Dear Parents
Welcome to Week 5. Firstly may I thank you for your quick response to paying Term costs. We have a significant outlay at the beginning of the year and your efficiency in paying costs certainly helps. This week I would like to introduce you to a WSPS Student leaders’ initiative. It is Smallong-a version of Tallong for the smaller members of the family. This will be a regular feature (not weekly but regular) and I commend our school leaders for their initiative. I know you will enjoy it. This week we continue our focus in reading on the comprehension strategy known as predicting. Later in this Tallong are some prompts you may be able to use at home when reading with your child to consolidate this skill.

Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

Canteen
Tuesday
Carmel Stormer Janelle Climas

Wednesday
Kirrily McMurtrie Tammie Jones

Thursday
Vicki Odgers Krystal Longworth

Friday
Melissa Dimovski Danielle Harvey
Leanne Sendjirdjian Kylie Brittliffe

Monday
Sally Ellenor

Uniform Shop

Tuesday
Megan Virtue Tracey Mahoney
(Renee Slingo)

Wednesday
Louise Biles Rachael Metcalfe
(Suzanna Vale)

Friday
Amanda Maguire Karina Currington
(Jennifer Westoby)
Pick up and go-How do I get a spot?
Pick up and Go is a system where a large number of children are dispersed without parents needing to park and walk. It is ideal for families with small children or parents with mobility issues. To be included into Pick up and Go, please register at the front office. As a place becomes vacant the person next on the list will be offered a position. For those who are presently involved with Pick up and Go, if you find you no longer need the service please contact Ian Hamilton so someone else may be offered a position.

Swimming Champions
Following ribbon presentation we can now announce the Champions from the school carnival.
Congratulations to:
Junior Girl- Mhairi Hammond
Junior Boy Thomas O’Connor & Harry Leo
Senior Girl Jessica McDonald
Senior Boy Callum Wainwright.

Predicting Strategy
We continue this week with the Comprehension strategy of Predicting.
Example Questions / statements when using this strategy:
What do I/you think will happen next?
What words / images do I/you expect to see or hear in this text?
What might happen next? Why do I/you think that?
What helped me/you make that prediction?
Were my /your predictions accurate? How did I / you confirm my/your predictions?
Have I /you read/seen/heard about this topic anywhere else?

Coin line
SRC are looking to do their first charity fundraiser for the year. They have elected to support Mrs Moloney’s Cambodia appeal. They are asking each child to bring a 20c piece or several 20c pieces to school on Tuesday and they wish to put them from the front gate to make as long a line as is possible. This money will then be used to buy pencils etc for the establishing classroom in the village. Even only one 20c piece from every student would net over $100. They are looking forward to your support.

School Cross Country
Our school cross country will be held on Friday 7 March (Week 6) in our back oval. All students from Years 2 – 6 will be encouraged to participate. 8, 9 and 10 year olds will run for 2km (2 laps of the course) and 11 & 12 year olds run for 3km (3 laps of the course). Students will be practising for the cross country at school as part of our PE program, however going for a jog with mums and dads at home would be a great way for you to spend time together and give your child some extra training for the event. On the day please send your children to school with a water bottle and apply some sunscreen in the morning. Roll on insect repellent is also very handy. We encourage the students to participate not only for themselves, but for their House as well. Students’ individual results will be used to contribute points towards their House and will be tallied at the end to determine an overall House Champion. Students are also encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their House colours to support their team. We will also be awarding Junior and Senior Champion ribbons to those students with the fastest overall time in these categories:
Junior Boys (8, 9 & 10 Yrs)
Junior Girls (8, 9 & 10 Yrs)
Senior Boys (11 & 12 Yrs)
Senior Girls (11 & 12 Yrs)
The fastest four runners in each category will be given the opportunity to represent our school at the end of the term at the Crossroads Zone Cross Country Carnival to be held on Friday 28 March (Week 9). As always, family members are very welcome to come along to watch the cross country and cheer on all our children. If you have further questions regarding the cross country, please see Miss Kuranty.

