WSPS Calendar

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Dear Parents
Welcome to Week 2. This week’s Tallong aims to give you as much information as possible on a number of school procedures that will assist everyone. If any of these remain unclear to you, please feel free to contact me at school for further clarification. Please take the time to read the email I have included on page 3, a true indication of our values in action. Parent Teacher evening is on next Tuesday starting with Kindergarten at 4 and concluding with Year 6 at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

Tuesday
Megan Leo Melanie Logan

Wednesday
Kylie Robinson Tammie Jones

Thursday
Kim Terry Caran Playtong

Joy Lord Leasa Gray
Friday
Leanne Sendjirdjian Helen Honnery
Sally Wilkinson Melissa O’Brien
Monday
Sandy Currie
Uniform Shop
Tuesday 8.45 am-9.15 am
Kylie Robinson Kristine Morgan
Wednesday 2.30pm-3.00pm
Nicole Crooks Kirrily McMurtie (Kristine Morgan)
Friday 8.45am-9.15am
Amanda Maguire Jo McDougall (Kristine Morgan)

Attendance
Children are expected to attend school each day unless they are sick. If your child is sick and cannot attend school you have a number of options.
1. Ring the school on the day they do not attend as early as possible,
2. Send in a written note as soon as possible after they recommence school or if they are going to be away more than two days contact the school.
3. Complete the absent note via the Scoodle Bag App. Unexplained absences may be cause for the Home School Liaison Officer to become involved. Continued failure to send a child to school is an offence and may involve legal proceedings.

Custody Orders and AVOs
If your child is subject to Custody Orders that impact on school could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the front office. This needs to be done annually to ensure the best care for your child.

Uniform
Children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day. If the provision of a school uniform causes financial stress in your home and you would like to discuss possible solutions please contact Ian Hamilton as soon as possible.

Procedures for WSPS
- If parents have a concern or seek information from school personnel the attached chart is utilised as a guide
- If staff have a concern or seek information from parents, it is done sensitively and acknowledges that a mutually agreed time is vital for successful resolution of issues

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<td>The academic progress of own child</td>
<td>- Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, phone, email or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues</td>
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<td>The welfare of own child</td>
<td>- For minor issues contact your child's teacher for clarification</td>
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<td>- For more serious concerns (including health issues), make contact as above and arrange for a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member</td>
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<td>- To convey information about change of address, telephone, emergency contacts please contact the front office and this information will be made available to the class teacher</td>
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<td>- To convey information regarding custody issues please contact the Principal.</td>
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Actions of other students
- Initially contact the classroom teacher for a classroom problem
- Contact the classroom teacher or Principal for a playground problem.
At no time should a parent approach another child other than their own to address an issue at school.

Allergies
I have been asked by parents of children with severe allergies, what position the school takes in regard to each party's responsibility. I can understand their concern as we all want our children as safe as possible when not in our care. WSPS deals well with children with special needs across a very broad spectrum. Numbers of children at risk of an anaphylactic reaction appear however to be on the increase and it is vital we support their well-being as a whole school community.
As a school, we have medical action plans for each child at risk, anaphylactic children have the option of wearing the bright green wristbands as a way of identifying their possible need for closer supervision. Staff are trained in anaphylactic response, the canteen has elected to remove nuts products from its menu, and parents are encouraged to maintain communication with the school about developments in their children's health. To make the school allergen-free is not possible, in fact to claim that we were would create a false sense of security. Children with any form of serious medical condition must be eternally vigilant, as must we who care for these children. As a community, we can assist by considering the foods we send to school. If there is an alternative to products causing reactions, I would request that we use it, but even more important is the need to discuss with each of our children the correct procedures for eating at school. These include not sharing food, having fruit breaks in a separate container to lunch and recess, washing hands before and after eating and notifying staff of potential risks. I appreciate your efforts to support each and every one of our wonderful children.

Kindergarten Photos
Each year MSP Photography provides a starting school photograph for each of our Kindergarten students. This is scheduled for next Monday February 9. If you would prefer your child was not photographed please contact your child's teacher.
Personal Details
If you have changed personal details eg address, phone numbers including work or mobile please contact the front office to update our records. Also if there has been a change in emergency contact details please speak to one of the ladies in the front office, or email changes to school.

