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Staff Changes
Nil this week

Important Notes
Purple First Aid note

Important Diary Dates
February 15 Parent Teacher Night

Dear Parents
Welcome to Week 3. This Tallong is full of information, so settle back with a cuppa and read about what is going on at WSPS. 2011 is going to be a great year, where we as a team will work our very hardest to give your child every opportunity to succeed across the curriculum.

Ian Hamilton

Classes for 2011

| Classes            | 2G    | 2M     | 3J     | 3H    | 3K     | 4L     | 4S     | 4 / 5S | 5L    | 5D     | 5B     | 6B     | 6L     | 6O'S   | Deputy Principal | Ms Innes | Reading Recovery | Mrs Lovat (Assistant Principal rel) | Librarian | ESL and STLA | Mrs Dixon | Computers | Mrs Bradshaw | RFF | Mr Bradshaw and Mrs Morris | Office | Mrs Murray (SAM) | Mrs Mayers and Mrs Davey | Grounds | Mr Godfrey | School Counsellors | Mrs Sacchetti and Mr Swain |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| KW                 | Mrs Webber and Farmer            |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| KK                 | Mr Kandler                       |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| KM                 | Mrs Matthews                     |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| KD                 | Mrs Durbin                       |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| 1J                 | Mrs Jackson                      |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| 1S                 | Mrs Serjeant                     |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| 1M                 | Mrs Moloney and Mrs Hussain      |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
| 2P                 | Mrs Pike (Assistant Principal rel)|        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |                |          |               |                        |           |             |               |                       |                      |                  |                         |
**Wallsend South Ps - Tallong Newsletter**

**Canteen**

**Tuesday**
Kim O'Connor    Kelley Banks    Megan Rinkin

**Wednesday**
Kylie Brittlife   Suzanne Renna

**Thursday**
Kim Terry    Joy Gee

**Friday**
Lesley Kindleysides    Sue Siderovski

**Monday**
Nicholle O'Donnell    Meredith Flynn    Sandy Curry    Melissa Brunette

**Custody Orders**
As these orders can change from year to year, I would ask that anyone who has children at WSPS who are subject to the impact of Custody Orders / AVO's etc that you bring them into school and discuss how we can support their implementation. If the orders do not affect children at school there is no need to bring them in.

**Attendance**
Last year we had our first prosecution of a family whose children were habitually absent from school. This year we are asking with greater emphasis that unless your child is sick, or family matters give you no other choice than to keep your child from school on a particular day, that your child attends school each day including arrival before school starts and remain at school for the whole day. The educational benefits of regular attendance are obvious but there is also the importance of developing social patterns as well. If we can be of any assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to see us.

**Pick up and Go**
Before we ask for interested people wishing to apply for this service I would ask that any families who no longer need the service please notify the school. This will determine the number, if any, of new families that may join the scheme.

**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 in the most appropriate action.

**Facebook**
Unfortunately we have already had a problem with senior girls involving their use of Facebook. I have been asked for my thoughts on children using Facebook. Firstly we are a school that heavily promotes values and one of the most important values we promote is integrity. This is where we have our first mismatch as I believe the age for the use of Facebook is thirteen and users have to say they are 13, so this is something difficult for us to reconcile. Secondly as we all know electronic communication is fairly unforgiving with emotions and an ‘innocent’ comment can be misinterpreted if the user isn’t mature enough to understand the intention. Thirdly stories spread at the speed of light and before long what was known to one is known to many. As parents it is your right to have your children involved with Facebook or not but as a school we have told children that Facebook issues will not be the responsibility of school and will need to be dealt with by parents not the school.

**Canteen News**
A new menu will be produced soon, in the meantime please follow the 2010 menu. If you have volunteered for Canteen duty this year and haven’t received a roster, please pick one up from the Canteen.

**Use of Car park Gates**
Please remind your children that in normal circumstances the car park gates are out of bounds for pedestrian access.

**Dogs at School**
I would ask that dogs do not come into the school grounds. We cannot assume that all children are comfortable around dogs and as the children are the priority I ask that dogs do not come into the school grounds or are present near the gates at student arrival and departure times.

**Parent Volunteer Needed**
One of our Primary Classes is in desperate need of a parent / grandparent / out of work politician etc to assist with a reading program for a child at 11.20 for half an hour three days per week. If you can assist please contact Ian Hamilton at school as soon as possible.

**Whooping Cough**
We have a reported case of Whooping Cough at school. Please be aware if your child exhibits symptoms and speak with your local doctor.
**Allergies**
I have again been asked by parents of children with severe allergies, what position the school takes in regard to their 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 wrist bands as a way of identifying their possible need for closer supervision, staff are trained in anaphylactic response, the canteen has elected to remove nut 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 nut products 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, washing hands before and after eating and notifying staff of potential risks. I appreciate your efforts to support each and every one of the wonderful children at WSPS.

**Student Information regarding Allergies and Allergic Reactions**
Accompanying this week’s Tallong is a purple sheet that we need completed with current medical information for your child. This form is extremely important as it is used when first aid is required. Could you please complete one sheet for each of your children and return the sheets to the Front Office as soon as possible.

**P & C News**
Welcome to 2011. Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 1st March. We meet in the library at 7pm for about an hour. For those new to the school, our meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month, depending on the school calendar. We would love to see some new faces amongst our regular committee members.

