Principal's Report

Disco

Our Year 6 students are organising our next disco for Thursday, 30th October. The K-2 disco will be from 5:30 – 6:30 pm and the 3-6 disco will be from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The theme is fancy dress. There will be snacks and drinks for sale. The P & C is also doing a meal deal. Entry is $2 per student. Sales will raise funds for the Year 6 present.

School Planning

A reminder that all parents are invited to the staff meeting on Monday afternoon. We will be discussing the planning process, the vision for where our school will be in 2017, and setting the strategic directions to help us achieve that vision. The meeting will be in the 4/5/6 room between 3:30 and 5:00 pm. We hope to see you there.

On Friday of next week staff are going to have time to work with me as we flesh out further details. There will then be another staff meeting where parents are invited on Monday, 17th November.

Finance Training

Finance structures within the Department of Education are changing. Mrs Wright and I will be attending training on Monday to learn more about the new processes and expectations.

School Stream App

We now have a NWPS Phone App, which you are able to download onto any iPhone, iPad, Android or Windows phone. Simply log in to either The App Store on an iPhone or iPad or into the Play Store on a Laptop device; search for School Stream, install it and then type in that you want Nords Wharf Public School.

As there are many people who don’t use Facebook, this is the perfect alternative. It is not a social networking site but a communication tool. The App is in its early days so please bear with us as we continue to become familiar with the application and increase the content. You will be able to access newsletters, receive alerts regarding upcoming events, access the calendar, and receive P&C related updates. There will also be the facility to download notes and complete absentee forms.

Thank you to the 22 people who have already downloaded the App. We hope that you find it very useful. Please let Mrs Wright or I know if there are specific things that you would like to see being included on the broadcasts. This is a communication tool to support our families and we want to ensure that it is meeting your needs.

P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C coincides with Melbourne Cup Day. For this reason it is being postponed until the following week. We hope to see you on Tuesday, 11 November at 6:30 pm in the staffroom.

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation

The first session in our Orientation program is being held next week. We are expecting 17 students as our Kindergarten enrolment. If you know of any families who are yet to enrol, or who are tossing up between schools, then please ask them to come along on Thursday, 30 October from 9:30 – 11:00 am. The new Kinders will be in the Kindergarten room, while the parents meet in the Library.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

We have been exploring different types of storytelling this week and responding in writing to them. The students watched a short video called The Little Boat. This video had no written or spoken words and it showed the journey and experiences of the boat as he sailed through rain, flocks of birds, a war zone, an island community as well as getting hit by a whale and having monkeys travelling on him. We have been focussing on perspective this term, so we took turns imagining we were the boat, the monkey and the soldier and we discussed and wrote about how we felt when each of these characters experienced all these things. We have also been looking at photographs and discussing what is happening in the picture and how each animal might be feeling.

Ms Hook
The Stars of the Week in 1/2 are Lyla and Felix. Great work Isabelle, Aliyah, Keely, Dylan, Felix, Sophie, Torhi, Joe, Alby, Brooklin, Daniel, Grace, Alyssa, Cooper and Koby who correctly wrote all their spelling words last Friday.

Year 2 also started swimming this week. A big thank you to all the parents that helped with transport which made things a lot easier. Swimming is for a total of 5 weeks every Monday.

Our class has also been learning the Music: Count us in song for 2014, ‘Paint you a song’ and it has become a class favourite. Our school will be singing this song next Thursday 30th October at 12.30pm at the same time as many other schools around Australia! More information about this initiative can be found at www.musiccountusin.org.au.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

Testing has begun in some areas. The students have been working on Mathematics and Reading assessments this week and will be writing next week.

We have also been talking about how text can be written from a particular perspective. More work will be done in this area next week.

Many of our children performed in the Choral-fest held on Tuesday. Congratulations to these girls who performed very well and scored first place.

Swimming began on Monday. The children were put into groups and over the next few weeks will practise their swimming, talk about safety and improve their stroke. Those more able swimmers will be learning life-saving techniques. Some children didn’t have goggles. Could parents please check with their child.

