



Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 , 2016

September

- 12 P&C Meeting at 7.30pm
- 13 UBMMF Rehearsal
- 15 Warragamba Dam for year1
Newcombe Ball Gala Day
- 16 Warragamba Dam for year2
PROMS Sydney Town Hall
- 23 Last day of Term

TERM 4, 2016

October

- 10 First day of Term 4 for
Students and Staff

November

- 11 Artfest
- 12 Artfest
- 13 Artfest

From the Principal..

Our school has had a busy couple of weeks. Our Book Week celebrations saw lots of activities aimed at promoting the love of reading. My thanks to all the parents for their support of this very busy week! Thanks also to Mrs Partington and Mrs Dickens for their hard work in co-ordinating the week's activities.

I wish to thank our District Athletics team who competed last Friday in the wet, trying to earn a place in the Regional Athletics Carnival. My thanks to Mrs Bones and Mr Burke for looking after our team. We were pleased to see two of our students moving on to the next level of competition. A great result for Max and Damon!

Our Basketball players will be pleased to see our new backboards being installed this week as our school continues to improve the quality and availability of sporting equipment for our students.

Our choirs continue to practice for their upcoming performances as does our dance group. We are really looking forward to seeing these children on stage. My sincere thanks to the co-ordinating teachers for their time and effort and to the parents for their support of our involvement in such events.

Michael Hooker
Principal

SAS Recognition Week

Every year, the PSA organises Recognition Week to acknowledge the vital role SAS staff play in schools across NSW. Last week was that time of year again: time to celebrate the fantastic work our School Admin and Support staff do.

SAS staff are an important part of the great work being done as modern schools step up to the challenges of educating students in this century and meeting the demands of an ever-changing world.

Recognition Week is an opportunity for your principal and the school community to show their appreciation to SAS staff members who play an important part in ensuring the smooth running of our schools.

- This includes:
- administrative managers
 - administrative officers
 - school learning support officers
 - general assistants.

Wentworth Falls Public School would like to most sincerely thank our SAS staff for the great work that they do!

One of the most
important things
we adults can do for
young children is to
MODEL the kind of
person we would
like them to be.

Carol B Hillman

Principal's Awards		PBL Awards		Principal's Awards		PBL Awards	
	<u>WEEK 6, Term 3</u>		<u>WEEK 7 Term 3</u>		<u>WEEK 7, Term 3</u>		<u>WEEK 8, Term 3</u>
KB	Sam	KB	Chloe	KB	Luca	KB	Gabriel
KC	Abby	KC	Raphael	KC	Ella	KC	Ed
KM	Matilda	KM	Oliver	KM	None awarded	KM	Sharma
1D	Caleb	1D	Natasha	1D	Harry	1D	Jayden
1S	Lily	1S	Lilliana	1S	Mia	1S	Tristan
1/2J	Not available	1/2J	April	1/2J	Emily	1/2J	Not available
2H	Ashley & Sam P (wk5)	2H	Kelly	2H	Henry	2H	Nicholas
2M	Tara	2M	Nina	2M	Zoe	2M	Audrey
3/4F	Katya	3/4F	Craig	3/4F	Dyllon	3/4F	Charlie Rose
3/4H	Charlotte	3/4H	Louis	3/4H	Kirrilly	3/4H	Mitchell
3/4M	Sienna	3/4M	Matthew	3/4M	Not available	3/4M	Aelish
4/5W	Emmagen	4/5W	Justin	4/5W	Mia	4/5W	Jacob
5/6B	William	5/6B	Taylor	5/6B	None awarded	5/6B	Sean
5/6H	Andrew	5/6H	Luke	5/6H	Harish	5/6H	Jack
5/6Z	Evan	5/6Z	Ruby	5/6Z	Keisha	5/6Z	Angus
RFF		RFF	Chloe	RFF		RFF	

Sydney Opera House

On Wednesday 24th of August, Ms Wighton and Mrs Franklin took ten students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 down to Sydney to play at the Jacaranda Concert, which is a part of the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. We had five violinists and five recorder players represent our school proudly. Our violinists were: Keisha, Evan, Mia, Sienna and Hannah. Our recorder players were: Lily R., Mela, Lily M., Lochlann and Kirrily. The day was spent in rehearsals, so that students could fine tune their pieces, in order to be ready for the wonderful concert which commenced at 7pm. It certainly wasn't all work though, as we did get time to go to a café and have delicious milkshakes!

