Principal’s Report

School Planning Survey
Last week’s newsletter had an accompanying survey attached to it. If you could return the survey to the office by Friday of next week that would be appreciated. We would like to have as many families as possible responding so that our plans for 2015—2017 reflect community priorities. Please see me if you are interested in being involved in the writing of the school plan.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival this week. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the faces of the Year 2 students as they headed off to their first Zone carnival. We had some great results on the first day and are hopeful of more today. More in next week’s newsletter.

Book Week Parade
Our annual Book Parade is being held on Tuesday next week. Students can dress either as a specific book character or to represent a genre of books such as fantasy, mystery or science fiction. They can be at school in their outfit all day, or get changed during lunch. Each class will also be presenting work that they have been doing related to one of this year’s shortlisted picture books. The parade will start promptly at 2.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Canberra Excursion
This year, the 5/6 students are heading off to our nation’s capital for their three day camp. The students will be visiting many of Canberra’s attractions, supporting their unit of work on Democracy in Australia. The camp is from 27 – 29 August. The Itinerary is attached to the back of this newsletter.

Thank you to the P & C for donating the cost of the bus. We also recognise the Federal Government for providing each student with a $20 rebate through the PACER program.

Concert
We are now in full preparation mode for our upcoming concert. It is being held on Friday, 5 September. We will travel to Swansea HS on the day for a full day of rehearsals and then have the concert that night. You will shortly receive a note for the bus to and from rehearsals, and a note about costumes. Tickets go on sale Wednesday 20 August. Tickets are numbered so please get in early for your choice of the best seats. As we are in Swansea HS hall for the event there are plenty of seats for family and friends to attend. The P & C will have tea, coffee and snacks available during intermission.

P & C
The P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 August in the staffroom from 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome.

The P & C will be holding a Bingo Night on Thursday, 11 September. If you or your business would like to make a donation to be used as a prize or auctionable item then that would be greatly appreciated. Any business that donates will be recognised in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

This week, we have turned writing sessions upside down! After talking about a theme (eg meeting a new friend), reading a book or watching short animal videos, students are drawing pictures in their writing books first. They are using their own pictures to inspire their writing. The pictures help as a visual reminder of what they can write about. It is great to see an increase in confidence to ‘have a go’ before asking for the teacher’s help and students are forming a wider range of sentences. If your child needs some encouragement at home to write, try this method of drawing first!

We are looking forward to Book Week celebrations next Tuesday! My costume has been inspired by the many ‘short’ people around me! Please remember to return your child’s blue Portfolio to class so I can keep adding samples of their wonderful work and achievements.

Ms Hook

Notes Sent Home This Week

Canberra Note Years 5 & 6

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
1/2

The Star of the Week is Lyla! Well done Isabelle, Aliyah, Keely, Lyla, Torhi, Joe, Alby, Brooklin, Ben, Grace, Alyssa and Nathan who received 100% in their spelling test last week.

Over the past few weeks 1/2 have been reading time on both a clock face and a digital clock. Year 1 need to be familiar with time on the hour and half hour and Year 2, a quarter to and a quarter past. Some students are confusing the hour and minute hand. If your child has a clock in their room or a watch, it would be good to talk about the times that certain events occur.

This week, 1/2 enjoyed going on a virtual tour of Melbourne Museum at www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/discoverycentre/dinosaur-walk/virtual-exhibition! Next week for news we encourage students to share a visit they may have had to a museum.

Best wishes to Grace and Alyssa who are representing Year 1 and 2 at the Zone Public Speaking Competition tomorrow. We are very proud of you! 1/2 are also looking forward to dressing up next Tuesday for Book Week.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

4/5/6

This week we have been studying the text, “The Lost Thing” by Shaun Tan. This is a beautifully illustrated story with a message of loneliness, friendship and the unnoticed people in society.

In Maths, we have been learning about how to complete equations such as $4 \times ? = 3 \times 8$. A group of students have been completing extension activities in this time. They have been studying percentages, including calculating interest and discounts.

We are learning a rock’n’roll dance for the school concert and have also been practising our singing. 5/6 students brought home a note outlining the requirements for our Canberra Excursion.

Our Stage 3 Spelling Bee is first thing tomorrow morning—9.15 am in the Library.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Liam  18 August
Ruby  19 August
Sophie 1 19 August

Office News

Jump Rope for Heart money is due in tomorrow (Friday 15 August). All the Canberra excursion fees have been finalised. Please return the medical form on the back of the Information Package note sent home with your child this week, as soon as possible. We are in the process of revising all accounts payable and will mail these as early as practicable. We thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Kelly and Sue

Coming Events

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Book Week Dress Up Day

Book Week is in Week 6 this term. On Tuesday 19 August at 2.00 pm 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'. I have 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!

Mrs Stoppini

UNIFORM SHOP

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).

