



# Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

Wentworth Falls Public School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4, 2016

#### December

- 6 Katoomba H/S Orientation
- 7 Stage 2 Jenolan Caves
- 8 Thank you morning tea
- 9 Year 6 Gala Day
- 12 Year 6 Farewell
- 13 Reports home  
P&C Meeting 7.00pm
- 14 Celebration of Student achievement.
- 16 Last day of term for students

#### January 2017

- 27 Staff return
- 30 First day for students

#### February

- 3 Swimming Carnival

## From the Principal..

My sincere thanks to our swimming contingent! For the last two weeks we have had our intensive swimming program. Travelling to and from the pool each day, engaging with lessons and then coming back to school to get into our normal class routine is a big undertaking. My congratulations go to the staff and children involved.

Wonderful progress has been made by our students and I congratulate them on their efforts. My thanks also to the parents for their support of this activity. It has been wonderful to see so many of our children growing in their water confidence before the summer holidays.

I would like to make special mention of the Wentworth Falls Public School Grounds Committee. At this time of the year I am fortunate to be able to show our school to new families who are looking to enrol. We get so many positive comments on our gardens and grounds. When we survey parents, staff and students, the grounds and gardens always rate highly. The working bees, gardening

club, our GA's and the committee can be proud of the results achieved and I sincerely thank them for their efforts. If anyone would like to be involved with this group for next year, new hands and ideas are always welcome!

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program is now complete. We currently have 44 Kindergarten children enrolled for 2017. I thank the staff involved with our Kindy Orientation Program for their efforts and we are looking forward to a fantastic 2017 for all of our students.

Just a reminder, if your family is moving to another area over the holidays and you will be changing school, we would really appreciate hearing from you, it really would help us with our planning for 2017.

We have a busy end of year ahead of us and we look forward to finishing our school year on a positive note.

Michael Hooker  
Principal

The way we  
talk to our  
children  
becomes their  
inner voice.

PEGGY O'MARA

Our Celebration of Student Achievement  
assembly is to be held at 9.00am on  
Wednesday 14 December, 2016.

Principal's Awards		PBL Awards		Principal's Awards		AidenPBL Awards	
<b><u>WEEK 6 Term 4</u></b>		<b><u>WEEK 7, Term 4</u></b>		<b><u>WEEK 7, Term 4</u></b>		<b><u>WEEK 8 Term 4</u></b>	
KB	Meredith	KB	Rosie	KB	Summer	KB	Rosalie
KC	Raphael	KC	Emile	KC	unavailable	KC	Clinton
KM	William	KM	Lukas	KM	Summer H- F	KM	Rosie
1D	Blake	1D	Alex	1D	unavailable	1D	Blake
1S	Jaide	1S	Liliana	1S	Tristan	1S	Robbie
1/2J	Josh	1/2J	Daniil	1/2J	Teyha	1/2J	Aiden
2H	Elly	2H	Mia	2H	Karri	2H	Mia
2M	Phoebe	2M	Cohen	2M	Cooper	2M	Kelly
3/4F	William	3/4F	Archie	3/4F	Isabella	3/4F	Hamish
3/4H	Eloisa	3/4H	Kordell	3/4H	Billi	3/4H	Reily
3/4M	unavailable	3/4M	Jude	3/4M	unavailable	3/4M	Hannah
4/5W	David	4/5W	India	4/5W	Emmagen	4/5W	Archie
5/6B	Finlay	5/6B	Jasper	5/6B	Dominic	5/6B	Kevin
5/6H	Jada	5/6H	Freya	5/6H	Avril	5/6H	Andrew
5/6Z	Flynn	5/6Z	Lyssi	5/6Z	Aimee	5/6Z	Jayden



## Peer Play

A big thank you to Holy Trinity Anglican church for their generous donation of \$500, put towards new equipment for Peer Play. The students (and leaders) are having fun in the sun.



## Lost Property

We currently have a large number of unclaimed items in our lost property collection. If your child is missing any items of clothing, please check the baskets outside the staffroom. Any uniform items remaining at the end of the year will be placed into the clothing pool and any non-uniform items will be given to a charity organisation.

## **A THANK YOU NOTE FROM MRS BLACKWELL**

### **CELEBRATION SING OUT 2016**

Sunday 30 October marked our 13<sup>th</sup> year of participation in Celebration Sing Out. This event is in its 24<sup>th</sup> year and is held annually in Sydney Town Hall.

