Principal’s Report

School Leaders

Tomorrow’s Herald will contain a School Leaders section. There will be a photo of our leaders, congratulating them on their position. They are already off to a great start. All of our Year 6 students hold a leadership position this year.

They are:
- School Captains: Kyle Hejduk and Harmony Rainford
- SRC Leader: Calogero Grati-Favaloro
- Sports Captain: Ethan Castelli
- Library Monitor: Boh Mascord

These students are also our House Captains.
- Pelican Captains: Kyle Calogero
- Sea Eagles Captains: Boh Dylan W is supporting Boh in his role.
- Kingfisher Captains: Ethan Harmony

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is being held on Tuesday next week. All students 8 years and over received their notes on Monday. These can be printed off from our website if you didn’t get one. They are also available from the office.

We will meet at school at 8:45 on Tuesday morning, have the rolls marked, get into cars and leave school at 9am. This should get us to the pool and started by 9:30 am. We will need support with time-keeping, recording and marshaling. If you are able to volunteer your time then that would be greatly appreciated.

This is a combined carnival held with Pelican Flat Public School.

For non-swimmers there will be a range of novelty events in the medium sized pool. Parents are welcome to assist with these activities.

Newsletter

If you would like to receive your newsletters via email, please complete and return the tear off slip on the last page of this newsletter.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic

For students in Kinder, Year 1 and under 8’s in Year 2, there will be a Teddy Bear’s Picnic on Tuesday.

P&C Meeting

The first P & C meeting was on Monday night and it was lovely to see some new Kinder parents there. The next meeting is the AGM and it will be held on Monday, 4 March. A note will come home shortly from the P&C about this. Please consider being involved. The P&C plays a vital role in raising funds for the school and as the saying goes, “Many hands make light work”.

Uniform and the canteen were significant topics this week. If you have a daughter then you are likely to be aware of the difficulty that the uniform shop has had in getting tunics and senior skirts. It is likely that we will need to find an alternative supplier and quite possibly we will need to make some changes to the tunic and skirt. Uniform is ratified by the School Council and purchased by the P&C. Girls’ uniform will be on the agenda at the AGM.

The canteen reopened yesterday. Jenny Haywood is in the process of contacting parents in regards to when they are available for the roster. If you are able to work in the canteen this term, even if only for one day, then please contact either the office or Jenny. Mums, dads, grandparents or even older sibling are all welcome to volunteer.

School Hats

We have got off to a good start this year with many students bringing their school hat to school each day. Our policy is that students have to be wearing their school hat in order to play in the tennis court, on the fixed equipment or on the grass areas. Students without a hat play under the COLA. We recommend the bucket hats and surf hats as they afford the most protection.

Each Friday we draw a Hat Lotto winner. The lucky person whose name is drawn, wins a prize of $2.50 to
spend at the canteen, if they have their hat at school. Hats are available from the uniform shop.

**Student Welfare**

Our student welfare system comprises of awards on consequences. Our full Student Welfare Policy is available on the school website, as is our Anti-Bullying Policy.

However, in brief, the award system is as follows:
Teachers hand out PBL tickets for students who are being a learner, being respectful and being safe. These are counted each Friday and the class with the most is the PBL class of the week. A name is drawn out to win the PBL prize of $2.50 at the canteen.

Each Friday teachers hand out Merit Awards. There are usually four per class, although there can be more if students have achieved specific expectations or if they have represented the school.

When students have five Merit Awards they qualify for a Green Level Award. When they have ten Merit Awards, including at least one for citizenship of some description, then they have earned their Principal's Award. Students who receive their Principal’s Award earn the privilege of attending the Principal's Excursion in Term 4.

At all times, teachers encourage students to do their best through giving them positive reinforcement for their behaviour and their work. This can be such things as a high 5, a handshake, a smile, a thumbs up, a 'Well done!' or a sticker.

The consequences system is as follows:
Each class has a chart on the wall with each of the student's names. If a student is misbehaving in class then they receive a warning and their name is moved to “Warning”. If the behaviour persists then they are sent to Time Out. The length of time depends on the age of the child. Students then return to their desk. A further misdemeanour and they are sent to another classroom for Time Out there. They will also get a detention at recess the following day. If they still persist in their behaviour then you will receive a phone call from me so that we can discuss what is happening. (In my five years here we have never had anyone need the phone call.)

This system is for behaviours such as calling out, disrupting other students or the lesson, or being disrespectful to the teacher.

More serious behaviours need more serious consequences. These may include detentions, picking up papers, a phone call home or suspension. In this I follow procedures as outlined in the Department’s “Student Discipline and Suspension Policy”. Aggressive and violent behaviour incur either a short or a long suspension. The age, mental capacity and prior behaviour of the student are taken into account. Suspensions can also be for pos-
sessing banned items and for persistent disobedience. In most cases the student gets a “Warning of Suspension” for a first offense. A suspension is mandatory if the behaviour is repeated.

