Principal’s Report

P & C Update

Great news! Claudia Grati has put her hand up to be the new Fund Raising Coordinator. It is wonderful to have another parent join the P & C and bring fresh ideas.

You should have received a note in last week’s newsletter about the Canteen. With our new co-ordinators the Canteen is back to being open on Mondays. The children really enjoyed their taste testing yesterday.

Thank you to families who have already donated eggs etc for the Easter Raffle. Please place your donation in the basket in the office foyer. Your child/ren received raffle tickets last week. Additional tickets are available from the office.

Facebook

Nords Wharf PS has joined Facebook! If you do a search and then “Like” us then you will be able to see updates. It is my intention to use this page as a place to notify and remind you of events. At the moment there isn’t a lot there as I have simply been ‘playing’ with the idea and how to make it a useful communication tool.

It is not an avenue for making complaints or for making any form of personal comments.

I’d appreciate your feedback and whether you find this an appropriate and useful form of communication.

Educational Experience

On Tuesday Class 3/4 had a visit from Educational Experience. They brought along some great resources and took some photos of the students at work. A note has gone home. With your permission some of these photos will appear in future catalogues for the company. They have donated some of the resources that were used on the day including a pack of Aboriginal Art posters and a box of construction sticks.

Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country Carnival will be held tomorrow. The timetable for the day is as follows:

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Lunches can be ordered with an order form which was sent out last week.

Student Welfare and Discipline

As a small school we look out for each other and care for each other’s well-being. As such I’m very thankful that when a parent saw a child with a pocket knife in their possession earlier this week they confiscated it and brought it up to the office. It is illegal for students to have knives in their possession. Following the Department’s policies on student welfare I was mandated to contact the police and the school security unit. I also needed to suspend the student immediately. I have attached a Parent Fact Sheet to this newsletter so that everyone is clear on the regulations. This fact sheet was published in 2010. The wording MAY be expelled or suspended has since been changed to WILL be suspended.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

K/1

This week we have been training for the cross country carnival tomorrow. Everyone seems to have improved their fitness and I think it will be a close race! We have also been busy practising our sounds. Your child may bring home their ‘sound book’ in their home folder. Please encourage your child to practise their sounds (with the actions) and send the book back to school in the home folder.

Just a reminder about home reading – Please remember to send the books for changing each Wednesday, as it is difficult for me find time to change books on other days. Thank you for the donations of soap and tissues that have been brought in.

Have a great week!

Mrs Smith
1/2
This week our Star of the Week is Ben! Congratulations to the many students who have received a times table award from Mrs Hird. We are aiming to have as many students as possible receive awards this year for their 2, 5 and 10 times tables recommended for Year 1 and 2. Well done to Sunny who has already reached this level and is now attempting the Year 3 times tables! To support this learning the students have been working on skip counting with Miss Burgess in Maths.

Our 'Super Spellers' earning 100% in their spelling test last week were Evan, Grace, Renee, Ruby and Alyssa. Over the next few weeks we will be concentrating on words beginning with two-letter (Year 1) and three-letter consonant blends (Year 2).

Class 1/2 will be making and decorating their Easter Hats for the Easter Hat Parade after lunch next Thursday 21 March (from about 2.15 pm). Parents and/or grandparents are more than welcome to join us for this busy, fun and creative afternoon! We are asking each child to bring in a piece of cardboard for their hat and any Easter decorations that students could add such as stickers, pom poms, chicks, cotton balls, ribbon or any other collage materials.

Next week for news, students are asked to speak about their favourite recipe.

Mrs Halligan, Miss Burgess and Mr Derbyshire

3/4
I have tried to condense the homework to one page. With spelling the children should practise their dictation as well as copy their spelling words.

Encourage your child to read a little each night. This does not have to be aloud but you might allow a little reading time before lights out.

This week the trophies go to:
Working Hard – Bailey
Organisation – Imogen
Getting Along – Kailyn

Mr Westcott

4/5/6
In Maths this week we have been learning about fractions. The students are developing the understanding that 1/2 is the same as 2/4 or 4/8 etc. We have also been comparing fractions. For example 1/2 > 1/3. If you have the opportunity to reinforce this at home in a practical way then that would help the students with their understanding. For example— when cutting a cake or a pizza.

Mrs Karin Hird

Environment News
What a fantastic week of sunshine, helping our garden grow! This week we have seen probably our last crops of corn grow before winter, hopefully the cold stays away for a while and we get to eat it this season. Students helped with lifting our strawberry pipes off the ground and they have been secured to the original garden fence. I have recently purchased some extra fruit trees which are to be planted next week, 2 banana trees and a lemonade tree. We also may have a couple of apple trees donated as well as a Brazilian Ice Cream Bean Tree! This is a very unusual tree, yet it has what I thought to be a Paw-Paw like texture. Students have already been enjoying this at fruit break so maybe by next year we will have our very own Ice Cream Beans growing here.

