Principal's Report

Ride2School Day

Thank you for your support of Ride2School Day. It was wonderful to see so many students participating. They had a fun and educational day participating in four activities: obstacle course, pedestrian safety, design a poster for road safety and bike safety. The day culminated with Year 3 – 6 students trialling their ‘protect an egg’ designs. Well done to everyone whose egg stayed safely intact!

Links with Swansea High School and the Galgabba Schools

Swansea HS have put a lot of thought into their transition to high school plans. This is an exciting, and nerve wracking, time for our Year 6 students. Next week they will have their first opportunity to participate in lessons at Swansea HS. These generally include the fun, hands on subjects like cooking and Industrial Arts. There will be further opportunities next term.

Sporting leaders from Years 5 & 6 will participate in a Sports Leadership day in Week 10.

On Tuesday, I went to a meeting to begin planning a new initiative; a Science Fair. This would be for selected 5/6 students and will involve students from each of the Galgabba schools. Students will begin working on their Science projects next term and then the fair will be in Term 3, probably during Education Week.

Aboriginal students will have an opportunity to be involved in NAIDOC activities next term and our student leaders will have the opportunity to join a Galgabba SRC group.

In Terms 3 & 4 there will also be opportunities for gifted Year 5 students to attend extension lessons with other like-minded students from the local Galgabba schools. Later in the year there will also be special transition programs offered to Year 6 students who are at risk of having a difficult time transitioning.

All in all a very comprehensive range of strategies to strengthen the ties between our schools and to make the transition to high school so much easier for our students. One huge benefit being that they will have opportunities to meet and get to know students who will be in their class next year.

Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Tomorrow is the “Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence” in schools and communities across Australia. Each student will receive a wrist band as a reminder that “Bullying: No Way!” is the expectation here at NWPS. All classes will participate in lessons delivering this message. The students need to learn to be accepting of students who are different to them and that whether you like someone or not is irrelevant, we should treat everyone with respect and dignity.

This week I have been speaking to the students about kindness and reminding them of the words we say at each Friday’s assembly, “I will be kind to others, I will always try to do my best and I will be loyal to our school.” Next week the focus will move to ‘I will always try to do my best’.

Cross Country

The annual Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday next week from 11:35 am. Please feel welcome to come and cheer on your child/ren. We will also be looking for some parents who are willing to assist with keeping students on the right track.

Following the Cross Country is a BBQ lunch. You should have received a note for ordering your meal. The P&C will also be looking for some willing parents to cook the sausages and to serve the lunches.

Young Entrepreneurs

We have some budding Entrepreneurs in our school at the present time. Imogen is leading a group of students in making wrist bands to sell to the school in order to raise money to support the RFS. What a fantastic idea! So far she has raised … Thank you to the P&C who donated leftover cakes and biscuits to support the effort.

Notes Sent Home This Week

Ride2School Day
T Ball Gala Day
Cross Country Carnival
Medical Information Form
Easter Hats for the Easter Hat Parade

The Nords Wharf Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday April 8. In preparation for this event, students will be making and decorating their Easter hats together at school. The whole school will be making their hats on Tuesday April 1 from 2.00—3.00 pm. We would be most appreciative of any parents or grandparents who could come and help us at this time!

For the hat-making we ask that each child bring a piece of cardboard (for the base) and any other craft materials to decorate their hat. These could be stickers, ribbons, Easter chicks, cotton balls, pom poms or anything else your child would like to have on their hat. Materials for the Easter hat can be brought in anytime to the classroom in a bag with your child’s name on it. We look forward to a fun and creative afternoon of hat making!

Star Struck News

Our school has been accepted to perform in Star Struck for 2014! Many thanks to Mr Derbyshire and Mrs Hird for filming the students’ dance audition and organising the DVD and also to the students for your hard work in learning the audition dance in a short period of time. We will be receiving further information about the dance we are learning shortly. We look forward to being involved in Star Struck with the students this year.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

KH has been dividing (sharing) maths materials into groups this week. We have discovered that sometimes we cannot divide things into equal groups!

During our Ride to School Day activities we checked the fit of our helmets, adjusting straps for a better fit. I sent home some information regarding the steps to checking that your child’s helmet fits properly. Please take the time to read through it.

We were excited to hear that next Friday we will be having a Crazy Hair Day! Look out for further information about this!

Ms Hook

1/2

Our Star of the Week this week is Nathan! Well done to our super spellers last week Isabelle, Aliyah, Keely, Dylan, Brooklin, Daniel, Alyssa and James who scored 100% in their spelling test.

