**Monday Week 5 Term 1 2011**

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**Calendar**

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**Staff Changes**
Mrs Houston is away Wed, Thurs Fri, Mon, Tues and Mrs Moore will take 3H.

**Important Notes**
Permission note for various activities, (lime green) needs to be returned as soon as possible.

**Important Diary Dates**
Grandfriends Day  March 30
Zone Swimming Carnival  February 24

Dear Parents
This is Week 5. Firstly thank you for all those people who have paid their Term 1 costs. Please remember if this causes a financial difficulty you are most welcome to make an appointment to see me and we can look at alternative arrangements. This week we wish all our Zone swimmers the best of luck as they head off to Speers Point Pool hoping for selection to the Regional Carnival. It was great to see so many parents at school last Tuesday night for Parent Teacher evenings. It was great to have a short chat at the BBQ. A fascinating fact I did pick up was the number of dads that like to make Spaghetti Bol when mum is otherwise engaged. I dare say there were a lot of children eating Italian on Tuesday night. Congratulations to the dads for exposing their children to a multicultural meal!

Ian Hamilton

**Canteen**

**Tallong Via Email**
I would now invite anyone who would like to receive the Tallong by email to send in their address. I have deliberately left it until now as we have had a number of notes that have had to go to each child along with the Tallong that would need to have been printed off at home if only an email copy was received.
**Allergies and the Canteen Meeting**

This week we would like to conduct a short meeting to discuss allergies and the Canteen. We are fortunate Mrs Butters at the canteen has a number of options available to families of students who for health reasons can’t buy the everyday foods at the Canteen we have come to enjoy. If this sounds like your child and you would like to hear some options, come along on Tuesday night to the Library at 6.00pm.

**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)

WSPS Rock Band 2011 (application)

Name........................................................................

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Class..........................................

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Instrument or vocals......................................................

((Please return to school office ASAP.))

Thanks

Chris McDonald

**Descriptions in 1S**

By Joshua N.

After a combined modelled writing lesson of a description of the Australian flag, Joshua wrote the following –

The U.S.A’s flag is made up of fifty stars which equals fifty states. Liechtenstein is a very small country. It is in the southern part of Europe. Its flag is red, blue and has a yellow crown. The Japanese flag is red in the middle and white on the outside. Kazakhstan’s flag is yellow on the inside and blue on the outside. The Russian Federation is light blue, red and white. I love flags because they are colourful.

P.S I got a baby sister this morning.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

Children wishing to participate in the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge for 2011 can register their participation from 1st March. This is done via the

**PRC website:**


To log on children use their DET username and password. For new and younger children these might not yet be finalised. Please ask the class teacher if your child is uncertain of their username and password.

The Premiers Reading Challenge encourages children to read. The children are encouraged to read/or be read to, a certain number of books. At the completion of the Challenge children will receive a certificate acknowledging their commitment to reading.

The children should read most books from lists of books found on the website. Our school library and Wallsend local library have made it very easy for the children to choose these books. Our library books which are on the Challenge list have stickers on the front.

Children can complete their own online records or parents can help. The Challenge closes at the end of August and coordinators at school will validate the entry. Our Challenge will close on 25th August. More information can be found on the website but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Sue Farmer or Peta Finnane.

**Badge Presentation**

This morning we presented badges to Sports House captains and SRC members. We have published House Captain names but I know you would like to know who our SRC members are for 2011.

3K Phoebe Ward

3H Jessica McDonald

3J Ella Thursby

4L James Poslon

4S Chris Urdarov

4 / 5 S Madison Ford and Isaac Sefo

5B Ryan Bailey

5L Emily Mitchell

5D Hugh Fitter

6L Brodie Mc Naughton

6Os Mikaylee Biles

6B Tiarna Farley

**Coles Sport Vouchers**

Last Friday, we were able to place our sports order using the vouchers collected in the Coles Sports for Schools program. Each stage was able to order a substantial amount of equipment for use in the PE program, from egg and spoon kits to basketball kits. We were also able to purchase a second compressor, First Aid Kits for excursions and some walkie talkies for use during Athletics carnivals.

Thank you for your fantastic support and for collecting so many vouchers! It is not often we get so much for so little.

Helen Smart

Sports Coordinator
**Join St. John Ambulance**
Are you in years 5 or 6?
Want to make new friends?
Interested in fun activities like canoeing, camping, games, cycling, etc.?
Want to be able to save a life?
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, Wallsend Cadet Division meets every Monday night 7-9 pm.

**ROCK BAND**
After last Friday’s auditions, the following students are being considered for the WSPS Rock Band,

Yr 6..
Mathew Kennedy (drums)
Mason Dewhirst (guitar)
Kayla Jupp (guitar)
Jayde Corner (vocals)
Sienna Chapman (vocals)
Laura Berni (piano/keyboards)

Yr 5...
Lucy Witherdin (vocals)
Anna Bachas (guitar)
Lachlan Gibson (guitar)
Holly McDonald (guitar)

Our second audition will be this Friday 25th February in the school hall at lunchtime.
(Only for Yr 5 and 6 students who have not already auditioned)

Thanks
Chris McDonald

**Congratulations**
This week we would like to congratulate Elijah Harrison (triple long jump) and Isaac Sefo (Shotput) for gaining a place at State for Little Athletics. Well done boys!

**Where’s Wallsy?**
This week we can add pictures of Wallsy in New Caledonia with Jacob and Matthew Honnery and Blake and Emily Ryan. (Makes a wet day in Elermore Vale look a little sad.) Also Wallsy was seen at Lake Macquarie Arty Gallery with Mrs Smart and the Art group.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BAND IN 2011?**
Last week we welcomed ten new students into our band. Finn O’Donnell, Maddi Kime, Alisha Dimovski, Alexandra Tagarouilous, Jess Merchant, Seb Graham, Josh Tipper, Elyssa Hawkins, Tess Kinniard and Lucy Hanks all took home instruments and are ready to embark on a musical adventure. We are more than happy with the prospect of these people being part of our amazing Concert Band. No doubt there have been some sore heads in their households over the weekend! We will be providing a second sitting of instrument allocations on Wednesday afternoon of this week after school in the hall if your child missed out and is still interested. We have another 9 instruments ready to give out to interested students. On Offer are: 1 saxophone, 1 flute, 1 tenor saxophone, 1 trombone, 1 trumpet, 1 tuba, 1 euphonium and 2 french horns. There are also 2 percussion places on offer for interested drummers/percussionists. We invite children to come along with a parent on Wednesday afternoon to speak with our band director regarding instrument suitability. Please bring a $25 deposit which is deductible from yearly instrument hire. See Mrs Moloney if you require more information or a band information booklet if you have not already received one. tracey.holbert@det.nsw.edu.au if email is easier. First in best dressed!

**School Banking**
To assist all parents to complete banking applications for our school’s student banking program, Tracey from the Commonwealth Bank will be at our school to verify parent’s identification on Friday February 25 between 8.30 and 9.00am. All you will need to bring is a current driver’s license.