Students are commended on their exemplary behaviour and the efforts they placed in learning their pieces before the final day. A special thank you to Elizabeth Cooney for her expert tuition to our violinists on the day and throughout the year.

Mrs Christine Franklin & Ms Ley Wighton



The Sydney Opera House was amazing! The rehearsal sounded really good with all of the string instruments and even better with the recorders and other instruments. The performance was definitely the best. I had fun representing the school and I'm sure the other students and teachers that came would agree that we represented Wentworth Falls Public School proudly. I'd love to play the violin at the Opera House again and I wish luck to those who go next year.

Keisha Davis
Year 6



Book Week 2016

What a wonderful book week we had as we celebrated Australian stories, authors and illustrators. Thank you for joining in our fun and supporting this exciting event. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Decorated Library- We have a superbly decorated library in keeping with the Australian theme of book week. Each class has contributed a set of gorgeous artworks based around one of the short-listed books from the Book Council of Australia.



Lennie the Legend



The echidna and the Shade



Ollie and the Wind



Mr Huff- K-2 enjoyed a fabulous play based on the book Mr Huff.

Mr Huff won the 'Early Childhood Book of the Year' award! We are grateful to the P&C for funding this occasion.



Premiers Reading Challenge Morning Tea

More than 280 students enjoyed the Possum Magic themed morning tea to celebrate completing the PRC. Lamingtons, pavlova and minties were among the foods we all enjoyed! Congratulations to everyone who completed the PRC- a great achievement!



Story Soup and Slipper Night Firstly, thanks to all the families who donated soup and bread. Delicious!

Thanks also to Clare for being our storyteller on the night. K-2 enjoyed making clay gumnut babies and listening to some of the Book Week shortlisted stories. 3-6 had a fabulous time hearing (slightly!) scary stories in the darkened library and then making some crafty piranhas. Thank you to Claire Jones for her magnificent story telling too! Thank you to all the parents who came to share this experience with their child.



Book Week Costume Parade

A wonderful array of costumes from Australian books, authors and illustrators made a colourful display in our courtyard. Thank you to everyone who participated.

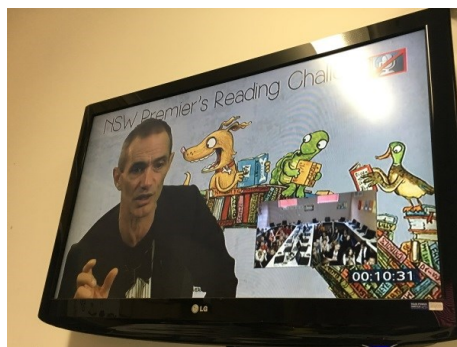
Congratulations to the following stage winners for their clever costumes!

Early Stage 1: *Raph, Sam and Douglas*

Stage 1: *Henry and Josh*

Stage 2: *Hannah and Reily*

Stage 3: *Lily and Monique*



Andy Griffith's author visit – video conference year 2

Year 2 had a WONDERFUL connected classroom time with Andy Griffiths- author of the Treehouse series after the release of his new 78 storey book. They laughed and told jokes with him while he inspired them with new ideas for writing. They then went back to their rooms for an enthusiastic writing time!

Tristan Bancks Visit- Thank you to the P&C for funding this tremendous visit! Year 3-6 were entertained by Tristan and had the privilege of completing a writing workshop with this brilliant author. We hope that our students feel inspired to pursue their own author and illustrator dreams!

