Dear Parents,
Welcome to week 9. This week in reading we continue looking at summarising where learners identify and accumulate the most important ideas and state them in their own words. In assembly we continue looking at bullying and look at the role of the bystander and the responsibilities we each have in a situation of bullying. Congratulations to the Starstruck squad who have been successful in their audition and now join the show. We also wish the WSPS Zone Cross Country team all the best as the students head off on Friday to compete for regional selection. Don’t forget the Ethics meeting tomorrow night. We would love to see as many parents as possible.
Have a great week,
Ian Hamilton

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### WSPS Calendar

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**Cambodian Appeal**
What a fantastic final effort the WSPS Community
achieved. In total $14,053 was raised, which purchased: 1 cow, 95 water filters, 32 bikes, 80 solar lamps, 130 mosquito nets, 2 sewing machines with training, 30 solar kits, 60 school bags with pencils/equipment, 60 uniforms, 60 pairs of flip flops, $200 for school equipment, $200 for sports equipment, 1 whiteboard, 2 teachers packs, school clothing and 10 kg of children’s books.

Zone Soccer
Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected from a large squad to represent Crossroads Zone at Soccer. Of the 14 boy squad 5 are from WSPS. Well done to Jack Pandel, Zeke Gentle, David Wake, Alex Hilton and Declan Jacobsen. Congratulations to these boys and everyone else who participated in the trials. It is always very competitive for positions in this team.

Technology Practice for Kindergarten
We encourage Kindergarten parents to help support their children by allowing them to practise typing their names using the computer keyboard at home. This is beneficial for the students in order to build their confidence and increase their ability to access programs and websites.

Change of Bus Service
We have been notified by Hunter Valley buses that the Edgeworth Depot bus E228 (H328) is no longer servicing Douglas, Cameron, West or Longworth Streets.Wallsend. Anyone who uses this service is asked to use the alternative E222 at 8.00am.

YEAR 6 EASTER RAFFLE
Year 6 will be running an Easter egg raffle this term to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell/Year 6 gift to the school. This raffle will be drawn on the last day of this term (Week 11 Friday 11 April) at an afternoon assembly. We require donations of Easter eggs and baskets (big and small) so that we can create prizes for the raffle. Students will need to place their donations in a box outside of Mr Hamilton’s office.

Jack’s Quirky Corner
Cleopatra VII Thea Philopator
Born January 69 BC.
Dad: Ptolemy XII Auletes.
Mum: Cleopatra V of Egypt.
Spouse: Ptolemy XIII Theos Philopator. He was born 62 BC/61 BC and died 1/13/47 BC aged 15. Ptolemy XIV of Egypt born 60 BC/59 BC and died 44 BC aged 16. Mark Antonius was born 14/1/83 BC and died 1/8/30 aged 53. Cleopatra killed herself with a snake! It was a python! The Roman army was after Mark and Cleopatra so they killed themselves. She didn’t want to be captured. She died on 12/8/30 BC aged 39.

Congratulations Sam
Sam competed in the State Little Athletics yesterday and threw a personal best and finished 5th in the state in U 11 Boys. Well done Sam!

Book Sale for Harmony Day
SRC raised $146.45 from the sale of books on Friday. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm which is why one or two titles may not necessarily have matched the reader! Thanks for your support, SRC will be even better prepared next time.

P & C Recipe Book
Thank you Wallsend South Public School and valued friends for submitting so many varied recipes into the vogue-style cookbook. (Yes it will be a real book with no spiral bound). As we have now completed the recipe submission stage of the cookbook, we now need to confirm advertising sponsorships which will obtain significant ongoing community goodwill and marketing benefits as the members, friends and family of Wallsend South Public School use this book for years to come. We are pleased to have already received interest from valued businesses in our local area. For this professional published black and white advertising space businesses are asked to:

- email your business logo or advertisement as a high resolution PDF, jpeg or TIFF file to james.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au (min 300 dpi);
- Specify the required size of your advertisement (i.e. ¼, ½ or full page); and
- Send payment (cash or cheque made out to “Wallsend South Public School P & C”).

The vogue-style cookbook is being professionally published by Published Authors and will include premium black & white advertising space. Position Pricing is as follows: (Portrait format)
- ¼ A5 sized B & W page advert $175
- ½ A5 sized B & W page advert $300
- 1 full A5 sized B & W page advert $425

Please note the deadline for receiving your logo / advertisement & payment is this Wednesday 26th March, 2014.

We are still collecting deposits for the purchase of the cookbook. Please send the form below to the school office with payment. People have expressed many reasons for needing to buy so many copies of the cookbook including school memento gifts, glory box gifts, and proof of being a published author! We really hope you will support this exciting community project.

For further information on Published Authors and its vogue-style cookbooks, visit www.PublishedAuthors.com.au
Context of Novel Study: Afghanistan

1990’s

Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman

After twenty years of war, bombing and invading became an everyday thing to do in Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, it became perilous - with nothing to eat or drink and everything was bombed and destroyed. In 1996 the Taliban Army controlled Kabul and Afghanistan. They owned large areas of Afghanistan. They also took women’s rights away and women had to stay home and help the men. There was no education for the children, their world was virtually impossible. Everyone had to live under Taliban laws. Everyone was suspicious and they were forced to report their neighbours. Young soldiers held the power of people’s lives. Millions of Afghans had to abandon their homes and find safer places to live. They were known as refugees and lived in camps with thousands upon thousands of tents. Refugees from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan had to live in together. Babies were born in these camps, thinking this is how you live life. Lots of people had to hand their belongings to smugglers in need and desperation to find a better, nicer and safer country to live in. Emigrants travelled miles and miles away. Lots of them didn’t survive and passed away in the back of these trucks trying to find a better country to live in.

By Nash O’Neill