Parent Teacher Evening
Teachers will be offering you the chance to come into your child's classroom next Tuesday evening, February 10, to hear about how the class works. We hope to see you there. School Council will be running a free sausage sizzle from 5.00pm-7.00pm, so you might like to stop by and have a bite to eat to save cooking? The times are as follows;
Kindergarten at 4.00pm
Year 1 at 4.30pm including 1 / 2 S
Year 2 at 5.00pm
Year 3 at 5.30pm
Year 4 at 6.00pm including Mrs Thorburn's Year 4
Year 5 at 6.30pm including Mrs Thorburn's Year 5
Year 6 at 7.00pm

Locked Gates
Our GA will be locking Smith Rd (except for front gate) and Granview Rd gates at 9.30 in the mornings and unlocking at 2.30 in the afternoon from the beginning of term. This is a further security measure for our students.

Children going to the toilets
Children are permitted to use the toilet during lesson time at WSPS, but we do encourage using the toilet at the end of breaks and before school. Any child that needs to go to the toilet is expected to take a partner with them. If we believe your child is using the toilet to the point their class work is suffering I have asked Classroom teachers to mention this to you for your guidance and the most appropriate action.

Fixed Equipment
Fixed equipment is not to be used before or after school by students or other children due to supervision not being available.

School Banking will start on 13/02/2015.

ASCIA Action Plans
Those students who need an action plan to manage allergic reactions or asthma are reminded that when they ask their doctor for the update, the DET require the 2015 version to be used and signed by the doctor (as per Safety alert #54).

Library News
Welcome back to the library!
Returning students will notice some exciting changes as we have had new carpet installed over the holidays and set up new furniture.
Library lessons and borrowing commence in Week 2. Students are required to have a library bag to borrow.

The borrowing allowance each week is:
K = 1 book
Stage 1 = 2 books
Stage 2 = 3 books
Stage 3 = 4 books
Please pop in to look at the new layout and ask any questions.
Mrs Lovat, Mr Lord and Mrs Chapman

An email I received during the week.....
Yesterday afternoon I was shopping at IGA at Elrmore Vale, just getting a couple of things but, as usual, ended up with more than I intended. It must have looked too awkward, or too much for me to carry as a gorgeous, young girl, who was wearing the WS uniform (aged approx 10-12) offered me a basket to help me. Not only did she see someone in need, she also did something about it.
I was left with feelings of such joy and I hope she felt good about helping someone.
Unfortunately, I don't know her name, but, regardless, she is a credit to her family and to her school.
Just thought I'd let you know.

Drop Off Zone
The morning drop-off zones are designed to get as many children safely dropped to school as possible. Please consider others when using these zones. As you approach the zone ask your children to prepare for exit, once stopped undo seatbelts, have children get their bags, kiss driver, exit on the kerbside, wave goodbye and the child then moves quickly to enter the school gate. It is not a parking zone, and by moving efficiently more children can access this area.

Taking Children Early
If you need to pick up a child before the end of school, please go to the front office where you will be issued with a yellow slip. Please take this with you to show the Classroom Teacher and then keep the yellow slip with you. You are then able to show proof of school attendance should you be asked by DET personnel external to our school.
BAND RESUMES THIS WEEK!

It's time to get things rolling again. Band will resume for 2015 and, as mentioned last year, there will be a change to band practice times this year. Band will take place after school Wednesdays (3.00 - 4.15pm), and during school time Thursdays (12.30-1.20pm). Students will be expected to attend both practices. Children should bring some afternoon tea for the Wednesday afternoon practice and instruments can be left at school overnight ready for the Thursday practice session. Pick-up time on Wednesday afternoons will be 4.15pm from the hall. If your child will be walking home from practice please advise us of this arrangement in writing.

- Any red Xmas folders should have been returned to school already. If you have not returned yours, please do so ASAP.
- FEES are now due. Please make a payment of $60 for your instrument hire (perussionists also), and $130 for conductors fees (a total of $190 for the year if you are using a school instrument). If you break this cost down you are paying $4.75 a week to receive 2 additional tuition sessions and a maintained instrument - super cheap!
- If your child has taken an instrument and no longer intends on playing with the band, please return the instrument and folders to Mrs Moloney ASAP.
- If you're not yet in the band and are interested in joining, see the note in this week's Tallong.

