Welcome to week 7 of term 1!
Due to work place health and safety concerns two (2) of the playforts in the junior playground have had to be closed. The central playfort was able to be partially re-opened last week. This week groundstaff will look to complete work on this fort to have it fully functional. The timber playfort will remain closed. Audit results indicated quite clearly that the timber sections of this playfort are not suitable for children to play on. I am currently developing an action plan to manage this information and work towards a solution. There has been an ongoing issue with the dust from the bark softfall in the playforts and we are planning to replace the bark with new bark in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience on this issue.
I would encourage all parents to come along next Tuesday to the P and C AGM at 6.30pm followed by the general meeting. P and C are an integral part of schools and their input is valued. Be a part of Wondall Heights State School.
As we enter 7th and 8th week of term students have completed assessment pieces in a number of KLA’s. At the end of this semester teachers will report formally to parents via the school report card. Parent-teacher interviews is an opportunity for parents, teachers and if applicable students to discuss the students’ academic achievement so far, areas of strength and areas that require more concentrated work.
When teachers report they do so on an A – E standard. Achievement standards indicate the quality of learning students should typically demonstrate by a particular point in their schooling. It is important to note that under the Australian curriculum there has been a marked raising of the bar for student achievement standards. Parents and students need to be aware that when reporting and speaking with their child’s teacher that a student who is completing, understanding and doing the work that is expected of a student in a particular year level is meeting the standard for that year and thus would be awarded a C standard. Some clarification around the meaning of achievement standards;
A standard: working well above the expected standard for this year level
B standard: working above the expected standard for this year level
C standard: working at the expected standard for this year level – this means they are doing everything that they should be doing
D standard: working below the expected standard for this year level
E standard: working well below the standard for this year level.
When awarding a standard in reporting teachers will use a range of assessment items and will moderate with other classes in that particular year level to ensure consistency of judgement.
If your child receives a ‘C’ standard they are doing everything they should be doing academically.
Effort and behaviour levels are an indication of how ‘hard’ and the effort your child is putting in, in class. In this standard an ‘A’ tells you that they are working really well in class.

Majella Frith

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE
Friday 25th April is ANZAC Day and a group of students will be representing Wondall and marching. At the end of this term we will be calling on any students who are available to represent the school and march in the Parade that leaves from Manly State School.
As part of our reporting to parents, we have scheduled parent teacher interviews on Wednesday 30 April from 3:30pm to 8:00pm. Information about booking a time with your child’s teacher will be available soon.

FAMILY NAME SIGNS FOR VEHICLES IN PICK UP AREA
To assist car movement through our pick up area of an afternoon, we are offering family name signs for you to display on your windscreen. The staff on duty will then be able to direct your child to move to your waiting vehicle. Please advise the school office if you would like a laminated sign for your vehicle. This will greatly assist with the movement of vehicles through this zone.

SCHOOLS WITH POOLS
We wish our swimming competitors the best of luck at their Schools With Pools Carnival this Friday. Thank you to Mr Bloxsom for the training program that he has been running with these students.

Sarah Ramsden

Student Resource Scheme 2014
By now all families will have received their invitation to join the Student Resource Scheme for 2014.
Please read, sign and return your form to us no later than 24th March 2014. Invoices will be issued between 21st – 24th March and payments may be made, either in full or in agreed part payments, upon receipt of invoice.
Please also return signed form if you decide not to participate in the scheme and consult with your child’s class teacher regarding when the individual resources, indicated on the list distributed with the offer, are required.
There can be no extensions to this deadline so to take advantage of the bulk prices we have obtained - return your signed form before 21st March!
Linda Woodward
Business Services Manager
Next P&C meeting and AGM
Tuesday March 18th
@ 6:30 pm in the staff room.
All are welcome.

This year is FETE year so mark in your diaries now.
July 26th - "Grease is the word".

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 8.00am - 9.15am.

Music News!

CHOIR

“Singer of the Week”
Senior Choir – Ashley C. 4BH

Intermediate Choir – Ebony A. 3O

Dance News!

Dance Parents – just a reminder that your dance money is due by the end of term. Wakakirri students - $35 and Tuesday Performance students $50.

Instrumental Music

Last week all our Instrumental students were introduced to a music program called Smart Music. It is a very valuable tool which provides professional recordings of most of the students method book songs. It also has the capacity to record and score a performance. All students will be using it during lessons from time to time. Any parents wishing to purchase the program for home use can do so from Binary Music in Victoria Point. They will send out an access card by post. If you have a good quality microphone on your home computer you may not need to purchase the smart music microphone. Smart Music costs $39.60 and the microphone is approximately $33 extra.

Minasan Konnichiwa!

Jenny Ward desu. Dozo yoroshiku.