20 choristers from years 3 to 6 travelled with Mrs Bones and Mrs Haynes to Sydney Town Hall. There they were joined by 17 Primary School choirs and 7 High School choirs as well as vocalists from 18 Community choirs, including 2 operatic soloists.

This wonderful combined massed choir was accompanied by an equally amazing orchestra of over 90 professional musicians.

**Every single person helping and/or performing in this concert donated his/her time and expertise throughout.**

The program ranged from the beautiful simplicity of our opening song, 'One Little Candle' to excerpts from Puccini's Turandot and Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story.

This was the culmination of months of work and commitment from our own students at Wentworth Falls. Not only did they gain the unforgettable experience of performing in Sydney Town Hall in a massed primary choir but this also enabled them to see older students perform, appreciate hearing a top class orchestra and witness a magnificent rendition on Sydney Town Hall's Grand Organ! What a fantastic treat for us all!

**Why do we do this?** Apart from the experience of performing a quality repertoire with massed choirs and orchestra in a superb setting, our choristers have helped to raise money for a wonderful cause.

This annual musical event raises money for Westmead Children's Hospital and to date has funded much needed equipment such as dialysis machines, burns unit equipment and automatic syringe pumps. Most recently we have provided funds for maintaining a music therapy unit providing support for both short term and long term sick children. In addition we have enabled a research project to be established in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where Music Therapy has been proved to help these fragile infants stabilise and conserve energy to assist in healing.

I would like to add my personal thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event in 2016. It takes a huge amount of organisation and is rather like an iceberg in the amount of work left UNSEEN – which is why I needed to make sure everyone realises what a tremendously important part they have played in its success. The teachers who have supported our choir at school, particularly Mrs Bones, Mrs Haynes and Mr Hooker, the parents who have supported their child's learning as well the rehearsals and concert, our FANTASTIC AUSSIE TOURS, Kim and Jason, for donating free transport to all venues –which really did make ALL the difference - and last but certainly not least, our students who said yes please to the idea of using their musical ability to help children who are in need.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO  
YOU ALL**

Gwen Blackwell  
Conductor





**TERM 4 OPENING DAYS****FULL LUNCH SERVICE:** Wed and Fri

(Open up to and including Last Day of Term: 16 Dec)

**RECESS ONLY:** Some Mon and Thurs

# Canteen CORNER

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## QUICK BITES

### KEY DATES:

- Last Canteen Catch-up 9.15am Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ Blue Mist Café)
- Last Day of Term Friday 16 Dec (Yes - we will be open).

### NEWS IN BRIEF:

Use "News in brief" to skim headlines quickly.

- ❖ Successful Kindy Orientation Days and Info Night
- ❖ Popcorn, Christmas Biscuits and Gluten Free Options
- ❖ Stock Run-out Reminder.
- ❖ Online Account: If you are leaving the school forever please read this
- ❖ Fundraising Profits

### CONTACT DETAILS

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"Wentworth Falls Public School Canteen"

Online Ordering Canteen Website:[ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

## SUCCESSFUL KINDY ORIENTATION DAYS AND INFO NIGHT

Thanks to those who helped meet and greet the kindy orientation parents (Anne, Helen, Laurel and Diane). And thanks also to those who helped put on a magnificent spread at the Kindy Information Evening by setting up, cleaning and catering (Diane, Michael, Anne, Amanda, Tina, Natalie, Phillipa, Julie, Caroline, Tara and Zoe – and anyone else we may have forgotten!).



*Super supper spread for Kindy Info Night!*

## POPCORN, CHRISTMAS BISCUITS AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS

- Fresh popcorn now available at \$0.10 per serve.
- Christmas biscuits on sale until end of term
- Now in stock: Gluten Free Bread for \$0.50 extra.
- Gluten Free Berry Delight Bars for \$0.40.

## STOCK RUN-OUT REMINDER!

REMINDER: We are reducing stock in preparation for the end of year. Please be aware that we may run out of stock for some items. If you order by paper bag your child will be notified and asked to pick something else.

## ONLINE ACCOUNT: IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE SCHOOL FOREVER PLEASE READ THIS...

IMPORTANT: If you are leaving the school forever, please contact [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au) to notify them that you are cancelling the account and to get unused credit refunded.

## FUNDRAISING PROFITS...

Our last sausage sizzle made a sizzling profit of \$478.10. And pancake day raised \$352.96! All profits go toward the purchase of resources for our children, so thank you for supporting these ventures.



