



Wentworth Falls Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1, 2017

March

- 8 NRL program Years 2-6
- 9 Selective High School Test
- 13 P&C Meeting (AGM) 7:30pm
- 15 Stage 2 to Mt York
- 21 Grandparent's Day
- 27-28 Parent/Teacher Interviews

April

- 6 School Cross Country
- 7 Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2, 2017

April

- 24 Staff Return
- 26 Students return

From the Principal...

Watch out for the school planning survey which will be sent home next week. Your contributions are vital and valued as we are about to set our goals for the next three years.

Students looked very impressive on our 'Photo Day' with lots of toothy grins and the occasional toothless grin for the camera. Special group photos such as music and sport groups will be taken later in the year.

We've been really enjoying the Sport It Program, held every Monday and Tuesday. The students have been testing their fitness as well as honing fundamental movement skills. The wet weather hasn't dampened our enthusiasm, although the sequence of skills taught has been changed to accommodate the wet weather.

Congratulations to all those students who attended the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. Wentworth Falls put in a huge effort and we gave our best! We wish Cooper Cronshaw and Connor Secker lots

of luck, as they head to the Regional Swimming Carnival.

We had a fantastic turn out for 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday 20th February. Over 200 parents and carers visited their child's classrooms and we are continually impressed and grateful for our community's commitment to education. Thank you!!

We kindly ask parents and carers to stop walking through the carpark to Falls Road, both in the morning and afternoon. Keeping students safe is paramount and we are keen to avoid our students thinking the car park is a safe walkway. We shut our gates to keep kids in, especially the younger ones who are getting used to the routines and the safe areas of the school. We urge our community to help us teach our children well and by example.

LeyWighton
Relieving Principal

Step with care
and great tact,
and remember
life's a great
balancing act.

Dr Seuss



Invitation Grandparents' Day 2017

We would like to invite all our wonderful grandparents for a day of fun and entertainment.

Where: Wentworth Falls Public School

When: Tuesday 21st March 2017

Program: 10.30 – Canteen open
11.15 – Open Classrooms
12.00 – Concert on the pebblecrete (in the hall if raining)
12.30 – Lunch

We look forward to seeing you all!



Don't forget books on sale
for donation and purchase.

PBL Awards		Principal's Awards		PBL Awards	
	<u>WEEK 4, Term 1</u>		<u>WEEK 4, Term 1</u>		<u>WEEK 5 Term 1</u>
KB	Lucinda	KB	Leon	KB	Maxim
KM	Chloe	KM	Beau	KM	Louella
K/1C	Sciana	K/1C	Ayla	K/1C	Bronte
1D	Lizzie	1D	Clementine	1D	Neva
1S	Matilda	1S	Sophie	1S	Not Available
2PD	Jayden	2PD	Blake	2PD	Tamin
2F	Josh	2F	Oscar	2F	Evie
2/3M	Tara	2/3M	James	2/3M	Daniil
3M	George	3M	Jacob	3M	Kelly
3/4H	Eve	3/4H	Txai	3/4H	Tyler
4F	Billi	4F	Poppy	4F	Ethan
5/6B	Elit	5/6B	Amara	5/6B	Christian
5/6E	Monica	5/6E	Charlie	5/6E	David
5/6H	Xahni	5/6H	Matthew	5/6H	Samuel
5/6Z	Amelie	5/6Z	Amelie	5/6Z	Ruby



Amy Bell joins our staff this year from Western Sydney University, completing her placement for the Masters of Art Therapy at Wentworth Falls PS during 2017.

Amy completed a Bachelor of Nursing in 2002, after her second child was born she was a stay-at-home mum for 5 years. During this time a third child was born and Amy became a Breastfeeding Counsellor and Parent Mentor.

Her creative pursuits include developing a popular cartoon and starting a band. This love of art, with her passion for helping people led her to the path of Art Therapy. Art Therapy involves the use of art-making to help individuals identify and express feelings, allowing them to cope with grief, anxiety, confidence, separation and other life changes .

Please contact the school if you would like your child to be involved in Art Therapy.

The next Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) AGM is on Monday 13th March 7.30pm in the Wentworth Falls Public School Library.

