## Calendar

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## Staff Changes-nil

### Important Notes

- **Term Costs**
- **Important Diary Dates**
  - Grandfriends Day March 30
  - Zone Swimming Carnival Feb 24
  - P&C March 1 at 7.00 Library
  - School Council March 1 at 6.00pm
  - Library

Dear Parents

Into Week 4 already! This week we welcome you to parent Teacher evening. This is a chance to meet your child’s teacher, hear about what is happening in class and if you wish, make an appointment for a Parent / Teacher interview. With this Tallong will be your notification of Term Costs for Term 1. Included in this cost is a stationery fee. This contribution is requested once per year to cover incidental expenses of stationery, printing, art supplies, first aid supplies, sporting goods etc. It would be appreciated if this could be paid as soon as possible. If this presents a financial difficulty, please contact me at school and we can discuss alternatives. We have finalised enrolments and at present we have 583 children. We have had to say no to out of zone enrolments for 3 weeks. We are comfortably in 23 classes, and should remain stable for the rest of the year.

Ian Hamilton

### Canteen

- **Tuesday**
  - Alison Kime
  - Leanne Jones
  - Rosalind Fraser
- **Wednesday**
  - Natalie Quass
  - Fiona Browne
  - Janet Parkes
- **Thursday**
  - Michelle Ritter
  - Naomi Bellears
- **Friday**
  - Leanne Gillard

### Monday

Janelle Climas
Natalie Fullick
Aneta Urdarov

A thousand apologies to K / 1 D

Last week we inadvertently omitted K/ 1D from the Class Lists

Parent Teacher Meeting for K / 1 D will be at 4.30pm tomorrow.
Flashing Lights on Grandview
We have been notified by Sonia Hornery’s office there will be flashing lights installed on the Grandview road crossing to make it safer for our students.

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 should you wish you have one. The location for each meeting is the Classroom and the times are as follows;
Kindergarten 4.00pm
Year 1 4.30pm
Year2 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 until 7 and you are invited to sit for a while and catch up with some other parents.
We look forward to seeing you there. Please remember all Year 5 and Year 6 classes are in the new building. 4/5 S is the demountable near the hall.

Rock Band 2011
If your child is in Years 5 or 6 and would like to audition for the school rock band please complete & return the form below to the school office. (Please note places are limited and priority will be given to Year 6).

Rock band members should have approximately 2 years training / experience with their instrument (vocalists excepted) and be confident to sing or perform at school. Those selected will also need to attend weekly practice. (TBA)

Thanks
Chris McDonald

Guitar Tuition

Chris McDonald Guitar tuition will begin on Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th February.

Thank you
Chris McDonald

Congratulations to the following children who made the Zone Swimming Team
The Zone Carnival will be held at Speers Point pool on February 24.

And the Swimming Champions for 2011 are...
Junior Boys Champion Junior Girls Champion
Chris Urdarov Phoebe Gray

Senior Boys Champion Senior Girls Champion
Matthew MacClure Tomika Fuller
Josh Urdarov

Mufti Day
The Department of Education is encouraging school to have an out of uniform day on this Thursday to support Disaster relief. If your child would like to come out of uniform (no thongs/sandals/, singlet tops) but with a school hat, please ask them to make a gold coin donation on arriving at school.

Thrusts for 2011
This year our curriculum thrusts are as follows;
1. To continue our improvement in Spelling and Writing K-6
2. To better address the needs of various levels in Maths including extending our top students
3. Ensure all that we do has purpose and results in positive outcomes for students
4. Ensure our teaching of technology is explicit, sequenced and meaningful.
5. Through our knowledge of values improve social skills for all students, supporting particularly those students who find social interaction challenging.
**Change of Days**
School finishes for children on December 16. Staff have available the following Monday and Tuesday for professional development. Rather than at the end of the year the Staff at WSPS feel training would be more productive throughout the year. As such the Staff would like to use April 26 (a public Holiday) and two evening sessions in Term 3 to undertake training. If this poses a problem to your family please contact me at school as soon as possible.

**Reading Recovery**
Towards the end of last year, our school applied for and was successful in becoming involved in a worldwide reading intervention program, called ‘Reading Recovery’. Reading Recovery has been supported by the NSW DET system for many years. The program will involve students from Year 1 who will be taught individually, on a daily basis, by Mrs Lovat, the school’s designated Reading Recovery teacher.

At the moment, a small group of students from Year 1 are being assessed in reading skills to ascertain which four children will be eligible to commence the program. If your child is selected, you will receive a letter from Mrs Lovat informing you about the program. We are very excited to have the opportunity to bring Reading Recovery into our school. It illustrates yet another way in which we are able to support children in our school community.

**Summer Hockey**
Would all children who participated in Summer comp hockey with Miss O’Sullivan and Mrs Harwood, please return any sticks, balls and shirts to Miss O’Sullivan.

If any children are interested in participating in the Winter season of hockey, please contact Miss O’Sullivan for further information.
[thea.osullivan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thea.osullivan@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Congratulations**
The following students will be representing the Wallsend Wolves Touch Football Association at the State Cup Championships this weekend in Wollongong:

**12 Girls**
Teagan Gee
Skye Godfrey
Zoe Godfrey
Clare Muxlow
Laura Muxlow

**12 Boys**
Jesse Andrews
Jesse Andrews
Jarred Baker
Joel Benzan

**Wanted Netball Players**
South Wallsend Netball Club are in need of players turning 7 and 11 this year. Please phone Anne Attwood on 49 516843 or Lorraine Shields on 49 558710 (after 6pm).

**South Wallsend Junior Soccer Club**
Final registration Day Wednesday February 16 from 5.30-7.30pm at the clubhouse. Ph 0448063860

**Presentation of Badges**
The SRC and Sports House Captain badges will be presented on Monday 21 at 9.00am assembly.

**Interested in Tae Kwon Do?**
Here at school in the hall Mondays and Thursdays 6-7pm. Ph 0422782186

**READING TUTORS – CAN YOU HELP?**
There are numerous students who would benefit from practising their reading and our class teachers will be speaking about this at the class information afternoon this Tuesday.

However we also have some students who need to practise their decoding skills and sight words in a more comprehensive program. Ideally the program should run five days a week for a term. If you are available and interested in helping for half an hour on any morning, please fill out the slip below and leave at the office. Training will be provided.

Thank you to our volunteer for the Intensive Reading Follow-up Program who responded to the appeal in our last Tallong.

Kerrie Dixon
Support Teacher Learning Assistance

**VOLUNTEER READING TUTOR**

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