



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 3



Weekly message

Dear Parents,

We are already at the end of Week 3 of Term 4. Our school community has been busy this week, with activities involving students, parents and teachers. Significant events this week include:

Kindergarten Orientation

On Tuesday we held another of our orientation sessions for our 2020 Kindergarten students. Parents gathered in the hall and were addressed by a number of school staff members as well as current students and representatives from school related organisations. Our 2020 Kinders spent some time in classrooms with our current Kindergarten students and their teachers. We have one more session next week.

P&C Movie Night

Last Friday evening our P&C held a Movie Night and many families gathered to watch the Lego Movie, share a sausage sandwich and a drink and relax with their children. Once again it was a very enjoyable night with over \$400 raised to support learning resources in our school. Our thanks go to all the P&C members who helped out on the night.

P&C Trivia Night

Next Friday night we will be holding our annual Trivia Night, which is a fabulous night of fun and laughter for parents and friends of our school. Tickets are only \$15 per person and are available at the door. While you can form your own table, if you don't have a group, come along and you will be allocated to a table of new friends on the night!

P&C Meeting

While talking all things P&C, on Tuesday night we had our first meeting for the term, where we reviewed current activities and made final preparations for the Trivia Night. Mr Richards shared our new Enrolment Policy for ratification, and there was considerable discussion around our current population growth and the makeup of our school community.

Building Update

This week I was fortunate enough to tour the building site and see first-hand the work currently being undertaken. As you can see from the photos, the concrete support columns are in place and the Site Manager tells me that the metal framework will soon be going in, along with air conditioning ducting on the ground floor. Yesterday, we had a crane removing all the framing and other excess material, while today another crane is relocating the demountable toilets so that work can commence on the access pathways and landscaping needed for the learning building.



Swimming School

Swimming school concluded today with our students achieving some great results as they improved their swimming skills. I managed to visit the classes on Wednesday and was very impressed with the confidence in the water that all our students displayed. Our thanks go to Miss Gray, Mr Critcher and Miss Smith for their supervision of these students during the last fortnight.



Year 6-7 Transition to Keira HS

Last Tuesday (22nd Oct), the Keira High School Year Advisor for Year 7 2020 visited our school to talk to Year 6 students about high school next year. Two former students Daniel and Ana also came to share their experiences!



Staff Training

On Wednesday evening, all staff attended a twilight training session around Visible Learning which had been developed by the school's Visible Learning Team. This was the second Visible Learning session they have delivered, and all teachers appreciated the practical and relevant ideas and support that they have developed to suit teaching practice in our school.

Chess News

The WPS Chess Team went to Moss Vale today to compete against Tudor House and won the competition 7-1. They are now South Coast Regional Champions. Congratulations!

The next game will be held in Yass against All Saints Primary Tumbarumba.

Have a great weekend,
Kind regards,

Harold Cosier



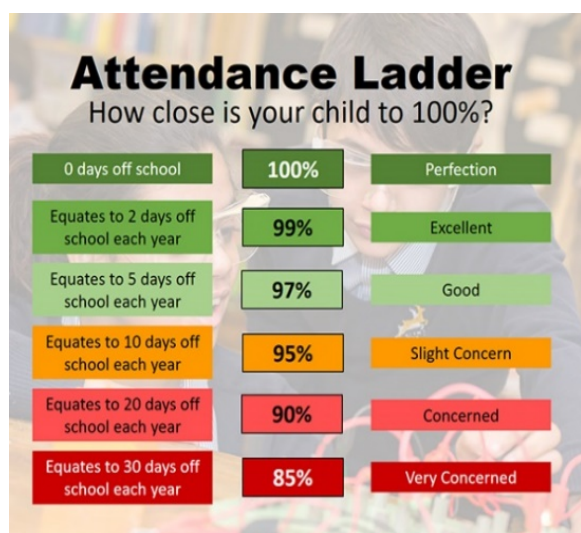
Deputy Principal News

Firstly, thank you to all families who have been following our afternoon pick up processes. We have noticed that this procedure has improved and we appreciate your support with this.

This week our leadership team has begun discussions around future targets for our students and school. We are yet to finalise these as we need much more discussion with all stakeholders. It is worth noting that the Department of Education is requiring us to focus our attention on attendance, among other things. We know that student attendance has a major impact on student learning and while we need children to stay home when they are sick to avoid spreading germs, it is vital that they attend school continuously.

The charts below give you the opportunity to self-reflect on your current attendance rate and show how much of an impact missing school days has over the entire schooling process.

Currently, Wollongong Public School attendance is satisfactory. However, we can always strive to improve this, supporting each child to reach their full potential. We ask that you take a moment to review the attendance patterns of your child/ren and support us to help lift the attendance rates for our school.