All families & community are welcome.

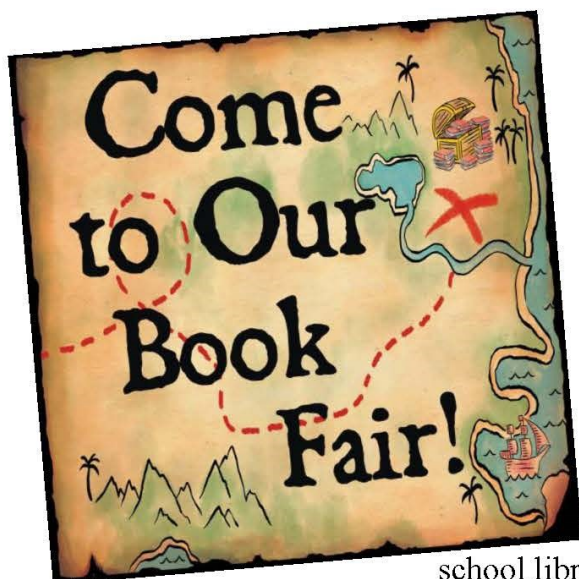
All office bearer's positions become vacant on this day. Should you or someone you know like to be nominated for either President, Secretary, 2 x Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Canteen Committee, Fundraising Committee, or Garden & Grounds Committee please email Expression of Interest to wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com by Friday 10th March.

Should you require any information please talk to David Roberts P&C Vice President.

To be a member of the P&C a membership fee is an annual gold coin at any time throughout the year. We hope to see you there.

Sport It





Adventure Awaits at the Wentworth Falls Library Book Fair!

To be held on **Tuesday 21st March**
in conjunction with
Grandparent's Day.

There will be books available from Scholastic to purchase and take home on the day, or please consider purchasing a book with a grandparent or loved one to donate to the

school library and enjoyed by all. Last year our generous community of grandparents and friends donated 180 books to our school library. It would be incredible to beat that total again this year!

The book fair will replace the 2nd edition of Book Club for term 1.

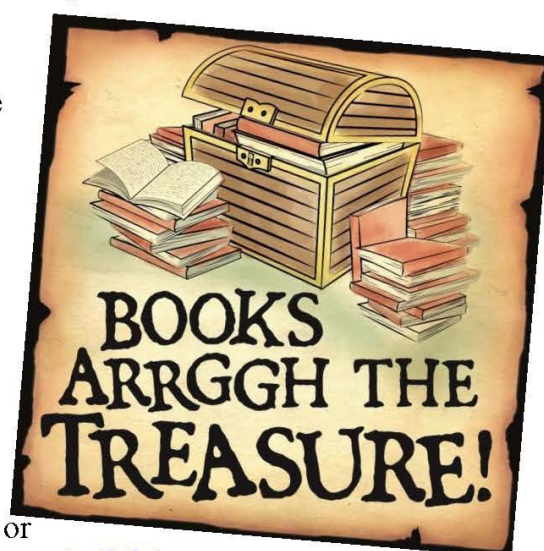
Students are invited to enter the **Pirate-Themed display competition**. Items will need to be made **by the student**, from **recycled materials**, be **smaller** than A4 size and **attached to string** to be hung from the ceiling. You may choose to design a pirate flag, a treasure map, some pirate treasure, or a pirate boat. Please bring to the library with **child's name and class** clearly marked before Friday 17th March. The best entry from each stage will win a \$10 voucher to be spent at the book fair.

There will also be a colouring competition and a pirate bounty guessing competition to enter in the library leading up to the event.



After Grandparents Day donations, we are always looking for assistance in order to accession and cover the new books so that they can be borrowed by students as soon as possible. If you think you could cover a pile of books in contact (whilst watching TV or listening to music??) please see me in the library, or contact me through the school email, [wentwthfal-](mailto:wentwthfal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Kind regards,
Lauren Halse
(Teacher Librarian)

TERM 1 OPENING DAYS :

FULL LUNCH SERVICE: Wednesday and Friday

RECESS ONLY SERVICE: Some Monday's Tuesday's, & Thursday's
(Note: "Recess Only Service" may be cancelled without notice)**Canteen
CORNER**

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2nd March 2017**QUICK BITES****KEY DATES:**

- Canteen meeting Thursday 2nd March (9.15am at Blue Mist Café)
- Grandparents Day Tuesday 21st March
- Food prep day TBA

NEWS IN BRIEF:

Skim our headlines quickly.

