**WSPS Calendar**

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<td>Kindergarten start full time</td>
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<td>Uniform Shop Meeting 2.00pm Band after school 3-4.15</td>
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<td>Canteen Meeting 2.00pm Band 12.30 Zone Swimming Carnival</td>
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**Dear Parents**

Welcome to Week 4. This week we have Kindergarten joining us for the whole day. Thanks for your attendance at Parent Teacher night last week. It was a fantastic roll up, the kids had fun, we only had 3 sausages left and parents have a much better idea of their child’s learning for 2015. Today we presented Semester 1 SRC with their interim badges. They will be the student voice for Terms 1&2 and we will achieve great things. See who our Semester 1 SRC members are, later in this Tallong. Our value at the moment is Random Acts of Kindness. Today I asked children to think about why they would do this for another person. Was it because they were told, is it because everyone else is doing it or is it because they have thought about it after they have done it to someone else or experienced it themselves. 21st Century learners don’t just do, they evaluate their options. This week we have two meetings you may wish to participate in, Uniform Shop and Canteen Committee. Both these meetings are held this week to prepare a report for P & C which is next week.

By now you would have noticed that as much as possible, evening meetings are held on Tuesday nights.

Ian Hamilton

Canteen

**Tuesday**
Carmel Stormer   Sandra Dart

**Wednesday**
Linda Greswell   Joanne Spratt

**Thursday**
Kim O’Connor    Megan Rinkin
Kelley Banks    Leasa Gray

**Friday**
Alicia Hutchings    Kristine Morgan   Naomi Bull
Leanne Sendjirdjian    Jacky Pree

**Monday**
Karina Currington    Sally Ellenor
Uniform Shop
Tuesday 8.45am-9.15am
Karina Currington Tracey Mahoney (Kristine Morgan)
Wednesday 2.30pm-3.00pm
Kristine Morgan Jeanette Nimmo (Kerrily McMurtrie)
Friday 8.45am-9.15am
Nicole Crooks Helen Honnery (Jo MCDougall)

Notes needed by school currently....
General Permission Note-the lime green one!

Western Suburbs Hockey
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.

SRC
Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to represent them at Student Council.

SRC 2015

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Interrelate - Year 6
There has been a slight change to the dates for the Year 6 Interrelate sessions. They will now start on Thursday, 26th February, followed by Wednesday, 4th, 18th and 25th of March 2015. Please ensure all permission notes and money is returned prior to the program starting.
Year 6 Teachers

PSSA Tennis
Congratulations to our 4 school reps for their efforts at this week’s Crossroads Zone Tennis Trials -

Madison Ellenor, Nick Robinson, Martyn Carroll and Alexa Page. Nick and Alexa have both been selected to represent Crossroads Zone at the Hunter Region Tennis Trials on Friday 27 February, we wish them all the best.

OXFORDS HOCKEY 2015 – Join the mighty red and white family and be part of the fastest growing club in Newcastle Hockey.
Looking for a Winter sport? Join Oxfords Hockey-the club that Miss B, Miss Kuranty, Miss O and lots of past and present WSPS students play with. Through sponsorship and fundraising, we subsidise our Junior costs, covering the fees associated with training.
All games are held at the Newcastle International Hockey Centre at Broadmeadow, so you don’t have to travel very far. Players need joggers, a stick, shinpads and a mouthguard. You can pick up a beginners pack with a stick, ball and shinpads for under $50 at Just Hockey in Lambton. Registration and Game fees depend on your age and team. Oxfords are currently recruiting players for the following teams-

**Modified – Girls and Boys u/9 years of age.**
These teams play a modified game on a ¼ or ½ field with 6 players. Training is Monday afternoons and games are Saturdays. Modified Hockey is going to kick off with a “Come and Try It Day” for anyone to come along and have a go on Saturday 21st March 8.30 to 9.30am. Games due to start on 28 March.

**D grade – Girls ages 9-12 years.** This team plays on a full field, with training and games on a Saturday morning. Games due to start mid March.

Library News

Many children have remembered their library bags and we thank you for that. If you are in Years 5 & 6 a special reminder for you to bring in your bag on the right day to ensure you can borrow.

