



# Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 1, 2017

#### February

- 8 Canteen reopening
- 10 School Leaders Induction Assembly, 11.30am
- 14 P&C Meeting, 1:00pm
- 16 Canteen Meeting
- 20 Meet The Teacher Evening
- 24 Zone Swimming Carnival

#### March

- 1 School Photo Day
- 8 NRL program Years 2-6
- 9 Selective High School Test
- 13 P&C Meeting (AGM) 7:30pm
- 21 Grandparents Day

## From the Principal..

Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope all families enjoyed a relaxing break and treasured your time with loved ones. We are all now refreshed and ready for an exciting year of learning.

A very warm welcome to the many new families that have joined the Wentworth Falls community. Welcome to our families who are new to our school with children in Kindergarten and a number of families who have moved into the area and are starting school here for the first time.

I am pleased and honoured to be writing to you as Relieving Principal here at Wenty for 2017 and will uphold Michael Hooker's inclusive and supportive approach and am very happy to be part of this vibrant learning community. We wish Mr Hooker well in his role in Principal School Leadership and look forward to his occasional visits throughout the year.

I'd like to thank Mrs Alison Bones for taking on the role of Stage 3 Assistant

Principal for the year, and to welcome Mrs Tess Masters, Mrs Renee Dickens, Mrs Christine Franklin, Mr Peter Evans and Mrs Lauren Halse in their roles as temporary teachers for 2017. Also, welcome back to Mrs Hannah Parker who is returning to Wenty after a year's maternity leave. Great to have you back Mrs Parker.

We have our School Swimming Carnival this Friday and we look forward to cheering on all students as they give their best. I would like to thank Mr Darrin Zammit in advance for his fine efforts in organising the many aspects of the Carnival and of course, to our parents who volunteer their time. We couldn't do it without you.

We have our 'Meet The Teacher' evening coming up on Monday, 20 February. This gives you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, be aware of class routines and units of work. More details will be sent home shortly.

Ms Ley Wighton

Education is  
the most  
powerful  
weapon which  
you can use to  
change the  
world.

Nelson Mandela

## 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 – *wentworthfallsp*

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.**



## Class Organisation 2017

All classes at WFPS have a range of student learning abilities and styles. All specific learning needs are catered for by the teaching and learning program to ensure the best outcomes for students. The classes are as follows:

|                        |      |   |
|------------------------|------|---|
| <b>Kindergarten:</b>   | KM   | Mrs Masters   |
| <b>(Early Stage 1)</b> | KB   | Mrs Bond  |
|                        | K/1C | Mrs Cannon  |
| <b>Stage 1:</b>        | 1D   | Mrs Doherty   |
|                        | 1S   | Mrs Salins  |
|                        | 2F   | Mrs Franklin  |
|                        | 2P/D | Mrs Parker & Mrs Dickens                              |
|                        | 2/3M | Mrs Moore <i>Assistant Principal</i>                  |
| <b>Stage 2:</b>        | 3M   | Mr McGrath  |
|                        | 4F   | Mrs Fong  |
|                        | 3/4H | Mrs Haynes <i>Assistant Principal</i>                 |
| <b>Stage 3:</b>        | 5/6Z | Mr Zammit   |
|                        | 5/6E | Mr Evans  |
|                        | 5/6H | Miss Harris   |
|                        | 5/6B | Mrs Alison Bones <i>Relieving Assistant Principal</i> |

## Student Leader Induction

We will be holding the Student Leader Induction assembly on Friday, 10 February at 11:30am. The School Captains, Prefects, SRC Representatives, House Captains and Library Monitors will be receiving their badges and being officially sworn in. Invitations will be sent home to the Parents/Caregivers of each student leader to attend the ceremony. I know it will be a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

## School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 1 March. Order envelopes will be sent home with each student in the near future. More information will be provided in our next newsletter.

## Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Friday mornings, between 8.20 and 8.45am. If you are unable to visit the shop during these times, you may complete an order form and forward it, along with payment, to the school office. The ordered items can then be either returned with your child or held in the office for collection.

## Clothing Pool

Second hand uniform is sold at the clothing pool located in the foyer of 1D.

- **Term 1, 2017** the clothing pool will be open  
**Wednesday & Friday 8.30 – 8.50am** as this is our busiest term
- **Remaining Terms** (2, 3, 4) the clothing pool will be open one day (TBC next year)
- **Look!** We've had a spring clean. We'll be ready to serve you first week back on **Wednesday 1 Feb** (closed Fri 3 Feb due to school swimming carnival). Then open Wed and Fri during Term 1.

## Student Opal Cards

To all parent and students who travel by bus and use the Opal Card, PLEASE remember to bring your Opal Card every day you travel by bus and tap on and off. The information gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine the demand for bus services. If we don't tap on and off the data may not reflect the need for bus services. Please remember your OPAL CARD and tap on and off for every trip.