Thanks Kylie
P & C News!!
There will be a fundraising Bingo night on Thursday 11 September—stay tuned for further details!!

The P & C Meeting was postponed last Tuesday to next Tuesday 19 August at 6.30 pm. All Welcome!!

Our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4 September—this will be combined with the school’s Father’s Day Annual Elite Handball Competition and BBQ morning.

The Canteen has some exciting special offers for next week!

To celebrate our Fruit and Veg competition (see details later in the newsletter) we are selling:
Vege Muffins $1.00
Fruit Cups 0.40 c
Vege Cups with Hommus 0.40 c
Frozen Strawberry Bites 0.30 c
and Corn Cobs 0.50 c

Public Speaking
Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been representing our school at the Zone Public Speaking competitions this week. Congratulations to Callum, Keeley, Imogen, Liam, Alyssa, Grace, Shontelle and Kamea for a fantastic effort. They have certainly showcased to the community the high standard of education and talent at Nords Wharf Public School! We are proud of them!

Ms Hook

Debating
One of our debating teams, consisting of Callum, Beatie, Ethan, Keeley & Jack (Reserve), attended a debate at Floraville Public School on Monday. They battled gallantly on the tough topic of ‘We are not alone’ to try to prove the negative, but were narrowly beaten.

It was fantastic to receive so much positive feedback from the adjudicator. Well done, Team!

This debating team will go up against 3 more schools in our library next Friday.

Our second debating team will attend gala days on the 1st and 17th September for their debates. Notes will be sent home as soon as the second gala day location is finalised.

Ms Hook

Canteen Roster:

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Nords Wharf Public School
Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments taken now!

Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
"Eat Fresh & Win" Sponsored by Sydney Markets Fresh For Kids. 1) Simply buy snacks, meals/lunch from the canteen containing fresh fruit or vegetables to receive a fresh for kids sticker and entry form.
2) Collect 2 stickers and stick them ...on your entry form.
3) Submit your completed entry to Mrs Irwin in the Canteen before 3pm Friday 19 September 2014 for a chance to win. Each completed entry receives a cute fruit ring, there are 6 to collect. Good luck :)

'Pretty Kitty' the cat from underneath the Kinder classroom needs a home. He is a boy and needs a loving, quiet home. He's 5—6 months old and very cute. He is also toilet trained. I have sourced his desexing for $20.00 instead of $140.00 from a vet at Bateau Bay. Please call Kylie Fisher on 0408 838 007 if you would like him.

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**Confirmed Itinerary - 3 Day Canberra Excursion**  
**Pelican Flat / Nords Wharf Public School**

**Wednesday 27th August 2014**
- 5.45am  Coach to arrive at school
- 6.00am  Coach to collect from Pelican Flat Public School  
  Depart to collect from Nords Wharf Public School
- 6.45am  Depart for Canberra  
  Comfort stop along the way (if required)
- 12.30pm Lunch @ Regatta point *(all must provide own)*
- 1.00pm  Depart for Royal Australian Mint
- 1.30pm  Royal Australian Mint – Guided Tour
- 2.30pm  Depart for Australian War Memorial
- 3.00pm  Australian War Memorial - 'We Will Remember Them' - Facilitated program
  Stay for closing ceremony if desired.
- 5.15pm  Depart for accommodation – Camp Cottermouth
- 6.15pm  Dinner
- 7.00pm  Depart for Telstra Tower
- 7.30pm  Telstra Tower

**Thursday 28th August 2014**
- 7.30am  Breakfast / prepare lunch packs
- 8.15am  Depart for Parliament House
- 9.00am  Parliament House – Tour
- 10.00am Parliament House - Education
- 11.00am Parliament House - Hospitalsities
- 11.30am Depart for Old Parliament House
- 12.00pm Electoral Education Centre – Facilitated program
- 1.30pm  Lunch in the Rose Gardens (packs provided)
- 2.00pm  Tour the Rose Gardens
- 2.30pm  Museum of Australian Democracy – ‘Who’s the Boss’- program
- 3.30pm  Depart for National Gallery of Australia
- 3.45pm  National Gallery of Australia – Discovery tour
- 5.00pm  Return to Accommodation
- 6.00pm  Dinner
- 7.00pm  Depart for Australian Institute of Sport
- 7.30pm  Australian Institute of Sport – Tour & Sportex
- 9.00pm  Return to accommodation

**Friday 29th August 2014**
- 7.30am  Breakfast / Prepare lunch packs / Pack coach
- 8.30am  Depart for Questacon
- 9.15am  Questacon
- 11.15am Depart for home  
  Lunch at Lake George (Packs provided)
  Comfort / meal stops on way home as required *(at own expense)*
- 5.00pm  Approx arrival back at schools
ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: ________________________________

First Name: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________

Date/s of Absence: ________________________________

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