Until Next year!

From **Mrs Partington & Mrs Dickens**



OPENING DAYS

Full Lunch Service: WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Recess only (not guaranteed): Some Monday's & Thursday's

Canteen CORNER

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QUICK BITES

KEY DATES:

- Pancake Day
Wednesday 21st
September
- Canteen Catch-up
Week 2 (Term 4)

NEWS IN BRIEF:

Use "News in brief" to skim headlines quickly.

- ❖ Kindy Parents Wanted.
- ❖ No Longer Stocking White Bread
- ❖ Canteen Make-over Competition
- ❖ Pancake Day in Week 10
- ❖ Winner of Survey Competition
- ❖ Online Ordering – Article #3 All the other reasons it is great.

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Online Ordering Canteen

Website:

ouronlinecanteen.com.au

KINDY PARENTS WANTED



Calling all kindy parents. Are you looking for a way to get involved, or to get to know your fellow kindy parents?

We need new volunteers, so why not sign up for one shift next term, and see how fun canteen is for kids and parents alike.

NO LONGER STOCKING WHITE BREAD

From term 4 we will no longer be stocking 'White' bread.



We will stock only 'Wonder white wholemeal bread'. Not only is this a healthier choice, but most children won't even pick the difference. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CANTEEN MAKE-OVER COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce that "The Hive" by the Gill Family has been selected as the winning design (see picture). Regional judging is later this week, and maybe we will win a canteen makeover.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and thanks to our judging panel: Michael Hooker and Leonie Packer.

All entries were judged 'blind' (no names visible). 2nd and 3rd prizes to William Louis with two of his designs and highly commended certificates will be going to Tara Naumann, Eloisa & Tabitha Bennetti and Lu-ann Unwin.

PANCAKE DAY IN WEEK 10

Pancakes will be offered for Morning Tea on Wednesday 21st. Must be pre-ordered by 16th Sept (no late orders accepted), and a note will be going home this week.

We are looking for volunteers to cook on Tuesday 20th, or serve on Wednesday 21st. If you are interested, contact Karen.

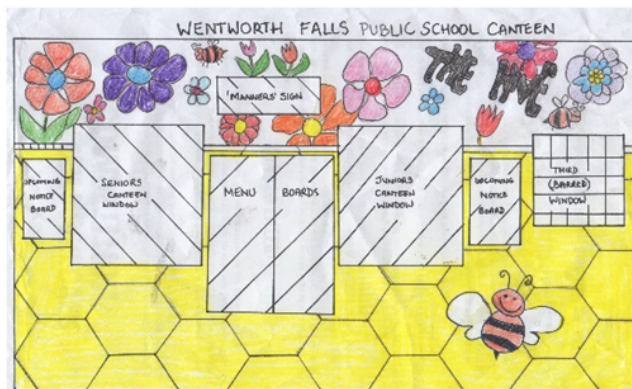
WINNER OF SURVEY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jodie Smith, winner of our survey participation competition for a \$20 canteen voucher.

ONLINE ORDERING – ARTICLE #3 ALL THE OTHER REASONS IT IS GREAT

Our special 3-part series of articles finishes this week. Online ordering helps by:

- Reducing paper menu printing (environmental benefit)
- Reducing wastage by allowing us to better appreciate and analyse supply versus demand.
- Ensures no orders are received on days that we do not open.



Winning entry: The Hive

P & C NEWS

This Saturday's Council elections

This weekend the P&C will be holding a fundraising bbq and cake stall at the school during the local council elections. Any last minute donations of baked goods on the day are welcome (please attach an ingredients list). Or if you're around to vote near the end of the day an extra couple of hands at pack up are always welcome (2-2:30). Otherwise just pop in and say hi and get ready to enjoy some delicious food in support of our kids education.