Mr Westcott

Yesterday we were visited by Mrs Bates and Mrs Fraser from Swansea HS. Mrs Bates will be the Year 7 advisor in 2015 and will continue through with the students as they move from Year 7 to Year 12. Mrs Fraser is the Learning and Support Teacher. Both teachers were impressed with the response that they got from the students and are looking forward to working with them next year. The transition for vulnerable students will begin next week.

All other Year 6 students will attend Hello High School on Wednesday, 3 December.

We had our second Year 6 Farewell dance rehearsal yesterday. The students are doing really well and have already mastered many of the steps. Year 5 & 6 students attend the Year 6 Farewell. It is being held on Monday, 8 December. A parent pointed out to me that I had scheduled the Year 6 Farewell planning meeting on a Tuesday, which is a surfing day, so could we reschedule it please. Could all Year 5 & 6 parents please come to a meeting in the 4/5/6 room on Wednesday, 5 November at 3:15 pm? We will need to allocate roles and responsibilities including catering, the Year 6 cake and decorating.

Year 6 students are running the disco on Thursday next week. So that it is a money raising venture it would be great if every student donated some snacks for sale and for prizes. They will then need to decide how much they are going to sell them for. The K-2 disco starts at 5:30. I will be talking to the students about who is able to assist with the stall at that time and then who will assist during the 3-6 disco starting at 6:30 pm.

Some of our Year 5 students have been attending lessons at the high school on a Wednesday afternoon. Today four students attended for drama and for HSIE. They will also be going next week. It is really valuable that the students have this opportunity to have a taste of a high school setting and to also meet students from other schools who could possibly be in their class when they begin Year 7.

Mrs Hird
**Happy Birthday To:**

Alyssa  27 October  
Aamon  27 October

**Laser Tag**

We are excited to announce a laser tag fundraiser for the Band. Please read the flyer that has come home today for more details.

**Guitar**

I have received feedback from our tutor, Aaron, that some students are regularly forgetting their guitars, picks or sheet music. Guitar lessons are now held on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child brings everything he/she needs to participate in these lessons. Also ensure they are allowing plenty of time at home to practise their skills and songs.

Ms Hook

**Book Club**

All Book Club orders are due to the office this Friday.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPEN ON THURSDAYS 9.00 AM—9.15 AM**

There are rugby and long sleeved polo shirts on sale for $5.00—Must be sold!! Old stock.

There is currently no caps in stock. They will be available from 10th November.

Thanks Kylie and Tracey

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**Coming Events**

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| Tues 4 Nov | Yr 6 Farewell Meeting 3.15 pm |
| P & C Meeting 6.30 pm |

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**Our School Values**

Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Disco Meal Deal from Canteen

Please see attached form for Meal Deal

Pie, Sausage roll or Hot dog and a drink for $4.00

Please return form no later than Tuesday!

Snacks and drinks will also be available on the night.

Canteen Roster:
Friday 24 Oct  Caroline Ansell
Monday 27 Oct  Sabrina Moore
Wed 29 Oct  Bec Green

Class Awards

K
Wil
1/2
Annie
Jaden
Bree
Aliyah
Cooper
3/4
Jay
Savita
4/5/6
Emily
Charli
Lachlan
Ethan
Hunter
Aaron
Jesse
Ryan
Brylee
Jesse K
Shaylee

Reading Awards
Stanley

PBL Awards
Joe

Notes Sent Home This Week
Disco Meal Deal
Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Disco Meal Deal

Year 6 will be holding a School Disco, on Thursday 30th October.
The theme will be “Fancy Dress”

The K – 2 disco will be held from 5.30 pm until 6.30 pm.

Dinner will be served at the conclusion of their session.

Years 3 – 6 disco will be held from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm.

Karin Hird
Principal

Disco Meal Deal

If you would like your child to order, please complete the details below and return to school with your money by Tuesday 28th October.

Students Name ................................................... Class:.............

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Pie and Drink @ $4.00 Number required: ......................

Sausage Roll and Drink @ $4.00 Number required ......................

Hot Dog and Drink @ $4.00 Number required ......................

Total Enclosed:  ......................