Principal's Report

Annual School Report

Each year the school evaluates what has occurred in the previous 12 months and sets targets for the coming year. This is then presented in the form of an Annual School Report (ASR). The ASR is lodged with the Department of Education and Communities and is also made available to our parent community. You can read the ASR by going to our school website: http://www.nordswharf-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/annual-report

If you are unable to access the Internet then please request a paper copy from the office.

P & C Meeting

I attended the P & C meeting on Tuesday evening this week. It was a pleasure to see eight parents in attendance. Easily the biggest attendance for quite some time. All the positions have now been filled.

Your representatives are:
President: Sidone Lambert
Treasurer: Elise Smith
Secretary: Annette Collins
Canteen coordinator: Trish Irwin
Uniform shop coordinator: Kylie Fisher
Band coordinator: Sharyn Phillips

The members in attendance all agreed that meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm was a success. This will be the new time for P & C meetings. The next meeting will be on May 6. All parents are welcome to attend.

You can read the P & C minutes on our school website.

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members coming to support the students.

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in the raffle and thank you to everyone who donated and who purchased tickets. The raffle raised $1078.00 for the P & C.

Reptile Park

Years 3—6 had a wonderful time at the Reptile Park yesterday. Thank you to the parents who came along to help with supervision. The weather was beautiful and it was a proud moment when the Ranger, in front of the public, congratulated the students on their excellent behaviour. You can read reports from some of the students later in this newsletter.

ANZAC Day

A reminder that we will hold our school ANZAC Day service tomorrow. Children are welcome to bring flowers along to school to present during the ceremony.

We would be honoured if your child joined the march through Swansea on ANZAC Day. All students need to be in full school uniform for this event. The march leaves from McDonalds at 11.00 am on April 25.

Bands and Looms

Well done to Imogen and her friends who raised $150 for the Fire Brigade through the sale of the rubber band bracelets. That money has now been banked.

This also means that the sale of these bands at school has finished. There have been a couple of incidents where other students have tried to buy and sell bands and even their own toys. This should definitely not be happening. If your child has come home with something that isn’t theirs you please let their class teacher or me know. Thank you.

Term 2

Students return to school on Tuesday, April 29.

Our calendar for Term 2 is attached. This is a really handy reference to have. You may like to hang it on your fridge or somewhere equally prominent. Be aware that this is subject to change and additions as the term progresses.
On behalf of the staff I wish you a very happy Easter and a safe, relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you again next term.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students had a great time at the Easter Hat Parade! They all looked wonderful in their hats! Don't forget to go to our school website to see the photos from the event!

Today marks the 50th day that Kindergarten students have been to school. We have been counting each day since they started and we are excited to know that we are now half way to our 100 Days at School party!

This has been a huge first term for our youngest school members and I am proud of the way they have settled in to school life and routines and have become more independent. We have been talking in class this week about things we have done which make us proud of ourselves.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Ms Hook

1/2

The Star of the Week this week is Sophie! Well done to Isabelle, Keely, Dylan, Torhi, Joe, Ben, Alyssa and Jye who all got 100% in their spelling test last week.

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic afternoon at the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who were able to come and support our parade, book fair and the P & C raffle.

We have really enjoyed the 'What's in my Egg?' activity, where students hid an object in a plastic egg and created clues for us to guess the object. The clues have been very clever and have really got us thinking! Thank you to everyone who enthusiastically participated in this activity. Both Mr Derbyshire and I would like to thank you for your support this term. We have really enjoyed getting to know the students and watching them learn. Have a very Happy Easter and safe holiday.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

Our excursion to the Reptile Park was very enjoyable. The children will be writing recounts, describing their day at the park and next term, in Science, doing a unit of work on animals.

While at the Reptile Park our room was recarpeted. The carpet looks great but the room is in need of much reorganisation as you might imagine.

With Naplan coming up, it is even more important to practise reading during the holidays. I have also set Mathletics work that the children may work on during the holiday.

Tomorrow, we shall be having our Anzac ceremony. If you have a small posy of flowers to help with our wreath, it would be most appreciated.

Finally, I wish all the children and their families, a very happy break from school.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

Well done to Beatie and Callum who did a marvellous job compering the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday.

Our trip to the Reptile Park on Wednesday brought our unit of work on classifying animals to a close. The children did well at answering questions and showing what they had learnt.

Next term we will be learning about Rainforest environments. We will also be involved in science activities in preparation for a Science Fair in Term 3.

There was no homework this week as the students have been completing assessment tasks instead. Some very pleasing improvement in spelling results using our core word lists. Special mention to Dylan for being the most improved; Aaron, Jesse G, Ethan, Callum, Jarrad, Brad and Charli for significant improvement; and to Liam and Sophie who scored 100%. Each year level will have a new set of core words to learn next term.