Year 1 and 2 have been using sport time to become familiar with the cross country track and improve their fitness over the past couple of weeks. The students have been trying so hard and are looking forward to participating in the Cross Country next Tuesday.

It has been very impressive to hear the students’ improvement in reading so far this term! Thank you for supporting what we have been doing in class with Home Reading and congratulations to those students who have earned their Bronze Home Reading Award.

Next week during news, students are asked to talk about the kinds of food they enjoy eating at a celebration (it can be a party, Easter, Christmas or any other kind of special day).

This week we have prepared our class garden thanks to some help from parents, this was very much appreciated. Hopefully our class will have some stories to share as produce begins to arrive before winter.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

Many children are coming to school without a pencil. Could you check to see if your child has the equipment they require.

Congratulations to Ruby, and Savita for scoring 100% in Spelling, last Friday.

In Mathematics we have been talking about how heavy things are. If you are doing the shopping with your child you might have an opportunity to show your child the weight of items, potatoes for instance.

The children enjoyed their Bike Day on Wednesday and we were thrilled for Maddison when she won the best poster out of the whole school. Well done our other Madison who won the best in Year Four.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

We’ve had a great week in 4/5/6. The students have been working really well and I was particularly impressed by how well they performed on a comprehension activity on Tuesday. We also had fun on Tuesday doing some printmaking.

In Mathematics we have been learning about angles. This is one area that has changed significantly from the old syllabus. Year 6 had a go at learning work which was previously Year 7 content and they did quite well at it.

Year 6 students are working on ways to raise money to improve the ground under the soccer posts. We had a meeting this week and they have come up with a few suggestions beginning with a Crazy Hair Day which will run next Friday.

Mrs Hird
Happy Birthday To:

Mr Westcott 20 March  
Mrs Selby 23 March  
Jay T 24 March

**Coming Events**  
**Term 1 Week 9**

- Tues 25 March  School Cross Country

**Term 1 Week 10**

- Monday 31 Mar  Band Meeting & AGM 5.30 pm
- Wed 2 April  T Ball Gala Day

**Term 1 Week 11**

- Tuesday 8 April  Easter Hat Parade  
  Book Fair
- Wed 9 April  Reptile Park Excursion  
  Yrs 3—6
- Friday 11 April  ANZAC Day Ceremony at school  
  Last day of school for term

**Term 2 Week 1**

- Monday 28 April  Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 29 April  All students return

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**P & C NEWS!!**  
**EASTER EGG RAFFLE!!**

Tickets will be sent home next week for children to sell. We ask could all families donate Easter products—Easter Eggs, etc for our hamper. All donations can be left in the office foyer. See Kelly and Sue by Monday 7 April. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 8 April at the Easter Hat Parade.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday morning from 9.00 until 9.30 am for uniform sales.

Old style Stubbies brand size 12 Sport Shorts—6 pairs only MUST GO $5.00 each.

Size 10 and 12 Polo Shirts and Caps have arrived.

As this will be my last year with NWPS, I need someone to train in running the Uniform Shop—if anyone is interested please see me on Fridays.

Thanks Kylie

**Canteen Roster:**

- Friday 21 March  Kris Green
- Monday 24 March  Caroline Kumar
- Wed 26 March  Kev Fitz  
  Ben Gray

**Band Committee Meeting**

The Nords Wharf Public School Concert Band would like to extend an invitation to all interested parties to our first meeting of the year and our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held Monday 31 March at 5.30 pm in the Staff room, Administration Building.

To keep our Concert Band operating we need enthusiastic volunteers to fill all positions which will become vacant at our AGM.

For further details please see Julia Schofield (Band Master) or Kelly in the office.

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Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Class Awards

K
Charlotte
Kamea
Billy
Harley
Kyan
1/2
Keely
Dylan
Maxwell
Jace
Jye
Isabelle

3/4
Coby
Madi
Sophie
Billy
Jay P
Bailey
Ted

4/5/6
Sophie
Callum
Jesse
Imogen
Beatie
Brylee
Emily
Aaron

Reading Awards

Julius
Shontelle
Alyssa
Chase
Evie
Todd

Green Awards

Keeley

Thank You !!!

Staff and students would love to say a huge thank you to Taj Moore (Kindergarten) and his family for donating 2 iPad minis to Nords Wharf PS through their business, Fusion Civil. These are the first iPads for our school and staff have been excitedly adding educational Apps for the students to use to support many areas of the curriculum, including English and Mathematics.