**Dear Parents**

Welcome to Week 5. My apologies for my absence this week. Ms Innes will be Relieving Principal in my absence. I have included in this Tallong an explanation of how Teachers are expected to mark a class roll in terms of absences etc. I would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes and read it carefully as we are governed by quite explicit legislation. Good luck to our Band students who will compete @ State Band Contest this Sunday. Enjoy your week,

Ian Hamilton

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**Uniform Shop**

**Tuesday 8.45-9.15 am**

Kylie Robinson  Renee Slingo

(Kristine Morgan)

**Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm**

Vicki Odgers  Kristine Morgan

(Louise Biles)

**Friday 8.45-9.15**

Tammie Jones  Nicole Crooks

(Kristine Morgan)

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**Canteen**

**Tuesday**

Carmel Stormer  Sandra Dart

**Wednesday**

Kirrily McMurtrie  Tammie Jones
**JACKS QUIRKY CORNER**

Toilets
Yes that’s right. Toilets. Otherwise known as ‘the loo’, ‘the WC’, ‘the crapper’, and ‘the can’.

Have you ever wondered who invented the good old flush loo? Well, let me tell you. It was Alexander Cummings in 1775. He invented a flush toilet. As time went on, other inventors improved upon Alexander’s invention. The main problem was the stinky smell in the sewers and how to make a toilet which didn’t leak the smell back into the houses. After many inventors tried and failed, finally an inventor named Thomas Crapper invented a pull-chain system toilet and an airtight seal between the toilet and the floor. Next time you are using your ‘loo’ you will appreciate this wonderful invention.

**Roll Marking**

The Department of Education takes attendance very seriously. Teachers mark a class roll every day. Children who are absent or late need to provide a parental explanation in regards to this absence or lateness. Below is an explanation of how your child’s absence is recorded on the school roll. The Home School Liaison Officer has the responsibility of looking into absences when they reach a level that may impact on a child’s learning. The school makes the first attempts to resolve absenteeism, then the Home School Liaison officer is involved if the absenteeism can’t be resolved and the final step is the child’s family is legally charged and the matter goes to court. Fortunately in the time that I have been at WSPS only one case has gone to court. If a child is not at school when the roll is marked they have a small ‘a’ put near their name. If the child is absent for a significant proportion of the day, as an explanation of absence is given (note, phone message, verbal, Skoolbag app) one of the following letters are used to replace the ‘a’;

- **A**- Student is away without explanation or the reason is not justified (as in their birthday, shopping, slept in, haircut etc)
- **S**- sick, Drs appointment, health related appointment
- **L**- funeral, religious event, misadventure, special event not related to the school, a family holiday the Principal knows about, doesn’t happen often – less than 15 days, and generally this student’s attendance is not an issue
- **B**- official school business (school sport, orientation days at HS)

- **M**- exempted from school ie The parents have actually applied for exemption for extended overseas holiday etc
- **E**- suspension

**Using The Drop Off**

The Drop off Zone in Smith Road is simply to drop children from the car and drive away. Drivers are not to leave the vehicle and I would ask that drivers wait their turn to drive off rather than leave from the middle of the queue as there is less risk of an accident.

**K-2 Sports Carnival**

Our annual K-2 Sports Carnival will be held on Wednesday 3rd September. The event is held on the soccer field within our school grounds. We would like to invite parents/caregivers to attend this special event to share in the fun and offer your enthusiasm.

Further details regarding the carnival will be printed in Tallong closer to the date.

We look forward to an exciting day, see you there!

K-2 Teachers.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mandy Jelenic and her Hip Hop crew. On the weekend they danced at the Australian Championships in Queensland and they came third. Well done ladies!

**Family Photos**

If you ordered a family photo they have arrived and can now be collected from the Front Office.

**School Banking**

What a fantastic week we had last week!! A Massive $1322 was banked from 94 deposits. If you don’t receive your book back by Tuesday of the next week please speak to your teacher. Please remember that you can deposit as little as 5c each week so you can receive a token to put towards one of the rewards. It is all about learning to save, not how much you save.
**Book Fair**

**Volunteers needed!**

Week 8 – 1.9.14 – 5.9.14

We need volunteers to help with:
- Greeting guests & assisting shoppers
- Assisting with sales of books
- Cashier table
- Promoting the Book Fair

**Fair Dates:**

Book Fair open for children to view in school time on Monday 1/9 & Tuesday 2/9 (no helpers required)

Sales will occur on Wednesday 3/9, Thursday 4/9 & Friday 5/9 (Helpers welcome & greatly appreciated)

**Fair Times:**

Wed. - 8.30-10 a.m.