If your child misses...	That equals...	Over 13 years of schooling ...	Which means that instead of 13 years of schooling your child has completed ..
1 day / 5 hr / fortnight	20 days per year	nearly 1.5 years missed	.. up to the first half of year 11
1 day / week	40 days per year	over 2.5 years missed	.. up to the first half of year 10
2 days / week	80 days per year	5 years missed	... to the end of year 7!
3 days / week	120 days per year	8 years missed	... to the end of year 4!

Parent Feedback

Please feel free to contact me if you have any celebrations, concerns or would like to discuss aspects of our school. To arrange an appointment you can email me at matt.richards5@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the school office on 42289120.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Wishing you many happy moments in the week ahead.

Kind regards,
Matt Richards

Instructional Leader Update by Mrs Neaves and Mrs Critoph

Kindergarten Orientation

It was our pleasure this week to talk to our new and existing families at our Kindergarten Orientation. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their attendance and for allowing us to talk about our role as Instructional Leaders at Wollongong Public School. We are looking forward to working closely with our new Kindergarten students in 2020 and continuing to work with the children in our current Kindergarten and Year 1 classes next year. Please be reminded that Mrs Critoph and Mrs Neaves are available through appointments by contacting the school office.

Instructional Leader Model at Wollongong Public School



Celebrating

The Instructional Leaders at Wollongong love to celebrate learning with staff and children. We often have the opportunity to celebrate with groups of students and whole classes during our teaching time. In addition to this, we sometimes have students visit our office so we can celebrate their achievements with them. Here are some very proud students sharing their writing this week.



~ November 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Swim School	2
3	4 Interrelate Year 5 Session 2	5 Kindy Orientation Parent as Learners and Classroom Session 9.30am Interrelate Year 6 Session 2	6 Peacekeeper Lunchtime Disco	7	8 P&C Trivia Night	9
10	11 Interrelate Year 5 Session 3	12 Interrelate Year 6 Session 3	13	14	15 Early Start Discovery Space Excursion Kindergarten	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Year 5 OC Orientation Day	27	28	29	30

What's Due:

Early Start Discovery Space Excursion – Payment and Permission note due by
Wednesday 6th November

Beauty and The Beast Pantomime Excursion for K-4 – Payment and Permission note
 due by Friday 15th November

Positive Behaviour for Learning at WPS!

What is PBL?

PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a whole school approach for promoting positive behaviour within our school. PBL is about teaching the desired behaviours to students and showing them how they can be successful, allowing for a safe and supportive learning environment.

What are our school values?

Our school values are the expectations the school and community of WPS believe are required to create a positive learning environment. The 3 school values are: **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Safety**. All areas around the school have the school values and expectations displayed on signs to support students in making positive choices on the playground and in classrooms.

PBL Lessons

Each week, teachers engage students in PBL lessons which reinforce the three school values and expectations. Our teaching focus for this week was about wearing **hats**. All children are expected to bring their hat to school each day to wear at recess and lunch. We appreciate your support with discussing these expectations with your child at home.



Wollongong Public School

Hats

RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY
Take care of your hat	Wear your hat each day	Wear your hat at lunch and recess
Return hats that are found or store them in lost property	Pack your hat inside your bag after recess and lunch	Sit in the shade if you have forgotten your hat
	Label your first and last name inside your hat	

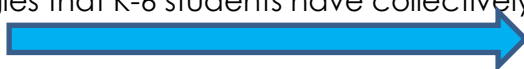
FAST AND FREQUENT PUGGLE



Last term, WPS launched the 'fast and frequent' whole school reward system. This system aims to recognise and encourage positive and appropriate behaviours in all areas at school. A fast and frequent puggle is a small token which all K-6 students can receive when they display the three school values on the playground and in the classroom. All K-6 students were set a target of 5000 puggles to achieve a whole school reward, which is decided

by the SRC (Student Representative Council).

The new current total of puggles that K-6 students have collectively received are:



2086

puggles

Congratulations WPS on this outstanding effort!

Attention families of Year 5 students:

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 8 October 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11 November 2019. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Brooke Aham, Stage 3 Assistant Principal.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2020??

[Please complete and return to the school office]

If you expect your child will not be attending our school in 2020 please complete the form below and return as soon as possible.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

REASON: _____

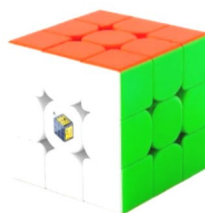


Rubik's Cube

Informal Meet-Up

1:00pm - 4:00pm,

Saturday 9th November



Wollongong Public School Library

Open to Year 5, Year 6 and upwards (including adult enthusiasts).
Parents are responsible for supervision of minors.

Bring your own cubes, plus spares
(if you're prepared to share).