I would like to thank the parents for the continuing support in regard to recycling: we have 4 brand new mini-Otto bins at school, 2 with red lids and 2 with yellow lids. Students can now continue what is being taught at home here at our school, which is fantastic to see. Please let your children know which rubbish can go in which bin and soon we will be a very waste conscientious school.

Mr D

~ Ride to School Day ~
Friday 22nd March

Once again, Nords Wharf is participating in the National Ride2School day, which will be held next Friday. The aim of this day is to encourage students to ride their bike, scooter, skateboard or even walk to school.

For students who live too far away to ride or walk, we encourage them to adopt the 'Part way is OK' strategy. This means they can ride their bike to the bus stop, or perhaps get dropped off at a friends house who lives closer and ride to school with them. We would love to see all students making an effort to ride to school next Friday!

Miss Burgess
Coming Events

Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 21 March  Hat Making Day
Friday 22 March  Ride2School Day

Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday 26 March  Easter Hat Parade & Book Fair
     (commencing at 1.30 pm with a performance from the School Band before)
Friday 29 March  GOOD FRIDAY

Term 1 Week 10

Monday 1 April  EASTER MONDAY
       Wed 3 April  T Ball Gala Day

Canteen Roster:

Friday 15 March  Trish Irwin
       Mel Pringle
Monday 18 March  Trish Irwin
       Wed 20 March  Jo Booth

Happy Birthday to:

Miss Burgess  6 March
       Beatie     16 March

P & C News

Easter Raffle!!

Will be drawn Tuesday 26 March at the Easter Hat Parade. Tickets have been given to students today. Please return to the office when sold by Friday 22 March 2013. Tickets can be purchased for:

3 for $5.00 or
$2.00 each ticket

Donations of Easter Eggs, etc are most appreciated — please leave them with Kelly at the office (who has promised NOT to eat them)!

Thankyou

Canteen News!!

Thank you to all our volunteers, both "old" and "new". We appreciate all your help. If you would still like to volunteer, even just for one day per term please call myself or Mel Pringle.

We are still selling Coupons for 4 for $1.00.

Thanks Trish and Mel

Uniform Shop !!

Kylie Fisher (our Uniform Shop Coordinator) has invited all new parents for a meet and greet on Friday 15 March 2013 at Catherine Hill Bay Hotel for lunch. Meet Kylie in the beer garden at 11.00 am. Kids welcome if you have "littlies". I hope to see you there.

Kylie (0408 838 007)

News Flash!!!

Due to the Cross Country Carnival—Kylie has decided to change the date for this get together to Friday 22 March 2013. Hope to see you there!

Uniform Shop News

Now open on Thursdays
9.00—9.30 am

Correct Money is greatly appreciated.

We accept cash and cheque only. School skirts have arrived for the Senior Girls
Merit Awards

K/1
Alby
Dylan
1/2
Nathan L-W
Cooper
Elsa
Savita
Bella
3/4
Charlize
Lachlan
Todd
Sophie B
Imogen

4/5/6
Hunter
Ryan
Ethan
Kyle
Beatie
Alyssa

Reading Awards
Cooper (Bronze)
Sunny (Bronze)
Charlize (Bronze)
Imogen (Bronze)

NORDS WHARF PUBLIC SCHOOL
"Forever Onward"

ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: ____________________________

First Name: _________________________________

Class: ______________________

Date/s of Absence: __________________________

Reason for Absence: _________________________

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Parent / Guardian Signature: __________________________

Date: ________________________________

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Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
No knives at school
NSW Department of Education and Training

There's no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances.

- If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.
- The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child’s wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.
- Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including jail sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

School policy is designed to keep all students safe, and so no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

- Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives are all prohibited.
- Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).
- In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.
- There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives. Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally and from school and TAFE.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

- The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.
- Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.
- It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for them to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.
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| Extras (Lettuce, Carrot, Tomato, Beet-root, Pineapple, Onion and Cucumber) | $0.20 |
| (Cheese, Egg)                                                           | $0.50 |
| (Chicken, Ham)                                                          | $0.70 |

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At Nords Wharf Public school we aim to provide a selection of healthy and nutritious food. Where possible we use low fat or light options.

When ordering food:
- Separate bags are required for recess and lunch orders.
- Order bags must state clearly the child’s name, class and order details including recess or lunch with money inside.
- Please ensure that all orders are placed in the box located in the office by 9:15 am.
- Bags are available at a cost of 10c each.

When available, the canteen uses fresh produce from the school’s vegetable garden.

Canteen helpers are always welcome. If you have some spare time please give Trish or Mel a call.
Trish 0419 293 927
Mel 0411 037 687

Thank you for continuing to support our School Canteen.