We rarely have this level of behaviour at NWPS. Only one student was suspended last year for a total of 2 days.

All Merit Awards and detentions are recorded on our school database. Suspensions are also reported to the Department of Education and Communities.

**Absences**

There are times when your child may be sick or you have a family emergency and you need to keep them at home for the day. If it is just for the one day then a note the following day is all that is required. If your child is to be away a second day, then please contact the office to notify the school of the absence. If you know that the absence is going to occur in advance, for example if you are going on a cruise, then the school needs to be notified beforehand. You need to apply for an exemption for planned absences greater than ten days.

**Home Reading**

Reading at home is a very important habit to develop in children and we encourage all of our students to read every day. Students who consistently read every day generally perform better at school than those who don’t. We reward students for their efforts with Bronze, Silver and Gold Reading Awards. For every 25 nights of reading they earn a certificate. The highest level is a Pearl Award, which is for 250 nights of reading in the year. Pearl students receive a book prize at Presentation Night. We will be having the same books for recording home reading in as we did last year. Unfortunately these haven’t arrived as yet. While we are waiting for them can you please keep your own record of your child’s reading so far this year.

**Meeting times**

As you know I am a teaching Principal and am on class every day. I am available for meetings at the following times:

- **Monday:** before and after school
- **Tuesday:** after 2 pm
- **Wednesday:** until 10 am and from 2 – 3.30 pm
- **Thursday:** before school and after 2 pm
- **Friday:** before school

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss then please contact the office and make an appointment. I need to know what the issues are if I am going to be able to deal with them. Most problems are easily fixed if dealt with quickly.

**Karin Hird**
Principal
**Class News**

**K/1**

What a fantastic start to the year we have had in the K/1 class! The Kindergarten children have settled in well and the Year 1 students have been fantastic helpers. It is likely that your child is beginning to get very tired, especially those in Kindergarten, as the school day can be quite exhausting. Your Kindergarten child may also decide that they have had enough of ‘big school’ and prefer not to keep coming. This is completely normal as they adjust to the demands of the school environment.

We have begun the year by learning about the routines and expectations of school. The students have created some fantastic collages and enjoyed learning about the computers. The class enjoyed playing some fun games with the parachute for sport this week.

Some reminders:
- Make sure all of your child’s clothing and lunch box items are clearly labelled.
- Please send the “home folder” each morning and empty it when it comes home.
- Girls – please make sure hair is tied back each day.
- Canteen days are Mon, Wed and Fri.
- Library day is Tuesday – please remember to bring books back.
- Please let me know if you would like to take any of your child’s books home to cover in contact.

Have a great week!

**Teddy Bear’s Picnic**

Next Tuesday (12th Feb) the students from the K/1 and 1/2 classes (not attending the swimming carnival) will be combining with the Nords Wharf Community Pre-School for a morning tea Teddy Bear’s Picnic from 10am. We will be playing some games and having lots of fun with our teddies. Family members are welcome to attend. Please send your child with their favourite teddy and make sure they have their school hat.

**Band News**

Welcome back to the band in 2013! We are looking forward to an exciting year with many special events planned. Band rehearsals are now on Monday afternoon at 2pm as part of the whole school music program. Lessons are on Wednesday mornings from 9am, so please make sure your child has their instrument on both of these days.

We are looking for new band members this year, so please see Mrs Smith if your child (Yr 2 and above) is interested in learning an instrument.

**Donations Wanted**

The K/1 class are looking for donations of dress-up clothes. We would like any kind of costumes (please, no superheroes), work clothes such as chef clothes, hi-vis shirts, nurse shirts, button up shirts, scarves, bags, etc.

We are also looking for a small fish tank (no leaks!). Please let me know if you have one that is no longer needed. Thanks!

**Mrs Smith**

**1/2**

Welcome to all Year 1 and 2 families! We have had a wonderful week with the students in Class 1/2. We have an exciting term planned and look forward to sharing our news with you.

Miss Burgess will be teaching the class on Monday and Tuesday and every second Friday (alternating with Mr Derbyshire) and Mrs Halligan every Wednesday and Thursday. We are in regular communication about all areas of programming and assessment and value each teacher and parent's commitment and contribution to making our classroom the best learning environment possible for our students.

Please do come and see us throughout the year if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s schooling.

**Mrs Halligan, Miss Burgess and Mr Derbyshire**

**3/4**

Mr Westcott was operated on successfully on Monday, and while he is recovering nicely, we are unsure as to his date of return. Mrs Rebecca Thomas is teaching 3/4 until Mr Westcott’s return. The children have been working extremely well and Mrs Thomas is very happy with their work and behaviour.