Father's Day stall and raffle

There are many, many people to thank for making the Fathers Day stall such a great fundraiser for our school. To start we need to thank Nina Tuason for organising and providing the inspiration for the fantastic stall and Naumi Hogan for approaching Coles and Woolworths to ask for donations of ingredients for the jars. Coles generously donated all the brown sugar and flour needed for the jars while Woolworths donated all the white sugar. The salt for both the Chilli and Rosemary salt was donated by Cheetham Salt. As part of the Fathers Day stall, the P&C also held a raffle for a fantastic Hand Tool Kit that was donated by Brian Angwin from ITW Proline. All these donations helped bring up our total profit for this event \$1479. If you missed out on getting a jar, please have a look for the extras at the P&C cake stall on Election Day this Saturday!



And thanks must also go to all the volunteers, because without volunteers, there would be no stall! Thank you to everyone who helped with this big job. There were people who filled and decorated jars, those who counted money and wrote out names on raffle tickets and those who ran the stall. We also want to thank all the families that collected and brought jars in for us to fill. Wenty Public should be very proud! We collected 222 recycled jars of the 300 that were made. This means we're raising money for our school, and teaching our kids that great gifts can be made using reusable and recycled materials.

Please help make this fundraiser as successful in future, by bringing your jars back to the office so we can refill them for future stalls. (Some have already come back – thank you!) It would be fantastic if we didn't have to buy any new jars next year.

And to wrap up Fathers Day, we'd like to congratulate Mark Egberts for winning the great tool kit in the raffle.

Volunteer needed for Assistant Treasurer position

We are still looking for a volunteer to help out our long serving and hard working Treasurer Winton Evers with small but time consuming tasks such as counting and banking the weekly canteen take. If you can lend a hand please contact Winton on winton@ecoprofitmanagemert.com.au or on 0400232200.

Volunteers needed for the uniform Shop

We are still looking for volunteers to keep our uniform shop running. If you are interested please send Rebecca an email john3066@bigpond.com or drop by on a Wednesday or Friday morning.

(P & C News cont.)

Clothing Pool – change to open days

From **Wednesday 7th September**, the **Clothing Pool** will be open on **Wednesdays 8:25 - 8:45am** until the end of Term 4, 2016. The clothing pool will be closed on Fridays for the remainder of the year.

The majority of sales for the past two terms have been on Wednesday and for this reason, we're consolidating our opening day to Wednesdays.

We will review the clothing pool open times at the end of 2016, with the intention of opening two days during Term 1, 2017 (depending on volunteer availability). Term 1 is the busiest period for sales and donations - where more than 50% of the clothing pool sales are made.

Our goal for 2017 is to:

- open two days during Term 1 (to keep up with demand during this popular time) and
- open one-day a week during Term 2-4 (to compliment the demand during these terms).

Thank you for supporting the clothing pool. If you have any donations, please keep them coming!

Blue Mountains Arftest 2016

After bursting onto the scene at last year's Arftest, with much flair and humour, **Wearable Art** will return in 2016. Entrants are encouraged to use recycled items and any materials that capture their imagination. Entries can be small accessories such as hats or bags, items of clothing such as capes or skirts, or complete head-to-toe creations! All entries need to be worn in the parade on Saturday 12 November at midday in the pebblecrete area. Entry forms are available from our website www.bluemountainsartfest.net.au. The school holidays are a great time to get to work on Wearable Art pieces or entries for the Kids Arftest competition. All entries are open until Friday 21 October.

Arftest's raffle will kick off sales on Election Saturday at WFPS. After picking up a cake and a tasty barbecue treat, grab a raffle ticket or two before you vote. All tickets purchased on Saturday will go into an extra prize draw for an original artwork by renowned artist Sandra Jakeman. This will be drawn at assembly on the following Monday morning at WFPS. Come and peruse the long list of prizes and check out the awesome printed raffle tickets - artworks in themselves!

Remember to add Arftest to your calendar -- Friday 11, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November — and visit our new website, www.bluemountainsartfest.net.au.