Please RSVP the organiser,
Ms J. Stephenson -
(GAT Coordinator / Year 6 Opportunity Class Teacher)
jacqueline.stephenson@det.nsw.edu.au
If expected numbers are large, we will move the event to the school hall.



VIVA LA GONG

JOIN IN THE FLASH MOB JAM!

WITH WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM ALL STAR JAZZ BIG BAND



VIVA LA GONG
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
MACCABE PARK, WOLLONGONG
11AM - 7PM



At 4.20pm, grab your musical instrument and meet at Viva's Main Stage to be inspired by some great jazz from Eric Dunan and the Wollongong Conservatorium All Star Jazz Big Band.

For the final song - get ready to bust out your instrument and join the band for a **MASS JAM SESSION**.

It's ok if you're not a pro... everyone's welcome!
Just grab a kazoo, tambourine, or a shaker and join the fun.
For more info, visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au



SATURDAY • 9 NOVEMBER



VIVA LA GONG IS A CULTURAL
EVENT ORGANISED BY
WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

wollongong
city of innovation

WWW.VIVALAGONGFESTIVAL.ORG • MACCABE PARK, WOLLONGONG • 11AM - 7PM

WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2019 SPRING SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds)

7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: ***Sunday 10-Nov-2019*** (10:00am to 4:00pm)

WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and
Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow
(Opposite Woolworth)

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL

Results will influence qualification to
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: **JOHN MAZZIERI**
Phone: **(02) 4283 3080**
e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS

TBA-Nov-2019 QUALIFIER

TRIVIA NIGHT

Presented by
Wollongong Public School P & C Association

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

7:00PM

SCHOOL HALL



**Covers entry, prizes
and more!
Create your own team
(8 – 10 people)
or join one of ours!**

All profits raised from this event will fund home reading resources for students!



Check out our Facebook page for more information
'Wollongong Public School Family and Friends'
or email pc.wps@outlook.com





Presented by
Wollongong Public School P & C Association

FRIDAY 8th November – 7pm

As you know, the Wollongong P & C Association are running a Trivia Night for parents, carers, staff and friends of Wollongong Public School. This will be held in the School Hall on Friday 8th November from 7pm.

The objective of this fundraising event is to raise much needed funds for the school's literacy programs – in particular for home readers and quality texts for K – 2.

... and the great news is you can help!

You can:

✓ Join us on the night! It is a BYO event – so strictly adults only. Tickets are only \$15 for entry, prizes and raffles. Bring your own snacks and drinks, organise your own table (for 8 – 10 people) or meet some new friends on one of our mixed tables. **Please complete the section below to secure a seat or table. To help with organisation, tickets must be pre-ordered before the night. Payment options are shown below.**

✓ Make a gift or voucher donation! Some very generous businesses have already contributed to this event with donations. These donations form part of our prize pool that will be used in silent auctions, raffles and various game prizes. If your business is able to contribute to our night, please email Stacey at pc.wps@outlook.com

✓ Make a monetary donation! If you are unable to make the night but would like to contribute money to this fundraising effort, please email Stacey pc.wps@outlook.com for details.

Looking forward to this exciting experience with our wonderful school community.

Wollongong P.S. P & C Association

Tickets for Wollongong P.S. P & C Trivia Night

Name: _____ Mobile #: _____ No. Tickets _____

Payment Options:

☐ I have enclosed \$ _____ to cover the cost of the \$15 tickets.

☐ I have paid by direct deposit to **Wollongong PS P & C Association BSB: 032 695 Account: 358717** and emailed the receipt to pc.wps@outlook.com with my mobile number as the reference number.

☐ I will pay and collect the tickets on the night (Cash and EFTPOS accepted).

Comments: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

THE LORD MAYOR'S

Picnic in the park

**FOR 2020 SCHOOL
STARTERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!**

FREE entertainment and giveaways
for all 2020 school starters.
Join in the fun while finding out
more about starting school!

**Sunday 3 November, 10am-12pm
@ MacCabe Park (southern end)
Cnr Church & Ellen Sts, Wollongong**

www.transitiontoschool.com.au

For more information or to RSVP contact:

Emma Montalti on 4283 9943, or
transitiontoschool@bigfatsmile.com.au

Tracey Kirk-Downey on 4227 7158, or
tkirk-downey@wollongong.nsw.gov.au





Made Fresh Canteen Menu



BREAKFAST ONLY (Sold at counter only)

Oven Baked Hash Brown	\$1.00
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BREAKFAST, RECESS & LUNCH (Sold at counter only)

Plain Milk Cup	\$1.00
Hot Chocolate Cup	\$1.50
Light Chocolate Milk Cup	\$1.50
Light Strawberry Milk Cup	\$1.50
Light Banana Milk Cup	\$1.50
Toasted Cheese Sub	\$1.50
Toasted Cheese & Lean Ham Sub	\$2.00
Corn Flakes Bowl	\$2.50
Pancakes x2 with Honey	\$2.50



