Principal's Report

Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who ran in Tuesday's carnival. It was great to see the students trying really hard and cheering each other on. A special congratulations to everyone who earned a ribbon.

The first place getters in age group were as follows:
Kindergarten - Joe and Allyah
Year 1 / 2 (under 8s) - Marcello and Grace
8/9 years - Joel and Kaitlyn
10 years - Stanley and Montanna
11 years - Dylan and Emily
12 years - Kyle

Thank you to Mr Westcott for his great organisation and to everyone who helped out around the course and with the lunches.

The Zone Carnival will be held early in Term 2. A note will go home shortly to all who qualified.

Ride2School Day

Tomorrow is the National Ride2School Day. We encourage everyone to ride a bike to school. If you live too far away then you could park closer and ride from there. Children under 9 years of age should be accompanied by an adult or responsible older sibling. They are allowed to ride on the footpath with you. All children must wear a helmet.

The students will rotate between four activities:
road safety + game
poster design competition
bike riding obstacle course
helmet design competition

We have a helmet, a t-shirt, lanyards as prizes.

Book Fair

The books for the book fair were on display this week and the students have made a wish list. Books will be on sale in the library on Tuesday from 12:45 - 1:30 pm. Please support the Book Fair. We receive a commission on books sold and use this to purchase books from the fair. You may also like to consider purchasing a book to donate to our Library.

Easter Hat Parade

The parade will be starting at 1:30 pm on Tuesday. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful creations on display this year. The preschool will be joining us.

Thank you to all the mums and dads who were able to come and help the students with their hats this afternoon. We appreciate it and so do the children.

Good luck in the raffle!

Home Reading

It has been pleasing to see the number of students who have achieved their Bronze Reading Award already this year. When your child has completed 25 nights of reading please send in their Home Reading book so that they can be recognised at Assembly. All children have received a book to record their home reading. These are yellow for Kinder / Year 1 & Year 2; green for Years 3 & 4; and orange for Years 5 & 6.

Times Table Awards

Our times table wizard program has started again this term and we already have two Wizards from Year 4 and Year 6. Several students have already earned at least one award. Well done, Stanley and Ethan C!

Students in Years 1 & 2 are working towards achieving their 2x award. They follow this with 5x and 10x. This is the limit of the expectation for these years. However, capable and motivated students are able to go on and earn their 3x, 4x etc awards. These students have a limit of 30 seconds to recite the tables facts.

Students in Years 3 - 6 start with the 2x award and then move consecutively from 3x to 4x and so on until they reach 10x. They have a limit of 20 seconds to recite each times table. It is impressive that we have several students achieving times of under 10 seconds (under 8 seconds and it becomes fairly difficult to understand what they are saying).

When we have a couple of Wizards we will have a competition between them at one of the weekly assemblies.

Dogs in the School Grounds

We have had several dogs entering school grounds in
recent weeks. If you are a dog owner, please take note of the following information.

The New South Wales Companion Animals Act was introduced in September 1998 and is about the welfare of animals, their owners and the broader community. Councils enforce the Act, promote responsible pet ownership and maintain a state wide identification and registration system, the NSW Companion Animals Register.

Under the Companion Animals Act, owners of dogs and cats must:
Be 18 years of age or over
Leash their dog when in a public place
Ensure their dog wears a collar and identification tag when in a public place
Ensure their dog or cat does not enter a food consumption area or wild life protection area
Ensure their dog does not enter a school or child care playground and any other place declared prohibited to dogs by Council

Section 14 of the Act particularly states that dogs are PROHIBITED in SCHOOL GROUNDS (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Any visitor to the school is not able to bring their dog into the school grounds but may remain with their leashed dog on the footpath outside the school gates. The exceptions are Assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired.

I thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

P & C President

We are still in need of a President for our P & C. The President is needed to sign cheques and as such we do need one very soon! The following duties are mentioned in the P&C guidelines:

As you can see the President needs to be enthusiastic and they need to chair monthly meetings. The President is also automatically a member of the School Council. It is not necessary to have been a previous member of the P & C. You will be supported in learning the role and it is not as daunting as the name suggests. Please come and speak to Jenny Haywood or myself if you are considering the role.

Duties

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being a signatory on the association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings (see Fact Sheet: Chairing Meetings) but, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting.

School Council

The nomination form for Parent Representatives on the School Council is attached to this newsletter. Please complete if you are interested in nominating someone. Nominations do need to be seconded. You are allowed to nominate yourself.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

K/1

Well done to everyone on their efforts in the Cross Country Carnival! I am very proud of all of the K/1 students for doing their best in such a long race. Thank you also to the parents who helped out on the day.

Our Easter Hat Parade will be next Tuesday and there will also be a book sale in the library. Please remember to bring your Easter hats on Tuesday.

This week we have begun a new structure for our Literacy session. The students are gaining more independence and able to choose the activities that they would like to do. We have had some parents come to help already and this is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!

Mrs Smith
1/2

Our Star of the Week this week is Alyssa! Well done to our Super Spellers last week; Grace, Tenille, Kaylan, Maddison, Sunny and Mary-Jane who scored 100% in their spelling test.

