Principal's Report

Disco

We hope to see you at one of the discos tonight. The K-2 disco is from 5:30 – 6:30 and the 3-6 disco is from 6:30 – 7:30. The discos are fancy dress. Entry is $2.00. A meal deal and snacks will be available.

The Evaluation ‘dots’.

Thank you to all of our parents who have added their ‘dots’ to the charts in the office. If you haven’t had a chance to show your opinion yet then it is not too late. Please come up and express your opinion. I will tally the results and publish them in next week’s newsletter.

I will be doing a similar activity with the students from Years 3-6 next week.

School Planning

Thank you to our parents who were able to come to the planning staff meeting on Monday afternoon. We now have our three strategic directions for the next three years.

These will be: student achievement – personal best; teacher development – staying current with new curriculum and pedagogies; and partnerships and relationships – between the school and the P & C, Galgabba schools, and with each other.

Staff will be working on developing these strategic directions into a plan over the coming weeks. You are invited to have further input into this process at our staff meeting on November 17 at 3:30 pm.

Computer Lab

Nords Wharf Public School is very excited to announce that we are in the process of setting up a computer lab in our library with 6 laptops and 18 desktop computers available to students. This will allow for classes to participate in lessons targeting specific computer skills, with all or most children in each class having their own computer to work on. Staff will be able to model skills on the interactive whiteboard before students practice them independently.

We would like to extend a very big thank you to Mr Ben White, one of our parents, and HK Joinery Design who have helped us make this dream a reality. Ben worked hard installing the work benches last Saturday with his son to ensure the project was completed.

Thank you also to our students and families who have raised money during the year to pay for the lab. We have been able to use money raised from activities such as Jump Rope for Heart and the School Concert. The P & C also gave a generous donation, for which we are very grateful.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

Each year our Stage 3 students enter the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. It is a challenging competition with students solving quite complex word problems. We have achieved excellent results this year! Congratulations to Emily, Ryan, Keeley and Alyssa who earned Distinctions; and congratulations also to Todd, Montanna, Jared, Beatie, Callum, Jesse G and Hunter who earned a Merit. Well done!

Guitar

Aaron has been disappointed in the behaviour and attitude of some of our senior guitarists in recent weeks. He has spoken to them about this and is hoping to see a big improvement next week. It would be very beneficial if all students in guitar were rehearsing regularly. They will be performing at the end of year Presentation Night and we want them to ‘shine’.

Karin Hird
Principal
Class News

Kindergarten

Students have been busy this week! We have continued to consider the perspective of characters in visual and written text, including short animated films. Ask your child about the films 'The Boat' and 'The Catch' and how the characters felt.

In maths, we are revising halves of shapes and groups of objects. We are also learning about quarters and that they need to be four equal pieces. Students have discovered that there are some shapes that can be cut into quarters in a number of different ways. Ask your child to show you how to cut their toast or sandwich into quarters at least two different ways.

We have been practising our Count Us In Too song, Let Me Paint You A Song’ and are excited that we get to sing it today at the same time as students from all around Australia.

Kindergarten are feeling a little bit more grown up today as we have the children from next year's Kindergarten starting their visits. We have been talking about what it means to them (eg they will have to move back in the assembly lines and the new Kinders will be in front of them next year. Looking back at some of our photos from the start of this year just reminds us how much we have grown!

Ms Hook

1/2

This term across the school, in line with the new syllabus, we have been considering the perspectives of others through literature. In 1/2, we have been reading 'The Pros and Cons of Being a Frog', looking at our relationships with others, which students have particularly enjoyed. Mr Derbyshire has also been focusing on diversity of people and places through the text ‘Whoever you are’ by Mem Fox. We have begun our end of year assessments this week in Year 1 and 2, which has involved reading, spelling and Mathematics.

We have enjoyed sharing jokes this week at news group time and next week students can have free choice for news.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6

Years 4 and 5 had their first meeting with their new buddies today. Mr Westcott gave them some coaching yesterday and will follow that up prior to the next orientation morning in a fortnight.

We have been learning about fractions this week and how to add fractions where the denominators are different. This is a difficult concept for some students and we will be practising that some more next week.

Mrs Hird

Book Club

Book Club orders have arrived back and are being sent home today. If you are ever ordering ‘special’ books (eg for Christmas or birthday presents for your children) you are welcome to let Ms Hook know so they can be given to you discreetly.

Ms Hook

Active After School Sport

Students in Stage 3 have been participating in surfing sessions this term and are having a fantastic time! Ms Hook has taken some great photos of our clever surfers. A technical issue has prevented us uploading them to our website. Until we solve the issue, if you would like to view them you may see Ms Hook.
Happy Birthday To:

Evie A 30 October
Alby 30 October

Choralfest

On Tuesday 21 October, ten excited Year 3 and 4 students set off to sing in the Choralfest competition for the first time at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre. This was a huge opportunity for us and the students sang beautifully on stage in front of an audience of parents, teachers and other school choirs.

The adjudicator was most impressed that as a small school we have a choral singing group and praised our rhythmic control and the contrasting type of songs we performed. As the only competitors in the Stage 2 small choirs under 16 vocalists section, the students were declared the winners!

Thank you to Mrs Battley, Mrs May, Mrs Smith and Mrs Thompson who were able to transport us to and from the venue and support us. It was most appreciated. These students give up some of their lunch time to sing every week and I am very proud of their effort and performance at Choralfest. Well done!!

Mrs Halligan.

Class Awards
K
Wil
Shontelle
1/2
Cooper
Koby
Isabelle
Felix
Jace
3/4
Bella
Eva
Ruby
Jay P
James
4/5/6
Liam
Imogen
Emily
Sophie
Aaron

Reading Award
Mary-Jane
Elsa
Tiahna
Sunny
Isabelle

PBL Award
Max

Green Award
Lyla
Mary-Jane

Notes Sent Home This Week

Guitar Rescheduling
Permission to Publish second requests

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Coming Events
Term 4 Week 5

Mon 3 Nov  Swimming Lessons—Yrs
2—6  1.30—2.30 pm

Term 4 Week 6

Mon 10 Nov  Swimming Lessons—Yrs
2—6  1.30—2.30 pm
Thurs 13 Nov Kinder Transition 9.30—11.00 am

Canteen Roster:
Friday 31 Oct  Kris Green
Monday 3 Nov  Aleisha Melder
Wed 5 Nov  Closed

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.

School caps are in!!

Thanks Kylie and Tracey

WIG OUT
AT THE WHARF
Nords Wharf
Community Hall is 50!

Sunday 9 November
10am—2pm
6TH NOVEMBER
LASER TAG FUNDRAISER

Nords Wharf Public School
You are invited to an afternoon of fun!
Nords Wharf Public School is raising money to support their Band.
Come along and have a great time with your family and support this fantastic cause! Parents welcome to play. All players must be 6 years or older.

Please return by Monday 3 November

I will be attending the Laser Tag Fundraiser at Laserblast, Charmhaven on Thursday 6 November 2014.

My child/ren ___________________________ will be attending, I am aware that payment is due upon arrival at the venue.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Contact Liz on: 0447 403 535

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Low maintenance – They need on 8mm leaves and just need misting with water.
They will live up to 15 months.
They do not bite and are easy to handle.
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Cricket Club

Contact: 02 4972 0462 OR 0466 915 960 OR 0432 630 891. For further details, see you there.

Get in 2 Action! Head Down To Quinn Park At 4PM To 5PM This Friday To Try Out This Action And Run Packed Program.

Milo Cricket (Milo Cricket)