Term 2 Week 4  Thursday 22 May 2014

Principal’s Report

What a great welcome!

Thank you to the whole Nords Wharf community for a very friendly welcome to the school! I have enjoyed meeting the staff, students and parents over the last week and am looking forward to meeting more of the community in the coming weeks. I had heard a lot about what a fantastic community Nords Wharf School had before I arrived and it is definitely living up to its reputation!

Water Safety Lessons

The school enjoyed the Water Safety lesson on Monday. They learnt a lot about staying safe on boats and jet skis and the safety equipment used aboard boats. Thank you to parent, Darren Collins for bringing his team to the school to share the lessons.

Grip Leadership Conference

Year 6 had a wonderful day at the Grip Leadership Conference yesterday. They learnt a lot about being a ‘strawberry’ leader rather than a ‘watermelon’ leader and came up with some wonderful ideas on how to be a successful leader at school. I look forward to the students putting some of their ideas into action.

“Thank you very much to our wonderful parent helpers, Tina and Sharon for transporting Year 6 to the conference!

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is tomorrow and I encourage all students to walk at least a part of the way to school. This initiative is an excellent chance for students to add time to their Premier’s Sporting Challenge as well as reducing congestion around school.

Ms Hook

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The Star of the Week is Aliyah! Congratulations to Isabelle, Keely, Aliyah, Dylan, Lyla, Daniel, Alyssa and Nathan who all received 100% in their spelling test last week.

Thank you to Mr Collins and his team who came to talk to us about being safe on the water. We were most impressed by how much the students knew about boats and boat safety. Two of our Year 1 students have written about the visit.

Mr Derbyshire is looking forward to hearing speeches in class next week on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. From these class speeches, three students from each year will be chosen to present their speech at assembly.

I, (Mrs Halligan), will begin NAPLAN marking next week. This will not affect 1/2 class time but will mean I will not be available after school. I am more than happy to return phone calls during the day and of course Mr Derbyshire will be available as usual.

Our class is also on the lookout for some headphones that can stay with the classroom computers, if anyone is happy and able to donate a simple pair of headphones that are used by anyone in the class that would be very much appreciated.

Water Safety Visit

Today I learnt water safety. We talked about which life jacket was the safest and about a boat.

By Sophie.

This afternoon, we had a water safety lesson about how to be safe on the water. There were three groups. First we went to a blow-up boat. Next we went to the life jackets and then we went to a jet ski.

By Felix

Class News

Kindergarten

Students in Kindergarten have had a busy week! On Monday, we had a boating safety talk and discussed how to wear a life jacket. Our visitors showed us some things we need in our boat to help us in an emergency. On Wednesday, the senior students set up a range of sports activities and we enjoyed participating in them all. We have been discussing ‘persistence’ and how important it is to keep trying until you succeed. As part of our science unit on ‘Weather’, we have been observing the weather each morning and afternoon and looking at the cloud cover. We had fun looking for shapes/pictures in the clouds.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire
3/4

Most children have now completed their speech. Next week we shall complete our graph assignment. Some children have already completed the graph at school on the computers in the classroom. If your child is having difficulty with this in any way, they can come in early and I shall help them before school starts.

Quite a few children are now earning their times-tables awards and this is good to see. Encourage your child to learn at least up to five times if in year three and all their tables if in year four.

Don’t forget home reading and spelling each week. New activities have been placed on Mathletics. Once again, children can come in early to complete these activities on the class computers.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

4/5/6 have been working hard this week, studying the novel ‘A Monster Calls’ and have just started researching their assignment on ‘Deserts’. They have impressed me with their enthusiasm and their artistic skills. They have also been learning some sign language and can now sign ‘good afternoon’ as well as some of the alphabet. We are now beginning to work on our public speaking skills, preparing for the school competition.

Ms Hall

Office News

We are missing a Canteen Key No. 42 from the Office. If anyone has this key could you please return to office as soon as possible.

Dance Classes will resume this term in Week 6. Anyone who has not put there names down to do dance would you please contact the office. Dance classes will be from Week 6 Term 2 and then in Term 3 in preparation for the school concert.

Thanks

Margaret & Sue
**Coming Events**

**Term 2 Week 4**

- 23 May  Walk Safely To School Day

**Term 2 Week 5**

- 29 May  Star Struck Rehearsal 8am -4pm
- 29 May  NAIDOC Art
- 30 May  Stage 2 Public Speaking

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**Class Awards**

**Kindy**
- Evie A—Merit award
- Jace N—Merit award
- Alby W—Merit award
- Maddison G—Merit award

**4/5/6**
- Ryan B—Merit award

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**Notes Sent Home This Week**

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**Merit Awards**

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**Happy Birthday To:**

- Hallie M  22 May
- Elsa M  23 May

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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

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**Canteen Roster:**

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A big “THANK YOU’ to all the wonderful helpers in the Canteen.

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

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Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Communication Survey

Do you use the website for downloading the newsletter and / or notes?  Yes / No
Do you look at the photos on our website?  Yes / No
Have you liked our Facebook page?  Yes / No
Do you use our Facebook page for notifications?  Yes / No
Do you have the newsletter emailed to you?  Yes / No
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ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: ______________________________
First Name: ________________________________
Class: ____________
Date/s of Absence: ___________________________
Reason for Absence: _________________________
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Parent / Guardian Signature: _______________________
Date: _________________________