The 1/2 students have continued to learn about safety and this week discussed why helmets are important. In Mathematics, students learned about dividing pikelets into halves, quarters (and even thirds) to share between people. We also talked about Harmony Day and why it is important.

We were very proud of the students for doing their best and supporting their peers during the Cross Country this week. Thank you to the parents who were able to come and help with Easter Hats today. We look forward to the Easter Hat Parade next Tuesday!

Mrs Halligan, Miss Burgess and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

Today we began making our Easter Hats for the parade next Tuesday. The children will be given the opportunity to complete them over the next few days if they didn’t finish them.

A speech has been set for this term, “The Best Holiday Spot in Australia”.

In this speech the children should convince the audience that their holiday spot is the best in Australia.

The speech should be in the form of an exposition and have an introduction that states the opinion of the speaker. Following this should be at least three supporting reasons for this opinion. Finally, the speech should conclude, with a summing up of reasons and the opinion of the speaker restated.

Trophies this week:
Organisation - Jay (Very tidy under– his desk and chair bag.)
Working Hard – Kaitlyn (Trying hard in Spelling.)
Getting Along - Madison (Getting along with everyone)

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

The class has been working on completing two pieces of writing for their portfolios. These are: “Is Australia really ‘the lucky country’?” and “Are books still necessary?” For our Year 5 students these are important learning opportunities in preparation for NAPLAN this year. For Years 4 & 6, they are adding to their skills before facing NAPLAN again next year.

In Maths, Years 5 & 6 have been developing their skills with a protractor and a compass. If your child does not have their own then it would be very beneficial if you could get them one.

Our Captains and SRC leader attended a SRC forum at Swansea High School yesterday. This is a new initiative from the Galgabba community of schools where the captains from each school meet to develop their leadership skills and devise a project that can be developed across the different schools. I think this is a very exciting project and it will be interesting to see the ideas that our students come up with.

Mrs Karin Hird

Environment News

Fantastic veggie and fruit tree growing weather of late, just before the winter starts. Our students have helped increase our own little orchard. This week due to some kind donations we now have 8 trees that can hopefully bear fruit for us within the next year or so. Our com is looking very healthy promising us another harvest before the winter which I know the students will enjoy. The strawberries are growing a lot better than I expected after being transplanted and hung on the fences and our passionfruit is beginning to cross the whole section of wall hiding the ugly gas tank.

I have asked students today if they are able to bring me in an empty 1 or 2 ltr soft drink bottle which we will be using for keeping water up to our fruit trees. If you are able to help it would be very much appreciated. Furthermore, I am also looking out for some fencing / lattice work that I am able to place in the class garden beds in an attempt to grow climbing beans, peas, cucumber or tomatoes on. If you can help with this please let me know.

Did you know...

- Red plant foods, like tomatoes and watermelon contain lycopene, which is thought to reduce the risk of some cancers and heart disease.
- Green vegetables including spinach, cabbage and broccoli contain lutein and zeaxanthin, which can protect against certain eye diseases.
- Blue and purple foods like eggplant and blueberries contain anthocyanins, which protect against cancers.
- White foods like cauliflower contain sulforaphane which protect against cancer.

Raw vegetables can be rich in the antioxidant vitamin C. Cooking vegetables can release specific antioxidants like lycopene.

Hope you have a great weekend,

Mr D
Harmony Day

Hope for friends
Accepting others
Respect everyone
Manners included
Only laughing
Never fighting
Years go by

Days pass
Always friends
You need friends

By Dylan Wynn

Coming Events

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Canteen Roster:

- **Friday 22 March**: Anne Hutcheson, Michelle Groves
- **Monday 25 March**: Trish Irwin
- **Wed 27 March**: Gail Christie, Colleen Hansen

- **Ride to School Day** - Friday 22nd March

Once again, Nords Wharf is participating in the National Ride2School day, which will be held tomorrow. 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 friend’s house closer to school and ride with them. We would love to see all students making an effort to ride to school next Friday!

Miss Burgess

Happy Birthday to:

- **Mr Westcott**: 20 March
- **Harmony**: 21 March
- **Mrs Selby**: 23 March
- **Jay T**: 24 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
**Merit Awards**

**K/1**
Isabelle
Jye
Lyla
Nathan
Lani
Annie
Jaden

**1/2**
Tenille
Evan
Sunny
Maddison

**3/4**
Sophie
Billy
Charlize

**4/5/6**
Jack
Jesse
Jarrad
Montanna

**Environment**
Brooklin
Kaitlyn
Harmony
Keely
Charlize
Ryan

**Reading Awards**
Keely (Bronze)
Kaylan (Bronze)

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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.
School skirts have arrived for the Senior Girls

Thanks Kylie

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Attention new parents!!

Kylie from the Uniform Shop invites you all to a meet, greet and eat at Catherine Hill Bay Pub
Friday 21 March 2013 at 11.00 am in the Beer Garden

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School Council Nominations Slip (please return by Thursday 28 March 2013)

I would like to nominate ___________________________________________

For the position of ________________________________________ on the Nords Wharf School Council

__________________________________________  __________________
Signature                                      Date
Newcastle Youth Orchestra explores the amazing power of storytelling through captivating performances of works by Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Rossini and other favourite children’s classics...

Tickets available through ticketek.com.au
or call 02 49291977