*Left: Gluten Free Bread 50c extra*

*Below: Gluten Free Berry Bars 40c.*



# P & C NEWS

## P & C big spend!

Our version of alchemy at Wentworth Public School is to turn sausages, cakes, lunch orders, homemade gifts and art and craft into gold.....to buy teaching resources for our children. Our volunteers and supporters have done such a fabulous job this year that we are very excited to announce that the P & C has approved \$27 799 to be spent for 2017 to upgrade our English and Maths resources across all stages. There are many great book titles being added to the school's existing collection. The breakdown for each stage is as follows:

### Stage 1: Home reader update and refresh \$3000

PM readers for Kindy lower levels \$1000  
 Bug Club subscription for 7 classes \$1700  
 Maths resources for each class \$3500  
 Maths Blaster subscription for K -2 \$2000  
 Primary Connection Science Kits \$1500

### Stage 2: Hot Maths subscriptions \$540

Assorted Maths Resources \$2242  
 Seventeen book sets & thesauruses \$10 406

### Stage 3: Twenty four book sets \$7434.54

Other english resources \$1485.73  
 Subscriptions to Hot Maths & Spelling City \$2046.43

## Kitchen garden

Thanks to all the families who completed our garden surveys. The general sentiment was positive, some environmental lessons were learnt and adopted at home and most parents wanted to see students use our outdoor classroom for more learning activities. Many of these activities need parent help and currently there is only a small group of parents helping classes in the garden. And yes, it's that same old mantra over again– we need more volunteers – for this to happen.

So what's growing in the garden this fortnight? Or more to the point what's not growing in the garden. With summer trying very hard to arrive the garden beds are overflowing with potatoes, beans, asparagus, garlic, spinach, peas, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes. Pumpkin, cucumber, kale, basil and onions seedlings have sprouted in the new greenhouse. The plum trees are heavily laden and netted and we have lots of apples too.

5/6 harvested and thinned our carrot patch. Those that had never seen heirloom carrots before found the white and purple carrots a little weird. But after some initial trepidation they found that they tasted just like orange carrots!



**We still have a couple more Monday mornings left to ready the kitchen garden to grow unattended over summer.** For more information please contact Phillipa on 0433993046 or Monique at [Monique.bisacot@bigpond.com](mailto:Monique.bisacot@bigpond.com)



(P &amp; C news cont.)

## Café Canteena

We are open every **Monday morning from 8 to 9.30am**. Lattes, cappuccinos, flat whites, long blacks and chai are \$3, double shots and large coffees are \$3.50 and hot chocolate, choc-orange or choc-mint or Milo is \$2. We use locally roasted TLC coffee and hot chocolates and chai from Grounded Pleasures. We also have skim, soy and decaf.

## Our final P&C meeting

For the end of year meeting we are having a social dinner with teachers & parents who may like to attend. This will be held at Canton Palace on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. everyone is welcome. RSVP Helen 0417469195

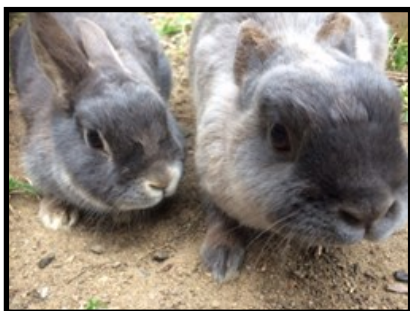
## 1D's descriptions of Dash the Rabbit

Emma's pet rabbits visited 1D. We wrote descriptions of Dash the rabbit. Here is some of our writing!

Dash is like a cloud. He is scared of people. Dash is a dwarf rabbit. His head is like a tennis ball. He likes to eat carrots that are ripe. He is as soft as a feather. Ellouise

Dash was soft like a cloud. He was like a small cat. Dash's nose was tiny. He was black and grey like a shadow. Dash was cute and fluffy. Harry

Dash the rabbit was as fluffy as a cloud and as soft as a lion's mane. His fur was like grey mist and he was as cute as a baby. He was as small as a possum. Luke



## WFPS iPhone/Android APP

Our free school App is available for download from both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, searching by the school's name.

Initially you will need to logon to the app with the following details:

Username – *community*

Password – *wentworthfallsps*

You will then be able to select the groups for which you wish to receive notifications (ie: select either ALL or choose the relevant Stage groups for your children).



