Wallsend South Public School

Monday  Week 6  Term 1  2014  

Welcome to Week 6. This week we have Kindergarten full time as well as a significant number of extra curricula activities. Our focus in Reading is on Questioning. This is when learners pose and answer questions that clarify meaning and promote deeper understanding of the text. In values we fine tune our talk about our intolerance for bullying, into types of bullying. This week we as a group affirmed we will not tolerate verbal, emotional or physical bullying. Tomorrow night we are hosting an information evening around the topic of Ethics. Further to our Council discussions of introducing Ethics as an alternative to Special Religious Education you are invited to come along to the Library tomorrow evening at 6.00pm to hear what is required for the next step or whether Ethics in not an option at WSPS. We wish our League boys all the best for Wednesday as they fly the WSPS flag at the Paul Harragon Cup. Best wishes also to the WSPS children in the Crossroads Zone swim team going to Regionals.

Have a great week,

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday
Nicole Greentree  Tracey Stewart

Wednesday
Irene Stanners  Kylie Robinson

Thursday
Kim Terry  Caran Playtong  Joy Gee  Leasa Gray

Friday
Helen Honnery  Leanne Sendjirdjian
Elizar Mytka  Connie Peate

Monday
Sandy Curry

Uniform Shop
Tuesday  8.45-9.15am
Renee Slingo  Becky Gilbert
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

Students will again have the opportunity to participate in the University of New South Wales Competitions in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. All competitions are open to students from Years 3-6.

Please note that Year 2 can participate this year, but only in English and Maths.

The cost involved for each competition is outlined below. Please check the dates for each competition as refunds are unable to be given if your child is unable to attend.

- Computer Skills – Tuesday 20 May ($8.80)
- Science – Wednesday 4 June ($8.80)
- Spelling – Tuesday 17 June ($12.10)
- Writing – Monday 16 to Friday June 20 ($18.70)
- English – Tuesday 29 July ($8.80)
- Mathematics – Tuesday 12 August ($8.80)

If you have any enquiries regarding the competitions please contact Rob Lord

BOOK CLUB – Issue 2: Orders due by 7 March

Today, your child will be bringing home Book Club order forms from Scholastic Australia. Scholastic Book Club provides a great opportunity to buy attractive and affordable books for your child or as gifts for others. Our library and classrooms benefit from any purchases made by parents and teachers with free books and/or ones at reduced prices offered to our school.

Books can be purchased from any Book Club issue, offered at least four times a year, so it is up to you if/when you wish to buy some. Should you wish to purchase any books, please return the order forms in an envelope (with the correct money inside) to the green box in the library. Credit card details or cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia are preferable to cash. If you have any queries regarding Book Club, please see me before or after school.

Thank you. Tracey Lovat

ROCK BAND Auditions

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who have been selected for the WSPS contemporary Rock Band for 2014...

- Christy Allen / vocals
- Jessica McDonald piano/vocals
- Isla Graham /vocals
- Josh Tipper guitar/vocals
- Ed Schmitzer / Bass
- Jayden Allen / guitar
- Zeke Gentle / drums
- Mackayla Dinh Yr 6 vocals
- Kelly Mitchell/ guitar
- Jayda Moloney / vocals
- Finn Kingston /drums

NEW: ROCK BAND PASS !!!!

This year some students who missed out on Rock Band selection, will occasionally be given a special ROCK BAND PASS which will entitle them to one free session with the band on Monday mornings.

Thanks
Chris McDonald
**Jack's Quirky Corner**

Do you like baseball or do you love baseball? Well, did you know that Babe Ruth is the greatest baseball player who has ever lived. On his last home run he hit the ball so hard, he hit it over the roof of the stadium.

**Respect the Crossing Supervisor**

We have had a couple of issues with the crossing supervisor's instructions being ignored and lives being put at risk. We would normally address this at school through assembly or class discussions but the perpetrators were ADULTS. Please ensure you provide a safe role model for our children and respect the directions of the Crossing Supervisor.

**WATER FILTERS FOR CAMBODIA UPDATE**

This week we have seen evidence of both young and older hearts being full of love and compassion. Between cash donations and the purchase of filters, our school has now, in less than 3 weeks, raised over $5000 for the disadvantaged people of Siem Reap, Cambodia. This week we have had a further 11 filters donated. Thank you to the Thorburn, Steele, Watts, Greentree, Smart, Fennell, Schmitzer, James and O'Connor Families, Pamela Baas from Travelmanagers Australia and Jessica & Luke Hargrave. Thank you also for the cash donations from Airlie Matthews, The Duguid Family, and Joel & Sophie Greentree. We had an incredible donation of $1000 from a special member of our school community who wishes to remain anonymous. It was also beautiful to see two of our Year 6 boys, Josh Tipper and Jayden Allen, busking for Cambodia outside our school hall. These boys have earned $19.60 to date thanks to the generosity of our students who chose to throw their loose change in for the kids of Cambodia rather than spending it at the canteen. Such thoughtful acts show that we really are part of a special school community.

At this stage we have reached our goal of 70 water filters but if you would like to make a donation to put towards bikes, uniforms or school materials, please don't hesitate to do so. Please label with "Cambodia Donation", your name and "attn: Tracey Moloney". Thanks again for your generosity. I'm overwhelmed with pride after seeing what we can do when we put our hearts and minds into it.

Mrs Moloney.

**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.

**Smallong**

We hope you enjoyed the school leaders’ first edition of Smallong. We hope this will become a regular feature of the home school communication. Unfortunately there were no totally correct entries to the Quiz, so the prize builds for the next edition. Thanks to everyone who entered - answers will be published in the next Smallong.