Congratulations
This week to Isla Perry, Teagan Leneham and Ethan Chapman who were all successful in representing Crossroads Zone at Basketball. Well done team. Also to the great squad of swimmers who attended the Zone carnival. Ms Innes and Mr Lord were both very enthusiastic in their praise of the way the team competed and behaved.

South Wallsend Junior Soccer Club
South Wallsend Junior Soccer Club is seeking a few more players in each of the following age groups to complete our teams for the 2014 season
MiniRoos 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s and our competitive Under 12 girls team
For enquiries on joining these age groups please contact Angela on 0448 063860 or email southysoccer@gmail.com

State Discus
Congratulations this week to Sam Jones who has made the State Carnival for Little Athletics Discus.
WANTED: PRIMARY BOYS TO PLAY HOCKEY WITH WESTS IN 2014
WSPS has a proud history in hockey. Come and play hockey with fellow WSPS students at West Hockey. Each game is played at Broadmeadow on an international turf surface – rarely is a game washed out. Hockey is a skilful and fast game, and more importantly a lot of fun! Training is prior to the game – meaning you have time each week for other activities.
Wednesdays – Training at 4.20pm, Games at 5.20pm
Same time and same place each week! Close to home.
Interested? Contact Mark on: 0423296102

School Banking
What a fabulous start to the year. Last week we had 116 deposits with $565 banked! Just a few things to remember please: always fill in your deposit slip and your stub with the amount you are depositing, please ensure you have your child’s correct class written on the yellow folder, please remove your tokens from your folder and put them in a safe place at home, tokens from previous years cannot be used – we have started fresh this year.
To start off the new year CBA are running a competition for the Newcastle area only! There are 4 marquees to win for your school and there are 2 prizes of $50 for 2 lucky winners. To be a part of the competition all you have to do is make at least 3 deposits up till 11/4/14 and you will automatically go into the draw! PLUS the school with the highest percentage of active students banking at the end of Term 1 will also win a marquee. These are valued at $400. WSPS currently have the most deposits per week on average in the area however do we have the highest percentage of students banking? Please find your bankbooks, if necessary blow off the dust and let’s see if we can win a prize!!

WATER FILTERS FOR CAMBODIA UPDATE
We have had another week of donations galore bringing our total to 54! It has been lovely to see them coming through as wedding presents, from family groups and from businesses also. We had another extremely generous donation of 5 filters ($300) from the Walter Family, and a donation of $500 from the Morley Family. The generosity shown by the members of our community blows me away. Jan and Owen will be in a plane on their way over to Cambodia three weeks from now so that leaves a little more time to donate if you are still wanting to do so. Filters are $60 and can be paid in the form of cash or cheque (made to Jan Holbert). Your donation may be for a filter (include label for filter and email address) or may simply be a donation to put towards bikes, uniforms or school materials. Please label with "Water Filter" or "Cambodia Donation", your name and "attn: Tracey Moloney". I would like to thank the following families for their donations over the past week: The Couper Family; The Mahoney Family; The Currington Family; Evie Dart, Tony and Sandra; Harrison & Cooper Armstrong; Armstrong Property Maintenance, The Walter Family (5 filters); The Grime Family; Mr & Mrs G & L Drennan; The Drennan Clan; The Soldas Family; The Soggy Camper Families; The Kinniard Family and the Morley Family ($500). I would also like to thank The Vandervleit family for the donation of solar powered peak hats with built in lights. This will be a handy tool for the families to use at night.
I am so proud to be part of this giving community. Well done, Southy.
Mrs Moloney.

Covering New Books
We have a large number of new books coming into school to support the new English Syllabus. We are looking for people who may have an hour to spend on a Friday morning to help cover them. If this sounds like you please send your name into Ian Hamilton.