**The App is an excellent way to be informed of up coming excursions, events and the newsletter. An alert is sent if an excursion delayed.**



### Carols on the Bus

Would you like to do some carol singing this Christmas? There are seats available on the Big Red Bus that will be touring the upper mountains and stopping to sing carols at a number of venues on Saturday 24th December 2016. We'll be visiting a retirement village, singing to the tourists at Echo Point and dropping by a street party. There is no charge and you don't have to be a great singer to join in the fun. The event starts at 3pm at the bus stop in front of the Carrington, Katoomba and ends at the Carrington Bustop at 5pm. You will need to confirm your seat on the bus by ringing Carol on 0450 660 740. The Combined churches of the upper mountains are organising the event with the support of Fantastic Aussie tours. At 5pm please join us for our 'Family Carols' service at St Hilda's Anglican church across the road from the Bustop.



### *Make a Christmas Lantern*

#### **6:30pm Children's Lantern Parade**

Bring your lantern at 5pm on Friday 16 December outside Leura Newsagency

Prizes for 5-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17 age groups

Lanterns displayed in shop windows up to Christmas Eve

**Use your imagination | Internet search for "create a paper lantern"**  
**Light your lantern with LED (live flame not permitted)**

For more information call 0409 845 415 or  
 facebook Rotary-Club-of-Central-Blue-Mountains







**Santa - Carols - Band - Buskers - Gift Wrapping - Sausage Sizzle**

**Leura Village Association & Central Blue Mountains Rotary Club  
invites you to a Christmas in Leura**

**Friday, 16 December 2016** *open until 9pm*  
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**Cut out entry form and bring with your lantern at 5pm outside Leura Newsagency**



### LANTERN ENTRY FORM

Name: .....

Age group: 5 – 8 ☐ 9 - 11 ☐ 12-14 ☐ 15 – 17 ☐ 18+ ☐  
(please mark)

Contact details: .....  
(email, telephone number)

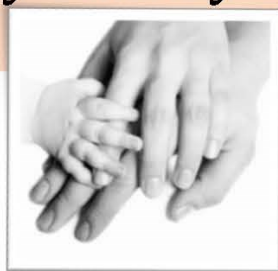
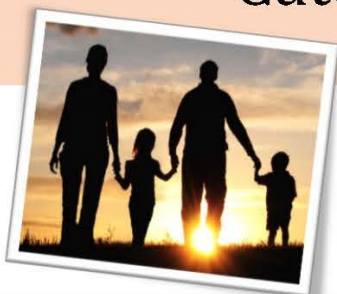
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# Upcoming Parenting Groups

Term 1, 2017

Gateway Family Services



## Circle of Security

*Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.*

## Strong Willed & Sensitive Child

*Understanding & responding as parents & carers. While maintaining secure boundaries*

## 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

*Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 0 -12 year olds.*

## Play and Chat (Playgroup) - Blaxland & Winmalee

*Come along with your little one (0-5yrs) for fun, games, stories, music, craft as well as parenting information*

## Play and Chat - Waratah Cottage

27 Waratah Street, Katoomba Tues/Wed 10am-12pm & Thurs 2:30pm-4:30pm

*A cosy place for families to drop in to play, create and chat together.*

**For more information and individual flyers go to:**

**[www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au) OR [www.facebook.com/GatewayFS](https://www.facebook.com/GatewayFS) OR call us on: 1300 316 746**

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.





## SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN – COMING SOON

Get ready for a 'Sensational Summer' of fun! Summer Holiday Club is coming to your school and it is going to be one of our greatest holidays yet.

Here are just some of the feature theme days coming up:

### **At the movies**

**SING (PG)** The movie event of the Summer is here. We're off to meet Dapper Koala Buster Moon and see the world's greatest singing competition!

### **Science Spectacular**

Interactive Science Session - Bubble, Bubble, POP! Mini Scientists get ready, it's time to experiment! With a take-home Science notebook.

### **Flying Hole in One**

Frisbee Golf Course - Will you be first to score a flying hole in one? A colourful and wildly fun indoor obstacle course awaits and we're ready to score! Plus, you'll get your own take-home Frisbee!

### **Inside Out**

Nesting Dolls - Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? The choice is yours!

### **Program Details**

To find out more about what's on at our Holiday Club program on site and to book visit

[www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From The Team at Camp Australia.

