WSPS Calendar

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<th>This week is Week 3 Term 4 commencing Monday October 20</th>
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<td>Kindergarten Orientation 1</td>
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<td>Australian Youth Choir</td>
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<td>Community Chat 9.10-Mr H office.</td>
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<td>Raw Art 5 /6 O, 6B, 6T</td>
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<td>LHS vulnerable students transition</td>
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<td>Uniform Shop Meeting-Mr H office-POSTPONED</td>
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<td>Last day for AFL</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>AECG at 9.30</td>
<td>Count us in at LHS -Choir</td>
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<td>Canteen Meeting 2.15</td>
<td>Years 2 &amp; 3 go swimming</td>
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<td>Senior Choir to Wizard of Oz</td>
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<td>Kindergarten to Oakvale Farm</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Bandanna Day- children can wear bandannas on this day.</td>
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Dear Parents
Welcome to Week 3. This week I am pleased to announce that WSPS achieved three students in both the Year 5 & Year 6 top 100 students in the Newcastle Permanent Building Society Maths competition. This is a fantastic effort when you consider the thousands of children that participate. More information will be available soon. We begin Kindergarten orientation tomorrow and we welcome all our new families to the WSPS community. Congratulations to our school band who gained a Highly Commended in the recent Bandfest competition. One parent commented that they have never sounded better. Could I note that Community Chat that was scheduled for tomorrow will now be on next Tuesday due to Kindergarten Orientation tomorrow. This week in assembly we continued our talk around the value of care. We spoke of care with what we say-avoiding the 'they said', 'people say', the language we choose to use and generalisations that plague our interaction with others and unfortunately often lead to conflict.

Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday
Nicole Greentree Kylie Robinson

Wednesday
Jemma Greentree Kim Harrison

Thursday
Naomi Bellears Frances Lambkin Tammie Jones

Friday
Leanne Sendjirdjian Amanda Maguire Jodi Schipp Leigh Phillips Rochelle Stevens

Monday
Hayley Carroll
Uniform Shop
Tuesday 8.45am-9.15 am
Kylie Robinson  Maree Comber
(Becky Gilbert)
Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm
Jemma Greentree  Vicki Odgers
(Carolyn Dean)

Friday 8.45am-9.15am
Fiona Symes  Maxine Robinson
(Jo McDougall)

Selective High Schools for 2016
If any Year 5 children wish to be considered for a selective high school in 2016 they need to complete an online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement between October 14 and November 17 2014. An information booklet to support this process is available from Ian Hamilton on request.

Yellow slips
If you wish to collect your child early from the classroom, it is necessary to complete a yellow attendance slip at the front office. This slip is then taken to the classroom and shown to the teacher and then retained by the parent. I have advised teachers that unless the adult presenting can show a yellow attendance slip the child will not be handed over. This unfortunately is a child protection matter and I appreciate your understanding.

Jack's Quirky Corner
John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK)
Part 2 (The Later Years)
On 12 September 1953 JFK married Jacqueline Bouvier at Newport Rhode Island. On 27 May 1957 Jacqueline was rushed to hospital and a baby girl was born. That baby girl was Carolyn Bouvier Kennedy, the first child of John and Jacqueline Kennedy. On 2 January 1960 JFK announced he was running as candidate for president of the United States. On 23 November 1960, John F Kennedy Jr was born. On 20 January 1961 John F Kennedy was announced as the 35th president of the United States (wahoo!). On 19 December 1961 sadly JF’s father Joe Kennedy suffered a stroke and as a result could no longer provide his son with advice and support. This was a significant loss to the president. On 19 May 1962 Marilyn Monroe sang “Happy Birthday” to JFK in celebration of his 45th birthday. On 22 November 196 JFK and Jacqueline Kennedy arrived in Dallas. They shook the hands of 750 people then they got into their 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible to drive towards Dealey Plaza. The number plate of the Lincoln was GG300. They drove for 1.5 hours before they turned into Daily Plaza. 15 minutes later 3 shots were fired with the first bullet going through the presidents back. The second bullet went in the back of JFK's head, and the third hit Governor John Connolly in the back. They drove very quickly to Parkland Hospital where JFK was declared dead at 1pm. Within hours Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as the 36th president of the United States.

Dwight D. Eisenhower meets with President-elect John F. Kennedy on December 6, 1960

Strategic 3 Year Plan
Following the consultation so far and the work by School Council, we have decided upon our 3 major areas for the three year plan with an explanation of purpose for each. I would appreciate any feedback, contributions, questions via my email that you may care to make.
Email: james.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au

Strategy 1
Develop a WSPS curriculum that encourages creativity, engagement and success in a 21st Century context for all students
PURPOSE
To provide the highest standard of education through a rich curriculum that inspires every student and gives them the chance to excel and learn to their potential through a personalised and differentiated T & L program.

Strategy 2
Students achieve at their highest level as a result of consistent high quality educational practices driven by quality, varied teaching and assessment for/of/as learning.
PURPOSE
To empower all staff, with the skills and inspiration, to be the most efficient and effective educational leaders of the WSPS community that they can become, in a culture of collaboration, innovation engagement and accomplishment.

