



Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2, 2016

July

- 1 **End of term 2**
- 2 Election Day Book Fair,
Cake Stall & Barbecue

TERM 3, 2016

July

- 18 Staff return
- 19 Students return
- 26 UBMMF Rehearsal
- 27 OC Placement Test

August

- 2 ICAS English
- 3 Education Week, Open Day
and Book Fair
- 16 ICAS Maths
- 17 Kindy Excursion to
Featherdale Farm

November

- 11 Artfest
- 12 Artfest
- 13 Artfest

From the Principal..

We end our school term with our school being used as a polling place for Saturday's Federal Election. Our P&C would welcome any assistance on the day as we man the BBQ and sell cakes. We are also having a book fair in the Library.

We congratulate our Public Speaking competitors, Lily, Elliot, Connor and Darcy. Last week, these four students took part in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. We were very pleased with three Highly Commended awards and one first place being awarded to Elliot! Thank you to Mrs DeSilva, for her work with the team, and to the parents for your support of this event.

Our debating team enjoyed another win last week, defeating Lawson Public School as they argued the benefits of man going to Mars. Our team's preparation and rebuttals won the day, and with two students stepping in at the last minute due to illness, we were very pleased with the

result. Thank you and well done to Keisha, James, Aimee and Lily.

We have Education Week in the third week of next term, with Open Day falling on Wednesday 3rd August. Book Week falls in Week 6. It is shaping up as an exciting term!

I also wish to inform you, that our School Admin Manager, Jacqui White, will be extending her leave for a further twelve months. Mrs Diane MacBean has done a wonderful job as relieving SAM this past year, and I wish to thank her for all of her efforts. Mrs MacBean will return to her school at Lapstone early next term. Mrs Lisa Girardi will move into the SAM's position here at Wentworth Falls, and Mrs Jessica Ryan will move into the front office. Finally, we wish everyone a safe holiday period. We look forward to seeing all of our students return safely to us for the first day of Term 3 which is Tuesday, 19 July

Michael Hooker
Principal

Dogs at school

Dogs can be wonderful pets but it is **not suitable for them to be brought onto the school grounds**, even if the dog is on a lead.

Work, Health and Safety guidelines make it imperative that known risks are reduced in the school setting wherever possible. To date we have not had a serious incident with a dog, however, the risk of a child handling a dog inappropriately or a dog scaring a child makes it necessary to remove dogs from the school grounds.

Parents and caregivers who walk their children to school and take their dogs for a walk at the same time are asked to **keep their dogs outside the school grounds**. Please tie them up **away from the school gates and the front fence** so that individual students and bus lines can move readily to and from the school.

Thank you for your assistance in our endeavours to keep our students safe.

SophiePrincipal's Awards		PBL Awards		Principal's Awards		PBL Awards	
	<u>WEEK 8, Term 2</u>		<u>WEEK 9, Term 2</u>		<u>WEEK 9, Term 2</u>		<u>WEEK 10, Term 2</u>
KB	Gabriel	KB	Samuel	KB	Meredith	KB	Jayden
KC	Raphael	KC	Neva	KC	Leah	KC	Caspian
KM	Cruz	KM	Lukas	KM	Lukas	KM	Owen
1D	Sophie	1D	Luke	1D	Gabrielle	1D	Madeleine
1S	Tyler	1S	Mia	1S	Lilly	1S	Oscar
1/2J	Keedan	1/2J	Aidan	1/2J	April	1/2J	Matehya
2H	Tani	2H	Lachlan	2H	Nicholas	2H	Tara
2M	Zoe	2M	Txai	2M	Harriet	2M	Nina
3/4F	Matthew	3/4F	Katya	3/4F	Jed	3/4F	Nicholas
3/4H	Jemima	3/4H	Kirrilly	3/4H	Aleesha	3/4H	Ethan
3/4M	Lu-Anne	3/4M	Aelish	3/4M	Samuel	3/4M	Justin
4/5W	Amara	4/5W	Luke	4/5W	Summer	4/5W	Vinnie
5/6B	Dean	5/6B	Finlay	5/6B	Reilly	5/6B	Lachlan
5/6H	Gemma	5/6H	Hope	5/6H	Sebastian	5/6H	Jackson
5/6Z	Annabel	5/6Z	James	5/6Z	Jayden	5/6Z	Evan
RFF	Zoe K	RFF	Lu-Anne	RFF		RFF	