If your child is in Year 5, 6 or 7 s/he will now probably be able to tell you what those sentences mean 😊 (The 6s and 7s know a lot more than this, but we’ll save that for another time.)

We have 2 x ½ hour lessons together each week. This Term, students are developing their skills in speaking about themselves in Japanese and in being able to comprehend what’s being said to them about others.

As we have focussed on speaking (and the associated listening that goes with that) this Term, our Term 1 testing will also focus on those two skills (ie speaking and listening).

Term 2 will see the students learning and developing reading and writing skills, and of course continuing to build on speaking and listening skills. We will have some targeted lessons at the end of Term 2 to make sure we are as well-equipped as possible to welcome our Shijonawate visitors at the beginning of Term 3. This is the time when all that hard work pays off, as students find they actually can get their messages across: VERY exciting! (More on Shijo visit details later.)

Lastly, there are lots of really helpful websites which students can access at home eg quizlet.com for hiragana flashcards and hiragana games, and genki-japan.net for songs and games which help students learn everything from the alphabet to vocabulary. I would encourage students to have a look at these sites – learning the language is so much easier when you know the scripts...

minasan ganbatte ne!!
Ward Sensei

Wakakirri Art Competition

All Yr 2 – 7 students are invited to take part in our Wakakirri Art Competition. Great prizes to be won! Create your best DENTAL related artwork and get it to Miss Ellis by Thursday 27th March to be in the running. Have fun!!!

Colouring-in Competition

Prep and Yr 1 students can also be involved through our Wakakirri Colouring-in Competition. Students have already chosen their picture and should have taken it home for colouring. See Miss Ellis if you require another copy. Have your picture back to Miss Ellis by Thursday 27th March.
AROUND THE SPORTS
Well done to Kynan B. (12s), Natiana W. (11s) and Riley C. (11s) who all made their respective Lytton District Teams for Rugby League. Good effort to all who represented Wondall at these trials.

INTERSchool SPORT Training
Several teachers have commenced training sessions with the various sports associated with interschool sport. It is great to see initiative in building sports skill sets prior to trials and competition. Please remember these teachers have given up their own morning, lunch & afternoons to run these sessions so it is within the best interest to a student to build their skills prior to end of term trials (from Week 8) for the best chance of making a team. Sports this interschool sport semester are Rugby League, Soccer, Netball & Volleyball.

Notes will go home at the end of start of Week 8/9.
Our school wants as many students to represent Wondall as possible so if you find you that you don’t make one sport, check the others to see if you can be a part of their team. This is not only important to keep interschool sport costs down, it is important so that each team can field the right numbers. Admin/Teachers will monitor academics, attitude and behaviour when choosing their teams on top of skill and best team fit. Students need to show that their attitude towards all facets of schooling is positive in order to represent a Wondall team in interschool sport.

Schools With Pools Friday March 14
Training will finish this Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7.50 am. This week we will be practicing relays so I would like full participation at both sessions. Mr Haworth (Soccer) and Ms Ellis (Choir) have been informed. The junior carnival (10 & under) runs from 9 – 11.30AM and the senior carnival (11 & over) runs from 12 – 2.30PM. I will be walking down to the carnival at 8.30AM so any students that need to be dropped at school early can walk with me. I will return by walking back to school by 3PM with any seniors that need to return.

There are several parents attending as well as Mrs Masters so there will be several opportunities to return to school if in the junior session or to be taxied down if in the senior session and attending school in the morning.

Senior X Country Fun Run Fundraiser
All money collected is to be returned to the office and not to the teacher by Tuesday April 1 (Race Day). The carnival will run during our regular morning session from 9 – 10.50am. The junior carnival will be on Wednesday April 2 from 9 – 10.50am, weather permitting.

Starting Tuesday March 18 I will be offering morning x country running training to Years 2 – 7. This will run for two weeks on Tuesday & Thursdays ending 27th of March as an extra lead up to the carnivals. Students will meet at the oval gate at 8am for stretches.

AASC (Active After School Communities)
A quick reminder that parents/carers need to be on time for collection of students at 4.15PM. As both days are conducted on the oval, parents are required to pick up their students from this destination. Please be prompt.
Strive to excel in sport
Stephen Bloxsom
Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher

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TUCKSHOP
Trading hours: Tuesday – Friday
8.30am – 1.30pm
Current menu is on YELLOW paper effective October 2013

Grey shading below indicates Tuckshop needs your help!
Please let us know if you can assist on a particular day.

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Unable to attend your rostered day? Please text or ring me asap!

VANILLA Paddlepops
$1.30 each
LIMITED TIME ONLY!!

If you have any questions, please see us at the Tuckshop.

Suzette Beveridge 3906 6412