Strategy 3
Within a values framework distribute resources in a manner that maximises achievement across the whole school community.
PURPOSE
To provide for our community, the most effective infrastructure for learning through communication, equity, leadership and organisational practices.
Australian Youth Choir
The Australian Youth Choir selectors will be here on Tuesday auditioning students from Years 2-6. They will simply move around the classes asking the class to sing a well-known song and offers will then be made to identified students. Parents then have the option of following up this offer or declining.

FENCE PANELS FOR OUR CAMBODIAN SCHOOL
A huge thank you to the families who have sent in their fence panels from last week’s Tallong. We have had over 30 panels donated so far and we are well on our way to achieving our goal. There have been some beautifully decorated ones sent in and they look beautiful surrounding the inside wall of our hall. It’s not too late to send yours in and if you need another, our lovely office ladies have some to spare. Thanks again for your ongoing support of this fundraiser. It means a lot. Tracey Moloney.

P & C News
Thanks to everyone who has sold and returned their raffle tickets & money. If you require more books they are available from the office. Don’t forget to put your name on the blue cover sheet for entry into the sellers draw.
We would like to thank the following businesses and families who have generously donated prizes to our raffle:
Pestex
Tree Top Adventure Park
2Bfit Health Nutrition Personal Training
TravelManagers
Wordell family
Good Guys
Lemon Grove Hotel

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 28 October at 7pm in the library. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 2 December.
Joy Lord
P & C President

Community Chat
Next Tuesday is Community Chat time. Anyone who has something they would like to discuss is more than welcome to come along and air their thoughts. It is not a formal meeting, just a chat, but chats in the past have led to some great suggestions and action. 9.10 am in Mr H’s office.

Data Collection
If I could steal a few minutes of your time this week to complete the attached survey on school planning I would appreciate it. Each year we evaluate one aspect of our school culture and this year School Council have decided upon planning. Please return to the parent survey box in the foyer. Thanks in anticipation.

Where’s Wally?
Wally was last seen in Vietnam’s floating markets on the Mekong with the Greentrees. There is talk however that he will be playing touch football in the Wallsend Summer competition as well....

GRA-HAM-ES TAE KWON DO
Tae Kwon Do classes are held in our school hall.
When: Monday and Thursday Nights.
Time: 6p.m. - 7 p.m.
BEGINNERS ALWAYS WELCOME.
CONTACT GRAHAM ON 0422 782 186

1st CLASS CRICKET COACHING BY 1st CLASS PLAYERS
Charlestown District Cricket Club, a not for profit community organisation, is providing cricket coaching sessions at Kahibah Oval this season. The sessions will be by two current 1st class players who are contracted to CDCC this season.

Callum Jackson: Contracted professional with Sussex CCC who made his 1st class debut vs Australia in 2013. The Newcastle Herald Player of the Year in the 2013/14 season. Specialist wicketkeeper/batsman.
Roscoe Thattil: Plays for Burgher Recreation Club in the Sri Lankan Premier League and made his 1st class debut in 2012. All rounder.

Hourly coaching sessions will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.00 pm, 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on the turf wicket practice facility at Kahibah Oval. All skills including specialist wicketkeeping are available in the following formats and costs.

Rates: $20/hr (3:1 ratio) $30/hr (2:1) $50/hr (1:1)
All rates are based on a booking for 5 sessions.
For 1 session you pay an additional $10 ie $30/$40/$60.
For bookings and/or further Information call:
Chris Oliver 0419 270 911 4920 6350 chrisoliver66@hotmail.com
Bookings available now for sessions from Monday 27 October.
Spring Fair

Proudly supporting

Lifeline

Live performances by Sweet Light Crude and Wallsend South Public School Rock Band
2nd hand Books/Games/CDS/DVDs  Pre-loved Children’s Clothing/Toys
Yummy Bake Sale  Pickles & Jams  Craft  Trash & Treasure
Devonshire Teas  BBQ  Homegrown Produce & Fresh Herbs  Community Garden
Family Fun  Decorate Your Own Cup Cake  Kids Craft  Wii Competition!
Quilt Display  Spinners & Weavers  Gorgeous Phoenix Trading Stationary

New Lambton Uniting Church, cnr Regent St & Portland Pl

GIRLS NIGHT IN...
CANDLE PARTY

Join us for a fun night in @ the Grove to raise money for Breast Cancer and Men’s Health...
“PartyLite Candle Party”
Beautiful candles to buy, A super Raffle to try your luck in, and a fun night in with your besties....
We ask you for a $15 donation.... & with thanks to sponsors, we give you a glass of champagne on arrival & treat you to some of our delicious canapés

Thursday 30th October 6pm
Lemon Grove Hotel.....
RSVP 49559511...would be helpful ☺

Lemongrove Hotel
**Parent Survey about School Planning**

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school's consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was *usually* for the statement — *What students are asked to learn is important*. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

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<td>The published statement of school purpose reflects the needs of students.</td>
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<td>The schools activities match its statement of school purpose.</td>
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<td>The annual school report identifies the reasons for school targets.</td>
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<td>The main purpose of school targets is to improve student learning outcomes.</td>
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<td>School planning documents are developed with the support of staff, students and parents.</td>
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<td>We are told what the school is buying and why.</td>
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Thank you for completing the survey