PEER SUPPORT

In this week's final session of *Living Positively* the children will reflect on what they have learned in Peer Support. They will remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self talk. The children will learn about a model – I laugh, I live, I love. This will help to remember the activities they enjoy, their strengths and to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways they can live positively.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to the school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

To make an online payment, go to the school's website at

www.wentworthfalls.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Click on "Make a Payment" to be directed to Westpac's secure payment site. Payments can only be made using Mastercard or VISA cards.

Payments can be made for any school expenses e.g. Voluntary Contributions, Excursions, Uniform etc.

Unfortunately, payments cannot be made for P&C activities.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Our Kindergarten enrolment packs are now available. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please collect one from the office.

Strings Rehearsal Day

The Strings group visited Croydon Public School yesterday for a combined rehearsal for the Opera House Jacaranda Concert.

It was a good experience playing with other students from different schools.
(Evan)

It was wonderful to hear how the songs come together with the different parts.
(Mia)

It was nice to hear how we are going to sound at the Opera House.
(Keisha)

I liked how everyone was playing together in harmony.
(Sienna)

We sounded really lovely combined.
(Hannah)



Thank you to Elizabeth Cooney and Mrs Franklin for taking us to our rehearsal at Croydon Public School.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool will again open 8:25am – 8:45am on **Wednesday** and **Fridays** during **Term 3**.

\$5 Jackets – Clearance Sale!

We currently have a range of new jackets that are no longer being sold in the uniform shop. These jackets are brand new. They are nylon/polyester.

Sizes include: XXXS = size 6,
XXS = size 8, XS = size 10

On sale at the clothing pool (not uniform shop) on:

Friday 1 July and

From Term 3 on Wednesday and Fridays until sold out.

As with all our items, we accept cash only.

(The boys are wearing XXXS and XS over their polo fleece jumpers.)



Opening Hours ...

Full Lunch Service: FRI 1st July
 Week 1 (Term 3) **Closed**
 Week 2 onward: open days TBA

Canteen CORNER

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QUICK BITES

KEY CANTEEN DATES TO REMEMBER:

Open Day
 Wednesday 3rd August (Term 3)
 Food Preparation Day 9th August
 Canteen Catch-up Term 3
 Date TBA

MENU UPDATES

-Wraps are no longer available!
-NEW: Wednesday special:
 Pasta and meatballs.
-COMING IN TERM 3: NEW Friday special: DUMPLINGS served with dipping sauce (\$3.50). Two alternatives will be offered: Meat and Vegetarian. Meat will be either Chicken or Pork (note: students will NOT get to choose which meat as it is subject to availability).

SURVEY:

Complete the survey online at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWPScanteen2016>
 Password is in capital letters: **WWPS**

CONTACT DETAILS

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Like us on Facebook:
 Wentworth Falls Public School Canteen
 Online Ordering Canteen Website:
ouronlinecanteen.com.au

CANTEEN SURVEY

A note went home this week about our Canteen Survey. We are committed to making the canteen better, and we need your feedback. Please complete either the hardcopy sent home (with the volunteer call out note), or complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWPScanteen2016>
 Password is in capital letters: **WWPS**
 The survey is open until 5th August.

TERM 3 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Term 3 Call for Volunteers is out now. Volunteers are needed for our fully P&C volunteer run canteen.

Volunteer for as little as one shift a term and you will help raise vital funds for the students. If you missed the form, please contact Karen (details below) via email and let her know how you can help.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS...

Sandie Naumann

Sandie has four children. Three children at school (Aleasha in 3/4H, Tara in 2M, and Leila in 1D), and Isaac is due to start in 2017.

Sandie is a Chemical Engineer currently working casually. She does a few canteen shifts a term, as well as helping out with paperwork.