**Mrs Hird**

**4/5/6**

4/5/6 are having a great start to the year. They are working well and enjoying the challenges of being the seniors in the school. We have a student teacher with us at the moment. Her name is Ms Boyle. This is Ms Boyle’s first practicum and she will be here for another three weeks. Can you please check that your child has all of the following equipment:
- Red and blue pens
- Lead pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Coloured pencils
- Homework book
- USB
- Years 5 & 6 also need:
  - Geometry set
  - Calculator
- Additional items that are useful to have:
  - Dictionary
  - Textas
  - Gel pens
Environmental News!!

It is fantastic to be back at school, I am positive that this is what everyone has been saying this week. It was great to catch up with all the students, and hear a few gardening stories from their own homes. This always puts a little smile on my face especially when they bring in their own home grown harvest as snacks to eat during fruit break, recess or lunch. Our main garden bed was well looked after by a couple of our wonderful parents to which I must say a HUGE THANKYOU once again. This year each class will be growing food in their own garden so as to supply the school with some free, healthy and deliciously fresh snacks during breaks. Hopefully over the year, corn, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, carrots, strawberries, mandarins, oranges, passionfruit and some others will be on the menu. If you can help with seedlings or any other compost for starting our seeds, feel free to come up and let me know so you can inform Kelly in the office. I am extremely happy knowing that I have extra time at the school after being employed for extra days. This week the students were able to taste the first produce picked from our main garden, Cucumber! This was kindly cut up into sticks and rings by the ladies in the canteen. It was freshly picked only an hour before and was eagerly eaten within the first 10 minutes by most of the students. We will have to work hard to keep up with demand, which is a good thing.

Building healthy habits

Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.

Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

Looking forward to catching up with you all over the next term, make sure you come and say hi.

Mrs Hird

Coming Events

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Happy Birthday to:

Billy 10 February

Highlighters

Students have all of their books and they are ready to be covered. Can you discuss with your child when would be a good time for this to happen and they can take their books home. Please ensure that are returned to school the next day.

Homework is handed out each Monday and is due on a Friday. It will include accessing the Internet to use www.studyladder.com.au and also www.mathletics.com.au.

This term there is a talking and listening aspect to each week’s homework. Out topic for the term is “Global Connections” and this is all about understanding Australia’s relationships with other countries. For homework the students are to watch, listen or read the news and then report to the class on one of the stories that they have heard. They need to report to the class at least once a fortnight.

If any of you are owners, or managers, of a business that imports and exports then it would be wonderful if you were prepared to come in and talk to the class about how this happens. Please let me know when it would suit you to come in.

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Nords Wharf Swansea
Physical Culture Club

Physical Culture is a unique dance sport for girls and ladies that combines
~ Fun ~ Fitness ~ Flexibility ~
~ Balance & Co-ordination ~ Good Posture~
~ Self Confidence and Dance Movements ~
All performed to modern top 40 music

For a closer look at our club go to
www.nordswharfswanseaphysie.com
Classes are held every MONDAY at Swansea High School Hall

Registrations for 2013 will be held on
Friday 8th FEBRUARY 6pm till 8pm
@ Swansea High School Hall, Park Avenue,
Caves Beach
All classes will start on Monday 11th February, with
times to be advised at registration day.

For more information
regarding this sport please contact
Nicole ~ 49 725 909 or 0409 651 953
Email: nordswharfswanseaphysie@live.com.au

Commonwealth Bank — School Banking
Is on a Monday at Nords Wharf Public School
Any enquiries; see Kelly in the office

Term 1 Week 2
Thursday 7 February 2013
NORDS WHARF PUBLIC SCHOOL
“Forever Onward”

ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: ________________________________

First Name: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________

Date/s of Absence: ________________________________

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Uniform Shop News

Now open on Thursdays 9.00—9.30 am

Correct Money is greatly appreciated.

We accept cash and cheque only.

New polo shirts arriving next week and we have old style navy sports shorts (Stubbies brand) $5.00 each (size 12 only).

2013 Price list is attached

Thanks Kylie

Registrations now open

Come join our friendly club at Althison Reserve, Pelican

Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au then come to the ground during the below times

Saturday 2nd February 10.00am-1.00pm
Wednesday 6th February 5.00pm-7.00pm
Saturday 9th February 1.00pm-3.00pm

Great value rego fees of
5-7 years $60 & 8-11 years $120

*Game season starts after Easter
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Male & Female teams U6 to O35’s

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PLEASE GO TO: swanseafootballclub.com.au

OR CALL WAYNE BROADBENT ON 0413719923
# Nords Wharf Public School Uniform Shop - 2013 Price List

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**Email Address Details** – please return by Friday 22 February 2013 to Kelly in the office

Name: ____________________________ Child’s Name: ____________________________

I would like the newsletter to be emailed to me during 2013  Yes / No

Email Address: ____________________________