Thurs. - 8.30-10 a.m.

& 2.30-3.30 p.m.

Fri. - 7.30-10 a.m.

Please sign up to help today!

Please return to the front office.

Your Name: ____________________________ Child’s Class/es: ______

Daytime Phone: ____________________________

Dates & Times I Can Volunteer:

Date: Wed 3/9/14 a.m.: ______

Date: Thurs 4/9/14 a.m.: ______

pm: ______

Date: Fri 5/9/14 a.m.: ______

(please tick all that apply)

www.carnivalfairs.com.au

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**GRA-HAM-ES TAE KWON DO**

Tae Kwon Do classes are held in our school hall.

When: Monday and Thursday Nights.

Time: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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CONTACT GRAHAM ON 0422 782 186

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Saturday 16 August 2014
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Saturday 30 August 2014

1-4 pm on all dates at Wallsend Diggers

Existing and new players are invited to register for the 2014/15 season. We offer a friendly, safe playing environment in a range of formats for boys and girls aged 6-17

Fees for 2014/15: $60 (mod 8's), $99 (T20 Blast), $140 (U10 & up)
(+ $40 for new players for club shirt and cap)

For more information contact Club Registrar
Stuart Cathcart on 0438 694096

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REGISTRATION DATES

Sun 17 August 2014 10-12 noon
Sun 24 August 2014 10-12 noon

First Day of Nippers Sun 21 September 2014

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Bronze Medallion (U15-16 starting 20 August.)
An Update: WSPS continues to help our Cambodian Friends to make a better future.

Romdoul School Project

After our school and community did such a great job raising funds to supply water filters, mosquito nets, thongs and much more to the villagers of Siem Reap, we decided to continue the hard work and it’s time for an update on what we are so proud to be a part of.

Jan & Owen Holbert, (my parents, grandparents to Jada and Max Moloney) have become Ambassadors for the Trailblazer Foundation within Cambodia, and we are working on empowering communities one village at a time.

There is a certain magic about the Cambodian people. They are quietly spoken, greet you with a smile and despite living in very hard conditions they get on with their life without complaints. During Jan and Owen’s last visit, with amazing support from the Wallsend South Community and connections, we managed to lift the standard of living in one village in particular. We selected this one village, Romdoul, in Reul Commune. The people do not speak English, and upon visiting this magical place it was soon realised that words were not needed anyway. After seeing the gratitude of these people for the contributions that we were able to make, Mum and Dad left there this time with the firm resolve to build a kindergarten on land that had been set aside by the village for that purpose. Apparently several organisations had over a period of years, looked at the idea, but never went ahead with the project. The village chief and the current school teacher, along with Ratanak, the Cambodian Director of Trailblazer, showed Jan & Owen the site and explained their dream of a three roomed kindergarten which would provide care and education for approximately sixty children aged three, four and five. Two rooms would be classrooms and the third an administration room. These children currently attend school in an area under a villager’s house with one young male teacher. Last year we supplied them with uniforms, school gear and flip-flops for their feet. Sponsors provided sporting equipment and teaching aids along with whiteboards for the room.

Once the school is built an inauguration ceremony is carried out. At this time the school will be signed over to the government along with blessings from the Buddhist monks from the area. I have booked my flight and I will be going to this inauguration ceremony along with my family in mid-January of 2015 to represent our community and see the amazing effects that we have had.

As the school will become a Government school, it will then qualify for food support through the World Food Program. Through this United Nations programme, the students get a ration card which entitles them to take-home rations each month and can provide on-site meals in the poorest and most vulnerable families.

So... Building has commenced. You will notice the photo attached below of the construction process. The double-brick, rendered and painted building of three rooms with a steel roof, verandah across the front, louvre-shuttered windows and tiled floor has cost us US $29,000. Two donors from our school community have paid AUD $1000 each towards this and the remainder has been covered by our family.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Tracey Moloney
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NEW SEASON COMMENCES
Monday 8th September 2014

REGISTRATION DATES
ON Monday 18th August 25th August 1st September 2014
Registration times 5.30pm to 7.00pm at Federal Park
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