"My kids love it when I am in canteen, and I love getting to know new people." ~ Sandie

TERM 3 OPENING DAYS



We will be closed during Week 1 (Term 3) and reopen in Week 2.

Note that we never open in the first week of term as this time gives us a chance to clean, restock perishables and cook.

Opening days for Term 3 will depend on volunteer availability, and will be advised sometime during Week 1.

OPEN DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our school open day is Term 3, on Wednesday 3rd August.



We need volunteers to help run coffee machine, cake stall and lunch special for visitors/parents (lasagne and salad or quiche and salad). Cake bakers also needed. Please contact Karen ASAP if you can help – we don't have long to organise this event in Week 3!

NO NUT POLICY

We have a strict "No Free" policy in our canteen. If you ever believe that we have served something containing nuts please let Karen know immediately.

Note that the Campfire Choc-hazelnut sippah straw has been checked with the manufacturer and does not contain actual nuts.



BISCUIT JARS AND BATH SALTS FROM MOTHERS DAY

A few jars are still available at \$7 each. Pop into canteen and pick up one, or send money with your child.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP...

Thank you Patty and Laurel Anthony for the donation of the sandwich toaster (we needed a new one). Thanks to Jenni and Sherrie for donations of baking dishes.

P & C NEWS

Election Day fundraising

When you come to vote on Election Day don't forget to support our school by enjoying a cake and our bbq – on the menu are sausages, egg and bacon rolls, haloumi, mushroom and rocket rolls or a roll with the lot. Last minute cake donations are always welcome so if you find yourself with an hour or two free on Friday feel free to cook up a storm and drop it off directly to the stall on the morning with an ingredient list attached. Questions or to volunteer contact Julie Guyer - jaguyer@gmail.com



School disco

The disco rocked in more ways than one. Not only did Dance2bFit energiser-bunny Tanya have all the kids, kindies to year 6, girls and boys all up and dancing and some of the teachers too, but we also raised heaps of money too. Thanks to everyone who came, had fun, helped out and ate dinner at the school disco – we raised a massive \$2700. There is a rumour that our disco organiser faithfuls are keen to run another one later in the year – if your kids like to shake their booty then stay tuned.

P & C purchases 2016

We are proud to announce that in addition to the \$34 738 cheque we gave the school this term for the end-of-2015/start-of-2016 purchases of ipads, readers, ebooks and other teaching resources, this year's P & C fundraising efforts have meant that we to have been able to further support the school towards the purchase of new Smartboards to replace the broken boards in Q-Block, five ipads for Kindergarden so each Kindy class can have five each, future library author visits so every child can go, \$1500 towards Stage 1 readers to support the re-launched home reading program and another playground upgrade to be installed later in the year. Thanks again to all parents who have supported our P & C initiatives in anyway, small or large. Every dollar raised helps to give our kids a better resourced school and education.

Café Canteena

We have had a few volunteer changes this term. We sadly say good bye and many thanks to Bec Evers who has been our Monday morning mainstay at the helm of coffee machine, and wish her well in her new job. We welcome Tess Rogan and seasoned barista Christian Dalton to the café.

Open **Monday mornings from 8 to 9.30am**. Coffee how you want it \$3, double shots and large coffees are \$3.50 and hot chocolate or Milo is \$2, large \$2.50. There might be freshly baked muffins, cakes or biscuits too. We use locally roasted TLC coffee and hot chocolate from Grounded Pleasures. We have skim, soy and decaf.

School Band update

We have been talking to a potential music teacher and Mr Hooker & getting ideas about how this could work. One approach would be to form small group ensembles and to practice these groups throughout the week with an end of term performance. From here students could gain performance confidence and learn to arrange themselves within a larger ensemble. The keyboards and guitars are a challenge as there are so many of them in the expressions of interest, thus not supplying diversity. This could be overcome by a mix of instrumental groups incorporating keyboard and other instruments. In a larger ensemble the keyboards could use various sounds to further the instrumental range. At the moment we are looking at trying to start something in Term 3. Please talk to Helen Pitcher 0417469195 if you need further information otherwise a letter will be sent out to confirm procedure early in Term 3.