## Road Safety

Traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day is always of concern to schools. We want to ensure that our children remain safe each day, so we request the following of our school community:

- No parking, drop off or pick up from the teacher's car park
- No U-turns over double lines along Falls Road
- No driving, parking or reversing into driveways
- No parking in the Rural Fire Service car park or across their driveway
- Ensure that children use the pedestrian crossing to cross Falls Road
- No stopping or parking too close to the pedestrian crossing
- Ensure that children exit the vehicle on the footpath side

## Monday morning café helpers needed



Our Monday morning Café Canteena is a P & C fundraising initiative and made over \$5000 profit last year. To keep it running this year we are looking for a few new volunteers. We only need you from 8 -9 or 9.30 on Mondays and for the occasional school event. We need people to help take orders and make hot chocolates or coffees. Coffee making skills are a bonus but definitely not essential - if you want to learn we can teach you on the job.

For more information or if you are interested in helping out please contact Vera on 0438624229 or [veragoss@hotmail.com](mailto:veragoss@hotmail.com)



**TERM 1 OPENING DAYS :****FULL LUNCH SERVICE:** Wednesday and Friday**RECESS ONLY SERVICE:** Some Monday's and Thursday's

(Note: "Recess Only Service" may be cancelled without notice)

# Canteen

## CORNER

Issue 1

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

### QUICK BITES

**KEY DATES:**

- Reopening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Food Prep Day: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Canteen meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February (TBC)

**NEWS IN BRIEF:***Skim our headlines quickly.*

- ❖ Opening Arrangements for Term 1
- ❖ Email contact details changed
- ❖ Lost property
- ❖ Important! Update your online account
- ❖ Wednesday Lunch Special - Burgers

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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Like us on Facebook:  
"Wentworth Falls Public School Canteen"

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

### OPENING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERM 1

Canteen is closed in Week 1 for cleaning and restocking.



Canteen reopens from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:

- FULL LUNCH SERVICE on Wednesday's and Friday's.
- RECESS ONLY service on some Monday's and Thursday's (opening dates are not guaranteed).

Want us to open more days? If the answer is yet - then volunteer to help out in our canteen! Interested? Phone or email today.

### EMAIL CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED

We now have a dedicated email contact for canteen related matters:

[canteenwfps@gmail.com](mailto:canteenwfps@gmail.com)

At this stage mainly volunteering emails will go through this account, but you can also use it to get in touch with us about other matters. Or you can still contact Karen directly on:

[karenlouis@bigpond.com](mailto:karenlouis@bigpond.com)

or phone 0468 772 456.

### LOST PROPERTY

See picture (below) for items left in canteen at the end of last year.



### IMPORTANT! UPDATE YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT

We are 100% online now!

Go to [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au) to create a new account if you don't already have one.

Please undertake some housekeeping on your online canteen account **THIS WEEK:**



1. Log into: [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au)
2. Update your child's class, teacher and year (select "Student" tab along the top menu). Classes **do not** automatically update. Orders will go missing if this isn't updated.
3. Check your account balance. Note that funds take several days to appear when using the bank transfer option.

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH SPECIAL - BURGERS!

Burgers are the new lunch special for Wednesday's.



We offer beef, chicken, salmon and vegetarian patties (see the online menu).

Please note that this means that our "pasta and meatballs" special is temporarily off the menu, but this will return later in the year.



## PUBLIC NOTICES



Do you have children 7-13 years old?

**Go4Fun® - FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!**

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program run by qualified health professionals to improve health, fitness, and confidence in children above a healthy weight.

Go4Fun® programs run weekly for 10 weeks during school terms, and are 2 hours long. Parents attend each session with their children to encourage a whole family approach.

All sessions include:

- Weekly games and activities for kids
- Fun, interactive discussions to improve children's physical activity, confidence and eating habits
- Practical demonstrations, games and tips about healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes

**Upcoming Go4Fun programs – register now – limited spots available!**

Katoomba North Public School – Wednesdays 4-6pm  
starting 1st February 2017

To register FREE call 1800 780 900, SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back or visit [www.Go4Fun.com.au](http://www.Go4Fun.com.au)

## FREE child car seat safety check



### 2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

**DATE:** Saturday 4 March 2017  
**TIME:** 9am -1pm  
**LOCATION:** Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub, Springwood Undercover / lower level, car park. (entry via David Rd)  
Bookings are essential. For information & bookings contact Council's Road Safety Officer on **4780 5000**.



An initiative of your local council as part of the  
Local Government Road Safety Program.







# Blue Mountains Youth Choir

'Inspiration through music'

## Springwood & Katoomba

Harmony  
Technique  
Workshops  
Improvisation  
Sight-Singing  
Performances

Mondays & Wednesdays  
After School Sessions  
Ages 8-15

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Creating a Time for Parents and Carers

**MyTime groups are FREE for parents and carers of children with a disability, special needs or a chronic medical condition**

Join us for a cuppa and chat in a friendly, supportive environment. MyTime provides a calm space to share experiences, parenting concerns and offers time out from a busy week.

Occasional guest speakers are invited to attend and topics relevant to your needs may be discussed.

Suitable for families with preschool or school aged children. Preschoolers are welcome to come and play in a safe and stimulating space.

Please note it is still possible to come without children if you choose, as this is time for you!

**MyTime meets on Fridays, at 2 West End St Katoomba.**

**Term 1, begins on Feb 10th – March 31st, 2017**

**Connect Child & Family Services** will be delighted to welcome you to our group which meets on Fridays, **9.30 to 11.30am.**

For more information, please phone Connect on 4758 9966 or email the Group Facilitator [Natalie.Dash@connectcfs.org.au](mailto:Natalie.Dash@connectcfs.org.au)