- ❖ Thank you food preppers...
- ❖ Trolley wanted
- ❖ Baking donations for Grandparents Day
- ❖ Thanks for Pizza Donations
- ❖ Volunteer job vacancies for out of school hours
- ❖ Update student class details

CONTACT DETAILS

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

THANK YOU FOOD PREPPERS...

Thanks to our busy food prep team (Fenny, Sonja, Amanda, Ekaterina, Marnelle & Karen) who cooked up a storm preparing biscuits, gluten free cakes, muffins and much more.

**TROLLEY WANTED**

We would love a donation of an unwanted trolley, baby change table, or table on wheels to replace our aging, rickety one.

Contact Karen if you have something that may be suitable.

**BAKING DONATIONS FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Calling for donations of baked goods (slices, cakes, scones & muffins) to sell at the Grandparents Day morning tea.

If you can help, please contact Karen as soon as possible. Thanks in advance to those who can help!

THANKS FOR PIZZA DONATIONS

A BIG thank you to Micheal from Blackheath IGA who donated a bunch of pizza bases. Wow – how generous!

VOLUNTEER JOB VACANCIES FOR OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

We would love for volunteers to consider these flexible hours, self-contained, out-of-school hour jobs.

These are perfect jobs for a full time workers, or parents at home with toddlers.

Job 1: Year 6 Helper manager - someone to run the Year 6 student helper's system, their permissions & roster.

Job 2: Someone to coordinate our 'Working with Children' checks (updating spreadsheet and a few emails).

Anyone wanting more information, contact Karen (contact details at bottom left).

UPDATE STUDENT CLASS DETAILS

IMPORTANT: Please remember to update class details for each child.



There are still many students whose class details are wrong in the online system, meaning orders are sometimes being sent to the wrong class. Parents must change these details (we cannot do it for you). Please login and go to "Student" tab and select your child's name, then under "Room" write in your child's class (e.g. 5/6Z).

P & C NEWS

Let's celebrate our public school P & Cs

The Parents & Citizens (P&C) Federation are asking each school around Australia to celebrate the P&C Association within its community on Wednesday 1st March. The P&C work hard to fund resources and technology, art, sport, play equipment and other building requirements around the school. Over the next week there will be displays of the fundraising items that Wentworth Falls Public School P&C have raised around the school to help celebrate and enjoy the generosity of our families, parents/carers and our community.

The School has a wish list – and YOU can help to make it come true

A number of projects for 2017 have been prioritized by the School and the P&C to add to the children's learning resources and to improve the school environs. To carry on these activities the P&C relies largely on a small core of regular volunteers. It also relies on the valuable assistance of infrequent volunteers.

This is an invitation to all parents and grandparents to join in whenever it is convenient to help get revenue-raising activities and school ground improvements completed successfully.

You don't have to join the P&C, you can volunteer for a singular activity, even if it is just for an hour.

To generate funds the P&C runs the:

- Canteen

- Café

- Uniform shop

- Second hand clothing pool

- One off small events such as Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, discos, BBQs and bulb drive.

- Artfest

The P&C also runs the school kitchen garden and orchard, helps with other garden and building enhancement projects. If you would like to become a member please email wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com

Ethics classes – parent teachers needed

Did your child miss out on ethics classes this year? There are quite a few parents and kids who have so far this year – we now only have 3 classes for our 7 primary school year levels. The ethics classes are run on a voluntary basis by parents from our school and we no longer have enough trained teachers. The training involves a two-day course and the time commitment is once a week on Thursday morning plus some reading before hand at home. For more information about Ethics classes and Primary Ethics, please visit

www.primaryethics.com.au. If you are interested in training as an Ethics teacher, please contact the Wentworth PS Ethics Co-ordinator, Dr Brian Jones on bjones45@bigpond.net.au or 4759 1114.