(P & C news cont.)

Artfest

Save the date **Friday November 11 2016 to Sunday November 13 2016**

Blue Mountains Artfest is an annual weekend art festival that celebrates the talents of local and regional Australian artists and artisans. This year we are fortunate to have local artist Michael Rossiter as our feature artist. Michael's colourful and whimsical creations will inspire every artist!



At Artfest there will be amazing artworks and exquisite handcrafts to purchase. There will also be inspiring workshops, a wearable art show, silent auction of artworks created by our students, a jumping castle, face painting, delicious food and drinks and great entertainment. Artfest is a major fundraiser for our school and is now in its 34th year! There are many ways you can get involved in helping make this event a successful and creative one.

Check out the **NEW WEBSITE** at www.bluemountainsartfest.net.au and also our Facebook page <http://facebook.com/BlueMountainsArtfest>

A volunteer with graphic design skills is needed for marketing posters. Copy and images will be provided, the design and layout skills are needed. Pass on this to anyone you think may be interested. provided; the design and layout skills are needed. For more information please contact Kathryn at volunteer@bluemountainsartfest.net.au

The kitchen garden

Through the snow and rooftop frosts of the last week our winter veges are coming into their own. The cold temperatures mean that the white cabbage butterfly caterpillars can no longer survive and drill holes in our brassicas and they have flourished.



2H did an early winter harvest in a very frosty veg patch yesterday morning. They picked broccoli, cauliflowers, kale, spinach and silver beet for a pop-up morning veg stall. They also measured the garlic they planted in autumn and found that the leaves had grown on average 24cm long. They all got to pick and eat our first crop of mini mandarins.



Next meeting

Anyone and everyone are welcome to our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 9th August at 1pm in the school hall.

Winter Magic!

FREE friendly FUN FAMILY LUNCH

All children with parents, grandparents & caregivers welcome!

Date: Thursday 14th July
Time: Midday until 2-ish
Place: 17 Station St, Katoomba (Girl Guides Hall)

Board Games, Magical Winter Wonderland Activities, Face Painting, Delicious & Nutritious Lunch!

Contact Josie on
4782 1117 or
 E: josie@kncinc.org.au

KNC

Mountains support

DIAMONDS IN THE DUST

Write your own story

Writing can transform even the toughest life experiences. Discover your unique writing style with a small group of young mothers, aunts and grandmothers.



10am – 12pm
 Thursdays
 July 7, 14, 21, 28

Waratah Cottage
 27 Waratah St
 Katoomba

No experience needed – just bring your stories!

Phone: Enrich (Gateway Family Services) 1300 316 746 or 4782 5326

Email: student1@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Free of charge. Childcare available.



Gateway Family Services Parenting Group Program Term 3, 2016



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i>	Every Monday 1st Aug—5th Sept 9:45am—12:00pm For a prompt start	Waratah Cottage 27 Waratah St, Katoomba (3 doors down from Centrelink) *Childcare Available Bookings essential	ENRICH- 4782 5326
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i>	Every Wednesday 24th Aug—28th Sept 7:00pm—9:00pm	Heatherbrae 1 Benang Street Lawson	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Strong Willed & Sensitive Child <i>Understanding & responding as parents & carers. While maintaining secure boundaries</i> Facilitated by Barry Palm	Every Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th August 9:45am – 12:00pm For a prompt start	Lawson Public School Adelaide St, Lawson *Childcare Available Bookings essential	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
123 Magic Parenting <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 0 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Monday 1st, 8th & 15th August 9:45am—12:00pm For a prompt start	Lower Mountains *Childcare Available Bookings essential	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)

For more information and individual flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

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.



Information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and submit data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to

improve target support and resources to benefit students with disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child's school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's level of adjustment
- the student's broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and

programme improvement for students with disability.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff will count the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team's observations and professional judgments
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD'S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available from www.education.gov.au/notices.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at <http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/>.