**Principal’s Report**

It is with mixed feelings that I’m letting you know that as of Week 4 I will be relieving as Principal of Boorigul PS. This will be until the end of term with the possibility of an extension. This is an exciting challenge for me as it is a non-teaching position. My position at Nords Wharf has been advertised and I should be able to make an announcement about my replacement early next week. Although I am looking forward to learning new things I am also going to miss my class and the wonderful Nords Wharf PS

**Cancer Council notification**

The Cancer Council have updated their advice regarding the wearing of hats in schools. Their advice is that students should be allowed to play without a hat in the winter months as the students need to be getting more vitamin D. We have adapted this policy as of this week. The students may of course wear a hat if they choose, however, they will be allowed to play without a hat until the end of Term 3.

**Athletics Carnival**

What a perfect day for a carnival! Thank you to Mr Peter Westcott for organising such a great event for us. Although we didn’t quite finish all of the events on the day, everything ran smoothly and the students were busy all day. Thank you to all of the parents who came to cheer us on and to assist with transport. We couldn’t do it without you. Thanks also to everyone who stepped in and assisted teachers at each of the events. We really appreciated it.

The canteen had a very successful day and raised about $300 for the P&C. Thank you if you supplied cakes and for if you assisted with cooking or selling. A special thank you to Trish and Sid who worked tirelessly to make it a success. The manager for Baxter Oval rang and congratulated the ladies on leaving the canteen even better than they found it.

**Zone Cross Country**

Well done to each of the students who ran on Friday. You all did really well and impressed Mr Westcott with your attitude and effort. We had several students in the top 25 for their race and we came third out of all the small schools in the carnival. A great result!

Special mention to Stanley who came 7th in his race, Dylan 8th, Madison Gray 8th, Jesse K 14th, Jay 18th and Ben 19th

**Canteen**

There have been a few discrepancies in orders being received at the canteen. There have been some underpayments and there have also been a few parents ordering items which we don’t actually stock. To assist with this issue a copy of the canteen menu is attached. There will be a revised menu for winter coming shortly. You may like to stick this on your fridge for future reference. If bags have insufficient money in them then the canteen staff will either exchange an item for a cheaper alternative, or will reduce the order so that your child receives what you have paid for.

**Swansea Flowers**

Each year we purchase our ANZAC Day wreath from Swansea Flowers. This year there was a bit of a mix up and the wreath was not collected on time. I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the staff at Swansea Flowers who went above and beyond in their obligations, to ensure that we received the wreath in time for the presentation at the dawn service. Their effort was greatly appreciated!

**Communication**

Recently I have been looking at the various forms of communication being offered by other schools in our area. There is often a lot of information being passed from the school to home and I am well aware that this can be difficult to keep track of. We use various notes, the weekly newsletter, the school website and our school’s Facebook page for passing on information. I am interested in knowing which of these you use the most and if, even with...
these sources of information, you find yourself missing important notifications. There are some Apps available which are aimed at school communication. These include an App called, Skoolbag. I know that Gwandalan PS and Hunter School of Performing Arts both use this App. You are able to download either of these to any phone or tablet using either an Android or Apple operating system if you would like to see what Skoolbag can do. Please complete the survey at the end of the newsletter so that we can ensure that our methods for communication are meeting your needs.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

In 2015 it will be mandatory for all schools to collect data related to students with disability and the adjustments that are being made by the school to cater for the needs of these students. We are enrolled to trial this program in 2014. This will mean that the school will receive money and training to implement this effectively. There is a note and a fact sheet included in this newsletter containing further information. The note only needs to be returned if you do NOT want your child to be included in the data.

World Colouring In Day

On Thursday, 15 May we will be holding activities for World Colouring In Day. We have participated in this for the past three years and the students enjoy the opportunity to draw and colour for a worthwhile cause. Money raised will be donated to Save the Children Fund and is to support Save the Children’s Early Childhood Care and Development Programs for children within Australia. If every student donates $1 we will raise $96. With $5 each we would raise $480. Please donate what you can.

Scripture

There will be no Scripture next week due to NAPLAN testing at that time.

Karin Hird

Class News

Kindergarten

What a fantastic day we had at the Athletics Carnival! It was great to see the students trying their best in their events. Thank you to all of our parents who came to cheer them on and share this special day. Keep an eye out on our school website. Photos will be uploaded soon! The Green sheep has been a hit already in our class! He will start going home for adventures this week. I can’t wait to see what adventures he gets up to!

Ms Hook

1/2

The Star of the Week this week is Torhi. The super spellers who got all their spelling words correct last week were Isabelle, Aliyah, Keely, Lyla, Brooklin, Daniel, Grace, Alyssa, Cooper and Nathan. What a great day we had at the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday! It was fantastic to see all the students participating and having a good time. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who were able to assist with transport, in the canteen and support us on the day.

The students have been busy writing a ‘practice speech’ to give next week. This can be taken home this week in case students would like to revise it at home before presenting it either to their news group or the class. We will be encouraging students to use eye contact and speak with expression when talking. To assist students, 1/2 have been watching some of the best Stage 1 students speak, as recorded at the Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking competition, and identifying all the important things you need to do when you give a speech.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

Information regarding the public speaking went out on Wednesday. I didn’t fill in the section regarding the day your child will speak because I know getting the speech ready might be easier for some than others, so I wanted to be flexible. I’ll decide on the day your child will speak, next week. Hopefully not everyone will want to speak on the last available day.

Naplan begins next Tuesday.

Many children are up to date with the ‘Mathletics’ but others still have much to do. Check with your child, and encourage them to complete the tasks if needed.

Notes Sent Home This Week

Public Speaking Competition Stage 2
Active After School - Sport - Rugby Union
High School Taster Lessons
Year 6 Leadership Conference
they haven’t yet. For those who have difficulty getting onto the computer at home, they may use the class computers in the morning, before school starts. Don’t forget to encourage your child to read at home and to practise their spelling each night.

**Mr Westcott**

4/5/6

I hope you have managed to have a look at our class blog at www.456nwps.weebly.com. We did have a lot of views last week. Feel free to make a comment (then I will know that they are working).

This week the students have started working on a PowerPoint about Rainforests. I’ve been very impressed by the level of skill being demonstrated by the class. Their work is becoming increasingly sophisticated in its presentation. I hope to be able to embed some on the blog page when they are complete.

We are now up to the fifth chapter in the novel, “A Monster Calls”. Discussions have been good and the students are doing some interesting work on their comprehension tasks. I think that they will find this to be useful preparation for high school English as well.

I have done a lot of planning in preparation for a new teacher taking over in Week 4. All of the current units should continue. I have also been collecting assessment data and will be writing the majority of comments in the half yearly reports.

**Mrs Hird**

**Library News**

Thank you to the families that so kindly purchased books from the Book Fair at the end of last term. Book sales totalled to almost $1,500. The library received about $400 in commission. The students will enjoy the books purchased. Thank you also to families that donated a book to the library.

**Mrs Stoppini**

**Canteen Roster:**

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Canteen Co-ordinator has no transport for the next few weeks. Any help would be greatly appreciated.