.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. Coming soon...tumeric lattes!

Spring in the garden



The flowering of our blood trees signals the start of spring in our kitchen garden. At last some warmer weather and sunshine to warm the winter chill out of our bones. 2H and 3/4M have been first in with the spring planting with a bed each of potatoes and beans. Potatoes and beans are good companion crops as potatoes are heavy feeders and take a lot of nutrients from the soil and beans are nitrogen fixers so put nutrients back into the soil. Thanks to Phillipa, Christoph, Vera, Monique and Kirrilie for helping the classes out.

Thanks also to Phillipa for turning and consolidating our compost bins. After two years of food scraps from the canteen and some school lunches we finally have good quality compost to put back into our garden beds. There are lots of worms in those bins too.

(P & C News cont.)

Our garden beds and orchard are chemical free. We only use composted manure and food scraps to improve the soil. This is an important environmental lesson for our students as our school is located high on the banks of Jamieson Creek which flows into the national park and over Wentworth Falls. Any chemicals we put in our garden can be washed into the creek which can be detrimental to the health of our native fauna and flora.

Our next **working bee** of the year will be the first weekend of **Term 4** – Saturday October 15th. Big new jobs are building a small walk-in greenhouse to sit next to the garden shed and mulching the area behind the new concrete retaining wall. Stage 3 are hoping to design the garden for this area and **any donations of native plants are more than welcome** (locally native tubestock and pots can be found at Wild Plant Rescue in Katoomba or the Conservation Society market stalls in Lawson or Blackheath Community Markets.)



For the rest of this term **Monday after drop off is our regular gardening morning**. You'll find us at the garden shed. Cancelled if wet. We always welcome all parents. Gloves and tools supplied. For more information please contact Phillipa on 0433993046 or Monique at Monique.bisacot@bigpond.com.

Next meeting

Anyone and everyone are welcome to our next P & C meeting on Monday September 12th at 7.30pm in the school hall. We have special guest will be Imelda, Community Liaison for Katoomba High School. Imelda will talk about the transition to high school and how this newly created Community Liaison role at Katoomba High will help parents, by be a conduit between parents and the school.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Come To The FAIR
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2016
9.00AM TO 1.00PM
Free Morning Tea
Free Kids Entertainment
CAKES, JAMS, WORKSHOP AND
GARDEN TOOLS, BOOKS, CRAFT.
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN
CHURCH
Armstrong St & Falls Rd
Wentworth Falls
Serving the Community

WFPS iPhone/Android APP

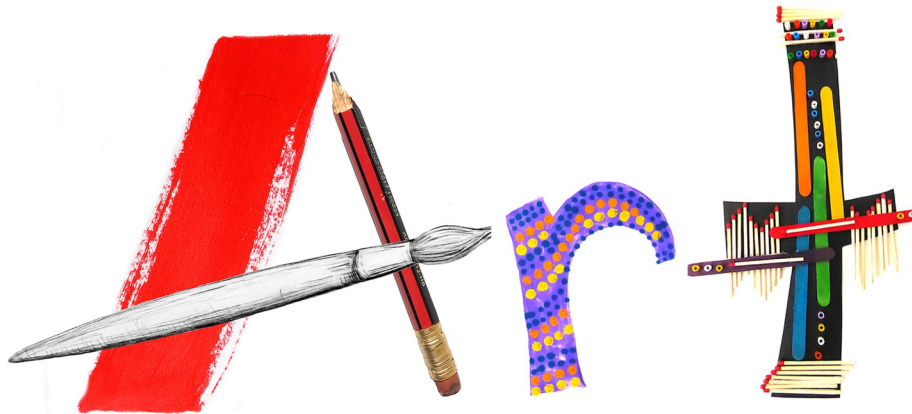


Our free school App is now available for download from both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, searching by the school's name. Initially you will need to logon to the app with the following details:

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).



See the website for details and entry forms
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