Again, if there are ever any concerns regarding band, please contact your band teachers, As Mrs Allen has left WSPS and Mrs Lennard is going on maternity leave soon, Mr Kandler has kindly offered his services to help out with band in 2015. I am so happy to have him on board and he is really looking forward to working with our talented kids. Mrs Moloney can be contacted via email on tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au if you have further queries.

Tracey Moloney & Trent Kandler.

IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR AWARD WINNING SCHOOL BAND?

INSTRUMENT ALLOCATION THIS WEDNESDAY

Our award winning Wallsend South Public School Concert Band is seeking new members for 2015. Children in years 3, 4 and 5 this year are welcome to join. No previous musical experience is necessary – just commitment, enthusiasm, and a desire to become a part of this fantastic musical team.

We have a range of instruments available, including trumpets, clarinets, euphoniums, trombones, alto saxophone, flute, french horns, tuba and we have percussion (drumming) spots open too. Children should be prepared to practise regularly, attend weekly lessons (organized privately) and to attend one band practice session a week. Band fees for new students will be $70 for conductor's fees and $60 for instrument hire for the year (a total of $130 for the year). If children have their own instrument, they are still more than welcome to join our band and the hire fee will be waived. This year new students will be in Junior band for the duration of 2015 so that we are able to learn pieces at a suitable level. During Term One students will be expected to promptly begin lessons in preparation for Junior Band Practice in Term 2 (this will be Monday afternoon after school).

If your child would like to join the band, or if you would like to obtain more details, please attend our instrument allocation which will begin this Wednesday (4th February) at 3.20 in Mrs Moloney's room. All interested parents should attend this meeting with your child (instruments will not be sent with unattended children), at which time you will meet with our band teachers and discuss suitability and availability of instruments. Your child will be allocated an instrument and, providing a $30 non-refundable deposit is paid, your child will take home an instrument.

If you have any questions or concerns, or cannot make it on this afternoon, please don't hesitate to contact me at school or on the email address below. Instruments will go fast. We have had a lot of interest and have given 2 instruments out already. First in, best dressed! I'm looking forward to meeting our budding Musicians.

Tracey Moloney & Trent Kandler
tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au

P & C News

Name tag fundraiser.
Labelling your children's items is a great way of making sure that whatever your little person takes to school will come home.
Bright star kids name tags, labels & other accessories is an easy way to tag your child's things.
They are good quality, reasonably priced, prompt mail out & look great.

The P&C are trailling this as a fundraiser, it's very easy to do.
All you need to do is go to the website www.brightstarkids.com.au, chose what you'd like, make your own designer labels then, once you have added the items to your cart and enter the checkout, please type the fundraiser name (wallsend south public school) in the "Review & Pay" section, under "Nominate a Fundraiser" at the bottom left.

Please allow a few moments for the website to search the database then simply click on the schools name and this will give the commission to our school.

Thanks
Carmel Stormer for WSPS P & C
**Noticeboard**

**For Sale**

WPSNS uniforms-
1 x16M SS polo shirt & 1 x16M long sleeve, 1 x16Y SS polo shirt, 2x size 10 SS polo shirts. All $5 each.

Lambton High Uniforms
(Year 7-10-blue)
1xM formal shirt (for school photos & posh assemblies!)
2xM sport polos
6xM polos
1xS polar fleece jumper
All $10 each or the lot for $80
1xM wool jumper $25
Ph Chris Clarke 0418428042 or e-mail cclarke@gpaccess.com.au
Thank You

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**South Wallsend Junior Soccer Club**

2015 Registration Days

Southy Hall
Croudace Rd Elermore Vale

Saturday 31st January - 8.30am to 12pm
Saturday 7th February - 8.30am to 12pm
Saturday 14th February - 8.30am to 12pm

To register go to [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)
Enquiries phone 0448 063860 or email southysoccer@gmail.com

Kind regards

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**Western Suburbs Junior Hockey Club** are seeking players (girls & boys) from age 6-13 who would like to play Hockey in the 2015 season. The season starts mid March and continues through to the first week in September. No experience is required to start playing. Children Under the age of 9 play a Modified/introductory game on a smaller field.

If your child would like to experience the fabulous game of Hockey, or you would like more information please contact Mark Virtue on 0423 295102.