“3 books a day...a thousand stories a year...a successful reader!” Mem Fox

Mem Fox is a retired Associate Professor of Literacy Studies (Flinders University, South Australia), and also Australia’s most highly regarded picture-book author. Her first publication, Possum Magic, is the bestselling children’s book in Australia. http://memfox.com/all-about-mem/extremely-brief-bio/

Other books by Mem Fox include: Where is the Green Sheep, Time For Bed and Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge. You can find them in the Junior Fiction collection of our library!
Zone Swimming Carnival
On Thursday we send a very fine group of swimmers off to Speers Point pool as they compete at Zone level for the opportunity to go to the Regional Carnival. We wish them all the best. The team consists of; Mathew Honney, Kelly Mitchell, Harry Leo, Isaac Dawes, Brinley Gentle, Chloe Cook, Taneika Davey, Bella Abernethy, Max Miller, Christian Sheehy, Sari Ison, Tulli Bernasconi, Koby Pitkin, Mhairi Hammond, Jed Chapman, Liam Cook, Ruby Bishop, Ellie Hanks, Thomas O’Connor, Brook Stewart, sRah Holland, Hayden Schipp, Emily Dimovski, Meghan Steele, Emily Ryan, Chris Kim and Ryan Chandler. Good luck Team!

Jack’s Quirky Corner
Part One of Australia’s Natural Disasters: Newcastle Earthquake in 1989
On 28 December 1989 at 10:27 A.M. an earthquake struck Newcastle. My mum was 15 years old at the time and spending her Christmas money at a jewellery store in the mall called Goldmark. My mum said she was terrified. My mum said “the whole floor shook and began to wave. People panicked and everyone ran out of the shop. At first people thought it was a bomb or an explosion coming from BHP”. Stunned, my mother immediately left Newcastle in a car, still unaware that an earthquake had struck. That was until she drove past the Newcastle Workers club, now called Panthers. My mum said “Devastation was everywhere. Ambulances and fire trucks were screaming all around us and the Workers Club had collapsed.” Little did she know that 9 people had been killed when the Workers Club collapsed. Driving through Beaumont Street, my mum said it was mayhem. People were screaming and there was a lot of dusty smoke. Sadly in total there were 13 deaths as a result of the earthquake; the 9 killed in the collapse of Newcastle Workers Club, 3 killed in Beaumont Street Hamilton, and one person died of anaphylactic shock. There were more than 160 injuries and 1000 people were homeless. Sadly, Newcastle lost many beautiful historic buildings. The cost for repairs following the earthquake came to approximately $4 billion dollars. I don’t think the people of Newcastle will ever forget where they were or what they were doing the day of the earthquake. Where were your mum and dad?

School Banking
Welcome back to what should be another successful year for school banking if the first week had anything to do with it! Last week we saw 104 deposits totalling a massive $894.70. What a fantastic start to the year! Just a reminder.... Please ensure your child’s correct class is written on the front of their book cover (near their name). Please ensure that the amount that you are banking is written on the deposit slip as well as the remittance slip in your book. This helps us to reconcile your amount. Please ensure that your deposit slip has been filled out with your name, student id, date and the amount you are banking. By filling these in helps us immensely as you could probably imagine with this amount of banking takes a lot of time from our precious volunteers and every little bit helps. If you are banking a lot of coin then please place in a zip lock bag so it doesn’t fall out and get lost. By banking every week you are allowing the school to earn 5% of deposits plus $5 for every new account opened. Read below how much we raised for the school from banking in 2014. Please remember that we are volunteers who have given up our time to help process your child’s banking. If you have any problems or questions, then please drop a note into the office for our collection on Friday. Term 4, 2014 raised $281.94 giving a grand total of $1413.23 for the year! This is an outstanding amount. A total of $22,164.75 was deposited in 2014 and a total of 65 new accounts were opened!! Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to Julie Vernon who has stepped down from volunteering with school banking. Julie has been with us 4 years. We welcome 3 new ladies!

Congratulations and Good luck
This week we send our best wishes to the WSPS students who are competing in the State Cup Touch Football in Port Macquarie next weekend. The players involved are Madelyn Stevens, Jorja Brown, Mackenzie Porter, Luke Bull and Sunny Mitchell. We wish them all the best!

Claim the Date
School Photos May 27 & 28, Week 6 Term 2.

Where’s Wallys
Wallys was seen at Harry Potter World in the holidays with Mhairi & Sky Hammond. Wallys was showing his “I love to read” side. Thanks for encouraging Wallys’s cultural side girls!
Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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<td>Catch-up day</td>
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