Café Canteena – volunteers needed

Our school café is open every **Monday morning from 8 to 9.30am**. We sell coffee how you like it (\$3 or \$3.50 large or double), chai (\$3) and hot chocolates (\$2). This term we are using parent Michael Kelly's own Spice-bean beans and hot chocolate and chai from Grounded Pleasures. We have skim, soy and decaf. We are looking for a couple of new volunteers 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

(P & C news cont.)

Kitchen garden

Its harvest time in the vege patch. 2PD and 3M got to dig fresh potatoes and pick and eat fresh tomatoes and cucumbers. The potatoes were sent to the school canteen to make the wedges for the next few weeks and Phillipa made pizza sauce for our pizzas from our surplus tomatoes.

MONDAY MORNING after assembly will be our regular gardening morning. Cancelled when wet. We always welcome all parents and toddlers too. Gloves and tools supplied. For more information please contact Bec, Phillipa, or Monique at Monique.bisacot@bigpond.com.



Uniform Shop – volunteer needed

Our uniform shop is currently run by Simone on Tuesdays and Laura on Fridays, but Laura has new work commitments on Friday so we are looking for a new volunteer to help run a second uniform shop day – which could be a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Please contact Simone on simonepoulter@hotmail.com or the office if you are interested.

Next P & C meeting is the AGM on Monday 13th March 7.30

The AGM is being held on Monday 13th March at 7.30 pm for both P&C & AGM. All Executive Team positions – President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer are vacated and re-elected. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and if you want to vote make sure you bring your membership coin donation. For more information or any nominations email wentworthfallspandc@gmail.com.



Wentworth Falls Public School 2017 Voluntary School Contribution

Enclosed please find my payment of:

- ☐ \$40 for a single contribution
- ☐ \$50 for a family contribution
- ☐ _____ (other amount)

Student Name(s): _____

Class(es): _____

For credit card payment, please complete:

Card holder name: _____

Card number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature of Parent / Caregiver: _____

Date: _____ amount enclosed: \$ _____

PUBLIC NOTICES

BLUE MOUNTAINS

BAT NIGHT

IT'S A BAT FEST!

- BAT CAVE FOR THE KIDS • BAT TALKS • BAT VIDEOS
- BAT WALKS (BRING A TORCH!)

FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2017 FROM 6.30PM

at Blue Mountains Heritage Centre, Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath • Enquiries 02 4787 8877

**FREE
EVENT!**

**MEET A
FLYING FOX**

**SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

PROVIDED BY BLACKHEATH MT VIC RFS



THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY GREATER SYDNEY LOCAL LAND SERVICES THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAMME



Mountains Multicultural Interagency (MMI)
Invite you to celebrate

HaRMONY DAY

Sunday, 26 March 2017 @ 9.0 am to 12.30 pm

Springwood Growers Market

Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub
104-108 Macquarie Road, Springwood

Kids' craft activities



Local services information

Live music

& lots more!

**Everyone
Belongs**

MMI is a collaboration of community and government workers who come together to address issues relevant to cultural & linguistically diverse communities in the Blue Mountains.



Do you know about the \$150 NSW Family Energy Rebate?

If you have any clients that are on Income Support and have dependent children, you may like to let them know about this. See below for more details.

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW family households to pay their electricity bills. This year, the scheme gives eligible households with dependent children a partial (\$15) or full (\$150) credit on their electricity bill. To be eligible you need to be a NSW resident and were eligible and received the Federal Government's Family Tax Benefit in the previous financial year and be an account holder of an electricity retailer. Applications are now open for the 2016 – 2017 Rebate and people can apply online. It only takes two minutes to apply online with your Department of Human Services (DHS) customer reference number, contact details and a most recent electricity bill.

The rebate will appear as a credit the electricity bill once, for each financial year. When the credit appears on the electricity bill will depend on the billing cycle of your electricity retailer, after the application for the Family Energy Rebate has been approved.

You can also download a paper application form and submit it by email or post to NSW Resources and Energy. Applications must be received by 11pm, Thursday 15 June 2017.

For more information, visit the website

<http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/financial-assistance/rebates/family-energy-rebate>