Mrs Hird

Office News

Invoices were posted out last Friday, as always prompt payment is appreciated.

Mrs Margaret Laird will be relieving in my position as Office Manager for Term 2 and the first three weeks of Term 3 as I will taking extended leave. I am sure she will receive a warm Nordy welcome. Mrs Sue Selby will still be on duty each Tuesday in the office.

Kelly and Sue

Anaphylaxis Alert

Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Happy Birthday To:

Jaden  13 April
Kaitlyn  17 April
Elloise  22 April
Emily  27 April
Shaylee  28 April

Coming Events

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 28 April  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29 April  All students return
Friday 2 May  Zone Cross Country

Term 2 Week 2

Tuesday 6 May  Athletics Carnival
Thursday 8 May  StarStruck Rehearsal
Friday 9 May  Mother’s Day Stall

Canteen Roster:

Friday 11 April  Trish Irwin
Monday 28 April  Closed SDD
Wed 30 April  Trish Irwin

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

Merit Awards

Class Awards

K
Wil
Taj
Julius
Aamon
Chase
1/2
Annie
Daniel
Isabelle
Alyssa
Jye
Joe
3/4
Jay T
Bailey
Sam
Tenille
4/5/6
Liam
Taj
Dylan
Shaylee

Reading Awards

Ben
Cooper
Aliyah
Felix
Daniel
Alyssa
ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: ________________________________

First Name: ___________________________________

Class: _____________________

Date/s of Absence: ______________________________

Reason for Absence: ____________________________________________

Parent / Guardian Signature: ________________________________

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<td><strong>CARES BICYCLE SAFETY</strong> - bikes &amp; helmets are provided. 9:30am-2pm (4.5 hours)</td>
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<td><strong>CIRCUS SKILLS</strong> - includes balloon animal or flower to take home - 10am-1pm (3 hours).</td>
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<td>23 April, Niagara Park</td>
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<td><strong>CIRCUS AERIAL WORKSHOP</strong> - 10am-11:30am or 11:30am-1pm (1.5 hours).</td>
<td>8-16 years $31</td>
<td>23 April, Niagara Park</td>
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<td><strong>GYMNASTICS INTRODUCTION</strong> - 2 day program - 10am-12pm (4 hours in total)</td>
<td>5-12 years $30</td>
<td>15 &amp; 16 April, Berkeley Vale</td>
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<td><strong>KIDS MULTI-SPORTS</strong> - includes a sausage sizzle &amp; ice block at lunchtime. Pre-bookings with payment essential 9am-3pm (6 hours).</td>
<td>6-13 years $27 first child, $22 for every other sibling</td>
<td>16 April, Niagara Park</td>
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<td><strong>STAND UP PADDLE</strong> - 10:30am-12:30pm (2 hours).</td>
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<td><strong>SURF LIFE SAVING</strong> - 10am-2pm (4 hours).</td>
<td>8-13 years $20</td>
<td>15 April, Terrigal Beach</td>
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<td><strong>SURFING (UMINA OR AVOCA BEACHES)</strong> - 3 day program 10-11.30 am (4.5 hours in total)</td>
<td>7-16 years $95</td>
<td>23, 24 &amp; 25 April (Anzac Day) Avoca Beach or 16, 17 &amp; 18 April (Good Friday) Umina Beach.</td>
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<td><strong>TENNIS GOSFORD</strong> - 3 day program 9am-3pm (18 hours in total).</td>
<td>5-16 years $130</td>
<td>15, 16 &amp; 17 April or 22, 23 &amp; 24 April, Gosford</td>
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<td>5-16 years $90</td>
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<td><strong>TENNIS WYONG</strong> - 3 day program 9am-11.30am (7.5 hours in total) &amp; includes a small party on the last day.</td>
<td>5-16 years $67 (third sibling free)</td>
<td>14, 15 &amp; 16 April, Wyong</td>
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All program fees include GST. For other information on each program, please phone 02 4362 3184 or 13 13 02 or go to: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au
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AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS

Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?

You are Invited to attend our

FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton
Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm
Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April – For Catering Purposes
Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014
- The Impact of being a Parent/Carer – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
- Building Parent Resilience – Jackie Currey, First Chance

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014
- Siblings – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program - Hunter
- National Disability Insurance Agency – Suzanne Punshon
- Using Assisted Technology – Ben Coombe, Samaritans

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014
- The Importance of Support Groups – Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
- Child Behaviour that Challenges Us – Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
- Discrimination – Your Rights and Responsibilities – Claire Williams – Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

Respite may be available by contacting Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222

NSW Government Health Hunter New England Local Health District