**Principal's**

**Bandlink:** Our band have been involved in Bandlink for the past two days and from all accounts have been having a great time. They performed today to show parents and friends the songs they have been learning.

**Farewell Mrs Laird:** Mrs Laird will be leaving us tomorrow as she takes up a permanent administration manager position at Thornleigh West Public School. We thank Marg for her hard work at Nords and wish her well in her new position. Melissa Mills will be joining us in the office until Kelly returns.

**Thank you University teachers!** Our student teachers, Tahlia Caban and Jodi Robertson have been working with the 4/5/6 and 3/4 classes for the past four weeks and the students have been enjoying working with them. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well with their future studies.

**Jump Off and Open Day:** A note went home yesterday outlining the events for our combined Jump Off and Open Day. We look forward to parents joining us for the skipping, open classrooms and BBQ lunch.

**A Matter of Seconds:** Kinder, Year 3/4 and Year 4/5/6 today took part in the ‘A Matter of Seconds’ lessons provided by Lake Macquarie City Council. These lessons provide information on water safety and what to do in an emergency. They were very well received by the students.

**Local Star:** Tom Johnson, Nords Wharf PS school captain in 2009 is doing the school proud. He is currently a finalist in a nationwide talent contest. Tom sings the song ‘Red’ and is asking for support by voting for him online. To support Tom, go to yogurtaustralia.com/talentquest, listen to his song and vote to support a local Nords Wharf talent! Voting closes at the end of the week.

**School Concert:** A date for your diaries – the school concert will be held at Swansea High School on Friday 5th September.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Parent Teacher interviews will be held during the week Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August between 3pm and 6pm. A note detailing times and days for each class will be sent home soon.

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**Class News**

**Kindergarten**

We had a fun-filled celebration of our 100th Day at School on Tuesday. Students rotated around activities that involved counting to 100 or using 100 objects, such as stacking 100 cups to make a tower, stamping 100 stamps on a page, sorting 100 pieces of dry pasta into groups of 10 and playing a game using dice and blocks to count to 100. Kindergarten also stood up in front of the school and counted to 100 with the other students joining in to celebrate with them. We finished with a few party treats to eat, including a cake with 100 Maltesers on top!

Over the last week, we have been talking about plurals and learning that they are words that tell us there are more than one of the same thing, eg cats. We also discovered that some words are irregular plurals and can mean a single item as well as more than one, eg sheep, glasses.

Students have been jumping with the skipping ropes every day to get ready for next week's Jump Rope for Heart event. Don't forget to collect your sponsors to help us raise money for our new computer lab.

Mr. Thomas Trowbridge has joined us and will be completing his practicum in our class. The students are enjoying working with him.

Please see the information in the newsletter about book week if you would like to start planning your child's costume.

**Ms Hook**

**1/2**

The Star of the Week this week is Jaden! Well done to all our super spellers last week who spelt all their words correctly; Isabelle, Aliyah, Keely, Torhi, Brooklin, Jace, Daniel, Grace, Alyssa and Cooper. Many other students only had one or two errors. Wow, great job 1/2!

Thank you for the ‘Me boxes’ which have come in over the past week. The students are very excited about using them already!

We have quite a few items in our class lost property with
no names on them. If you are missing a jumper, please ask your child to look in our box or over in the office.

This week we received a postcard from … Mrs Muir! She will be returning next week and it has been wonderful to have Mrs Mac in our classroom whilst Mrs Muir has been away.

1/2 has also been practicing their skipping in preparation for Jump Rope for Heart next Thursday. A note was sent home yesterday so don’t forget to check your bags. Mr D will be keeping an eye out for the wonderful parents that, he is hoping, will see spectating as well as participating. He is also very excited for any and all parents that wish to come into class on that Thursday from 11:35, which is when recess finishes, for open class day. Students will be showing off their reading and comprehension skills.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6

4/5/6 have a busy week coming up with the Science Fair being held at Swansea High this Wednesday night to display the Year 6 experiments. The majority of the class are also attending the soccer gala day on Wednesday 30th July and the class will be busy with Jump Off/ Open Day on Thursday and the first debate against Wirapaang next Friday. We are hoping to squeeze in some work between the events!

Ms Hall

News from the Office

As tomorrow is my last day at NWPS I would like to say a big “Thank You” to all the fantastic parents and children who have welcomed me into your school and been so supportive. I will miss you all, but I am very excited to be starting at Thornleigh West PS next Monday as their School Administration Manager.

Margaret

A reminder that the Uniform shop is now open on THURSDAYS—9.00—9.30am

Book Club closes 28th July. Please make sure you have your orders in by this date.

Pizza Day next Tuesday 29th July $2.70

Thank you
Margaret & Sue

Coming Events

Term 3 Week 3

Henny Penny—28th July

Jump Rope & Education Week activities—31st July

Book Week Dress Up Day

Book Week is in Week 6 this term. On Tuesday 19th August we will be holding a dress-up day to celebrate reading and our love of stories. The book week theme this year is 'Connect to Reading'. Mrs Stoppini has discussed the theme with the students and they can dress up as a character from a story they connect to or they can dress up according to a genre e.g. science fiction- spaceman; fantasy- fairy. Start planning your fantastic costumes now!

Ms Hook

Notes Sent Home This Week

Galgabba Science Fair
Jump Rope for Heart
Bandlink 2014
Senior Soccer Gala Day
Parent/Teacher Interview

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
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Term 3 Week 2

Thursday 24 July 2014

Our School Values

P - ositive
B - ehaviour
L - earning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner

UNIFORM SHOP

AS FROM TERM 3—THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPENING ON THURSDAYS 9.00 AM—9.30 AM

Our Size 6, 8 & 10 Microfibre Jackets arrive in stock in 2 weeks time (just in time for those August winds). Sorry for the delay everyone.!

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 Thursdays.

The Position of Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator is still Open. Please see me if you are interested in this Position.

Thanks Kylie

Canteen Ros- ter:

Friday 24 July—Caroline Kumar
Monday 28 July— Meaghan May
Wednesday 30 July— Kev Fitzgerald and Ben Gray

REMINDER—Pizza Day—next Tuesday 29th July— $2.70. Please place your pizza orders in the Canteen Box as normal. Thank You.

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