Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 8. As the assessment period takes place in most schools at this time of the year it is great to hear of success stories of past students as we did last week. Not only is it wonderful to hear of ex-students ongoing success it is also appreciated that they are happy to share this news with us. A couple of outstanding Maths results this week from a couple of students who have moved on, well done Zoey G. and Gabbie V.!

This week I received advice that it is necessary to apply for a continuation of the Chaplaincy program that has operated at WSPS over the last few years. I have included an excerpt from the guidelines to refresh our knowledge of what a Chaplain is and does at a school. Rosemary Donovan is our present Welfare Person(Chaplain).

What is a chaplain?
A chaplain funded under this program is an individual who is recognised:

i. by the school community and the appropriate governing authority for the school (where applicable) as having the skills and experience to deliver school chaplaincy to the school community, and

ii. through formal ordination, commissioning, recognised religious qualifications or endorsement by a recognised or accepted religious institution.

A chaplain may be from any faith, and a title other than 'chaplain' may be used where the title is appropriate to the religious affiliation of the individual.

What is the role of the school chaplain?
School chaplains support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing:
- pastoral care services, and
- strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community.

WSPS Calendar

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<td>5T &amp; 5D to the Museum</td>
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<td>Round 2 Celebration Night Tickets</td>
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Pastoral care is defined in the agreement with the Commonwealth as the practice of looking after the personal needs of students, not just their academic needs, through the provision of general spiritual and personal advice.

As a school it is up to us to decide whether we want to continue this program and I need your thoughts. Please either give me a call, drop me a quick note or send an email on james.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au before Friday and let me know your thoughts. Thanks in anticipation. Attached to this Tallong is our annual satisfaction survey. If you could spend a few minutes completing it, the evaluation committee would very much appreciate it. This gives another source of data as to how we may improve our school. Please return it to the box at the front office or email to me on the email address above.

Have a great week
Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday
Janelle Climas Leanne Jones

Wednesday
Linda Gresswell Joanne Spratt

Thursday
Kim O'Connor Megan Rinkin Kelley Banks
Leasa Gray

Friday
Nicole Hoare Alicia Hutchings
Jacky Pree Kristine Morgan

Monday
Natalie Fullick

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.45am-9.15 am
Becky Gilbert Carolyn Dean
(Kylie Robinson)

Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm
Vicki Ogders Nicole Crooks
(Kristine Morgan)

Friday 8.45am-9.15am
Amanda Maguire Melissa O'Brien
(Kristine Morgan)

Fixed Equipment after School
I have had a chance to clarify the situation with non-school aged children using the fixed equipment near KK and KL after school. The DEC is very clear in its expectations, a teacher needs to be present for fixed equipment to be used by children at any time. As teachers are not available during this time for supervision I would like to again remind parents to ask their children to not use the fixed equipment at all.

Leader Nominations
This week Year 5 will be asked to nominate amongst their peers, students they believe would make a good WSPS leader. Following nominations this week, next Monday, all nominees will be asked to present to the Years 3, 4 & 5 a speech explaining why they should be elected. Following the speeches all Years 3, 4 & 5 will be asked to vote for 2 girls and 2 boys. The top 6 students will be elected school leaders for 2015. On the same day elections will take place to elect Sport House Captains and Vice Captains from the Year 5 cohort. A student cannot be a School Leader and hold a position of Sports Captain or Vice-Captain at the same time. Students will discuss options during the nomination week. Successful students will be introduced to the WSPS community at Celebration Night.

Christmas Scripture Assembly
On Friday all children are invited to attend the Christmas Scripture Assembly. While we have children from Years 2, 3 & 4 who have permission to attend Scripture we also have students who are exempted from Scripture by parent request. These children will not attend the Assembly. If you have a child in Kindergarten, Year 1, 5 or 6 and would prefer they didn't attend this assembly please write to me or your child's class teacher stating this by this Thursday November 27.

Van for Celebration Night
We are hoping that we have someone in our community that may have access to a van that we can use to bring gear back from Celebration Night after the performance. We need to transport Band equipment and drama blocks. If this sounds like something you may be able to help with please contact Ian Hamilton as soon as possible.

Cyber Safety
In the past week we have had several instances outside of school involving children at risk through their use of social media etc. While I acknowledge what happens outside of school is not within my control, when the impacts flow through to school it does become a concern. Below are some websites that may be of interest to your family highlighting the need for vigilance with children and their online responsibilities. I hope they are of some use to you.

Tallong links re internet safety - DEC websites

ROCK BAND / Music awards ...
These will be held Monday 8th December 9am during our normal assembly.
This will feature 2x short performances from this year's Rock band as well as several music awards to WSPS students (All Rock band members are to be at our normal practice at 8am on this day).

Chris McDonald
and sleepover. Why do they call it sleepover, when you don’t? Thanks to the parents who helped from the beginning BBQ, door and raffle to assisting with supervision and Saturday morning’s bacon and eggs. Thanks also to the Staff who gave up their time to allow such an event to be possible. Congratulations to the newly elected Band Leaders for 2015, Jessica Evans & Finn Kingston.

Celebration Night Tickets Round 2
Round 1 ticket sales has closed and nearly every family has availed themselves of the two initial tickets. As a result, we have a minimal number of tickets available for sale in round 2. This will take place this Wednesday 26 November from 8.30 till 9.15 (unless sold out earlier) outside the canteen. Only one (1) extra ticket per family will be offered, on a first in first served basis. Please put $10 in an envelope with eldest child’s name and class clearly labelled on the front.

Raffle
There are only a few more weeks till we draw our Mega Raffle. Please return all sold books and money to front office. A few raffle books remain if you still require more tickets. We would like to thank again the businesses and families that have donated our raffle prizes:
- Pestex
- Tree Top Adventure Park
- 2Bfit Health Nutrition Personal Training
- TravelManagers
- Wordell family
- Good Guys
- Lemon Grove Hotel

AGM:
Don’t forget our last meeting of the year will be held next Tuesday 2 December in the library at 7pm, this will be followed by our AGM.
Joy Lord
P & C President
ONLY SOME BUGS NEED ANTIBIOTICS

Join the fight against antibiotic resistance at nps.org.au/schools-join-the-fight

NPS MEDICINEWISE
Wallsend South Public School

Infants’ Percussion Band 2015

Expression of Interest

Please note that filling out this form does not constitute enrolment.

Wallsend South Public are looking for students who will be in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 in 2015 to join the Infants’ Percussion Band.

The Infants’ Percussion Band is an exciting, fun and engaging way to learn how to play music and be part of an ensemble. Students will have a variety of tuned and untuned percussion to choose from. They will learn how to read music and the basics of rhythm and pitch. Mrs Megan O’Neill is an experienced music teacher who will be running the program in 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her on 0438 634 266 or mathewsmegan@hotmail.com.

Child’s name: ____________________________________________

Child’s year (in 2015): ______________________________________

Parent’s name: ____________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

Previous music experience, if any:

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### Annual School Report 2014 Survey to Parents

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Thank you for completing the survey, please return to the front office.