, Harper, Summer and Hannah. Everyone did an amazing job at representing our school. Congratulations to Isla and Cronje who won their competitions and also to Hayden and DeVilliers for being highly commended.

COVID update

The Department of Education is regularly consulting with NSW Health and updating their advice for families and schools. The information is available on the NSW Department of Education website and can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>. We will continue to advise the community of changes as they are introduced.

NAIDOC Day

Earlier in the term we held our annual NAIDOC celebrations. It was a fantastic day and I want to thank the Aboriginal Dance Group from Windale Public School who came out and performed at our NAIDOC assembly in the morning. They did an amazing job at representing their school and their culture. Our students had a great day rotating through all of the different activities and learning a bit more about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Thank you to Mrs Fuller, our Aboriginal families and all the staff for your efforts in planning and preparing for the day.





Nordsy Notes Term 3 Week 2 - Thursday 3 August 2022

Principal's Report—Simon Dunn

Canteen

Our P&C are organising a survey that will be sent home next week. Please keep an eye out for it. By simply returning the survey your child will receive a free ice block.

Soundwaves

We are trialling a new approach to spelling in years 1 to 6. There will be some changes to the method of teaching spelling. If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Contacting the School

There are a lot of times in children's lives when it is necessary to speak with the school. If you have an issue or problem please make an appointment to speak to your child's classroom teacher. If, after allowing the teacher time to investigate and sort out the issue, you feel that the problem still hasn't been resolved, please ring the office to make an appointment with either Nick Wlodarczyk (Assistant Principal 3-6) or Kylie Downey (Assistant Principal K-2). If you are still unhappy with the outcome an appointment can be made with Simon Dunn (Principal). As we all teach, I'm sure you understand, it is not possible to see us straight away. We will always make arrangements to speak with you at the earliest, mutually suitable time possible. Alternatively, you can send a message to your child's teacher on SeeSaw.

If you have a general question relating to the running of the school, please contact the **school office between 8:30am – 3:15pm on 4976 1257.**

Whilst FaceBook is a useful tool for keeping up-to-date with the happenings of friends, the school and community, it is not necessarily the best way to contact the school. Messages sent during core learning times (9:15am – 3pm) to both facebook and Sentral may not be answered until after school finishes.

Another useful source is the **NWPS Family and Friends FaceBook** page run by the P&C. This is a great forum for parents to ask each other questions and also get up-to-date information on school events. A copy of all **notes are put on SeeSaw and can also be downloaded from the school webpage.**

Whilst we understand that parents are busy, and many tasks are put off until their children are asleep, it is important to remember that NWPS staff also have families and are entitled to some down time from work.

Therefore, in the interest of staff wellbeing, a decision has been made that any **messages sent between 5:00pm and 8:00am, and at anytime on weekends or in holidays**, do not require an immediate response from staff. Your message may be flagged as being read by staff, and if it is convenient a reply may be sent, but **please do not expect a reply before 8:00am on the next business day.** This applies to both Facebook messages and SeeSaw messages.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Riddles

K-2 – What gets bigger as more is taken away?

3-6 – Where does today come before yesterday?

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File case 1: Mr Dunn

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

Mr Dunn—our School Principal

His hidden talents: juggling

Pets he own: 1 cat

What pet he would like to own: Dog

Last meal request: Roast Pork with extra crackling and crispy potatoes

His best cooked meal: Roast Pork and Homemade Lasagne

If he won the lottery and gave up teaching he would: Play golf

A good day at school would be: When everyone is having fun

The most embarrassing teaching moment was: when Mr Dunn split his pants at school and had to wear a onesie all day and it was not a dress up day.

His Hogwarts house would be: Ravenclaw because blue is his favourite colour.

What songs he knows all the lyrics to: 'Living on a prayer'



Case closed by Agent Z and Agent L





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