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**Uniform Shop** - First week of term was fairly hectic and as a result the uniform shop was open every day. We also had a large delivery of stock during the week, so anyone still waiting on shirts and hats please come and see us. The uniform shop is open Tuesdays 8.45am-9.15am, Wednesdays 2.30pm - 3.00pm and Fridays 8.45am - 9.15am. Uniform order forms are available at both the uniform shop and the school office for those parents who are not able to visit during these hours.

We would welcome any new volunteers to work in both the canteen and/or uniform shop. Please complete the forms attached if you are interested. Forms can be returned to the office.

Kind Regards
Sally Conley
P & C President

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I would be interested in volunteering to work in the canteen on the following day:
(please circle)

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday
Thursday  Friday

I am available either:
(please circle)

Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly
Once a term

Name:_________________________

Contact Phone Number:____________

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Want to play football?
The Wallsend Football Club – Juniors would like to welcome all players for the 2011 season. We offer a family friendly environment for our members to participate in this great game.

The small sided games for season 2010 will include U/6s, U/7s, U/8s, U/9s & U10s, once again offering an opportunity for all players to be involved in the game.

Registrations are to be completed online this year. Please contact the under mentioned for information & instructions. Bring the invoice to our registration days for payment & acceptance. No payment accepted online only at our registration days below. If you are having trouble obtaining the players FFA number, please contact Kim Lockwood or myself.

Registrations will be taken at Wallsend Plaza on the following dates:
Saturday - 9am - 1pm Jan 29 & Feb 5 & 19

Registration fees for the 2011 season
5-9 year olds - $115
10 year olds - $125
10-18 year olds - $135
Senior (All Age) - $240

Discount for families: 2nd player - $5 off registration; 3rd player - $10 off registration fee
Fees include referee fees for the season.

Yours in Sport,
Ross Hicks (President)
Kim Lockwood (Secretary)
Phone: 49550670
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Mob: 0413319533
Book Club
Scholastic Book Club provides an opportunity for parents to purchase good quality literature at affordable prices. The library benefits by receiving a commission on orders. There is no compulsion to make any purchases. If you do decide to make an order you can please place the order in an envelope with your child's name and class and the exact money. Scholastic allows you to either use cash, credit card by phone (my preferred option) or cheque made out to Scholastic. Orders should be bought to the library and placed in the box labelled Book Club Orders. The books usually take a week to return to school and are given to the student to take home. You can request that your child not be given the order if you wish to keep the books as gifts. There is a book club order each term except third term when we hold our annual Book Fair. Your child should bring home the first book club brochure this week and orders should be placed with me by Thursday, 24 February. Any more information needed please see me.

Peta Finnane
Teacher Librarian

Parent Teacher Evening
You are cordially invited to your child’s class on the afternoon / evening of February 15 to hear about what goes on in the classroom. A range of topics will be spoken about as well as having timetables available for you to book a parent teacher interview for Term 1. The location for each meeting is the Classroom and the times are as follows;
Kindergarten 4.00pm
Year 1 4.30pm
Year 2 5.00pm
Year 3 5.30pm
Year 4 6.00pm
Year 5 6.30pm
Year 6 7.00pm
There will be a free sausage sizzle running from 4.30 and you are invited to sit for a while and catch up with some other parents.
We look forward to seeing you there.

House Captains
Congratulations to the following students who were elected at our first house meeting last Friday:

Allyn
Clare Muxlow  (Captain)
James Carathanassiss  (Captain)
Betsie Shaw  (Vice Captain)
Jacob Lucas  (Vice Captain)

Goulburn
Sienna Chapman  (Captain)
Jesse Andrews  (Captain)
India Kingston  (Vice Captain)
Liam Dorricott  (Vice Captain)

Hunter
Tomika Fuller  (Captain)
Jarred Baker  (Captain)
Sarah Armstrong  (Vice Captain)
Matthew Kennedy  (Vice Captain)

Paterson
Lucy Bromhead  (Captain)
Kai Chapman  (Captain)
Beatrice Fraser  (Vice Captain)
Joe Parkes  (Vice Captain)

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR BAND 2011.
Thank you to those families who expressed interest in their child joining the band this year. If you are still interested please send a note/email to Mrs Moloney by Wednesday of this week. Those children who have returned a note will receive a band information booklet this week, which outlines everything about band and includes a final consent form. Instruments will be allocated with our conductor Alison Tonkin, on Thursday 17th February straight after school (3.15pm) in Mrs Moloney's room and we ask that on this afternoon you return the final note along with a non-refundable deposit of $25 (half of the $50 instrument hire fee for the year) which helps with insurance and any repairs of the instrument.
More band information will be given and questions answered on pick-up afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing you with your child, however if you have any problems making this afternoon information session we ask that you contact Mrs Moloney at the school (49559963) of via email (tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au) prior to the date.

Tracey Moloney & Marg Bramble.

BAND PRACTICE RESUMES TOMORROW
Tomorrow morning will be the first of our 2011 Band Practices and we are looking forward to seeing you all! Remember that band practice will kick off nice and early 8.10am for setup and 8.15am start. Please bring folders, instruments and all extras needed for your instrument. Our regular practice times will be 8.10am Tuesday Mornings and 3.15pm Wednesday afternoons. Any students who are not continuing band in 2011 should return all instruments and folders this week ready to be redistributed. See you all bright and early in the morning!
Mrs Moloney & Mrs Bramble.