SANDWICHES (White or Wholemeal Bread)

Vegemite	\$1.50
Jam	\$1.50
Honey	\$1.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Lean Ham	\$2.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber)	\$4.00
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Fresh Chicken with Cheese	\$4.00
Fresh Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken & Salad	\$4.50
Lean Ham & Salad	\$4.50



WRAPS & ROLLS (Tortilla or Lebanese Bread)

Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber)	\$4.50
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken with Cheese	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50



VEGGIE & OTHER SNACK PACKS

Fresh Cut Veggie Cup	\$1.50
Veggie Snack Pack Dome with Carrot, Celery, Corn, Tomatoes & Bread Sticks	\$4.00
Veggie Snack Pack Dome with Cheese Cubes & Bread Sticks	\$4.50
Veggie Snack Pack Dome with Fresh Chicken Breast & Bread Sticks	\$5.00

SALADS (All Salads served in 12oz Dome)

Garden Salad	\$4.00
Tuna Salad	\$4.50
Cheese Salad	\$4.50
Lean Ham Salad	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken Breast Salad	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken Breast Pasta Salad	\$5.00
Fresh Chicken Caesar Salad with Lean Ham	\$5.00



FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT

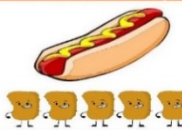
Diced Pineapple Small Cup	\$1.00
Oranges, Apples, Mandarins	\$1.00
Banana	\$1.50
Fresh Watermelon Cup	\$2.00
Fresh Diced Fruit Cup	\$2.00
Vanilla Yoghurt	\$2.00
Yoghurt with Muesli Cup	\$2.50
Yoghurt with Fruit Cup	\$3.00
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad Bowl (12oz)	\$4.00



OCCASIONAL FOOD & SNACKS

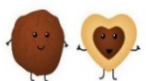
HOT FOOD

Potato Wedges Cup	\$3.00
Noodles Cup	\$3.50
Chicken Hot Dog (one free sauce)	\$3.50
Beef Hot Dog (one free sauce)	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets (5 pieces)	\$3.50
Sausage Roll (one free sauce)	\$4.50
Meat Pie (one free sauce)	\$4.50



SNACKS & OTHER TREATS

Homemade Cookies x1	0.50c
Gummy Bear x3	\$1.00
Homemade Muffins (freshly made daily)	\$1.50
Chicken & Corn Roll	\$1.50
Plain Ice Cream Vanilla	\$2.00
Red Rock Deli Chips 28g (2 Flavours)	\$2.50



HOT FOOD

Garlic & Herb Toasty (freshly made daily)	\$1.50
Pizza Cheese Sub (served on roll)	\$2.50
Mexican Quesadilla	\$3.00
Stuffed Vine Leaves with Rice x5	\$3.00
Meatball Sub with Napoletana Sauce	\$4.50
Grilled Chicken Souvlaki on a Roll	\$4.50
Homemade Pizza with Cheese	\$5.00
Homemade Pizza with Lean Ham & Cheese	\$5.50
Homemade Hawaiian Pizza	\$5.50
Lasagne	\$5.50
Cheese burger (lean beef)	\$5.50
Aussie Lean Beef Burger Lettuce/Tomato	\$5.50
Fresh Grilled Chicken Fillet Burger	\$5.50



SUSHI (available every Tuesday-pre order by Friday)

Teriyaki Chicken with Cucumber	\$4.50
Teriyaki Beef with Cucumber	\$4.50
Veggie Tofu, Carrot, Cucumber VEGAN	\$4.50
Tuna with Cucumber	\$4.50



DAILY HOMEMADE MENU

Monday	Pasta Carbonara with Lean Ham	\$4.50
Tuesday	Mac & Cheese Pasta	\$4.50
Wednesday	Hokkien Noodles Chicken	\$4.50
Thursday	Pasta with Meatballs	\$4.50
Friday	Pasta Bolognese	\$4.50



DAZZLING MEAL DEALS... If you buy a meal combo you would save up to \$1.00

PACK 1: CHEESE SANDWICH	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$3.50
PACK 2: STUFFED VINE LEAVES with RICE x5	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$4.50
PACK 3: MEATBALLS SUB	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$6.00
PACK 4: PASTA with MEATBALLS	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$6.00
PACK 5: PASTA BOLOGNAISE	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$6.00
PACK 6: FRESH CHICKEN & CHEESE ROLL	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$6.50
PACK 7: FRESH CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH	
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	\$6.50

CRUNCH N SIP PACKS

Piece of Fruit & Water 400ml	\$2.50
Diced Fruit Cup & Water 400ml	\$3.00



SNACKS & FROZEN TREATS

Frozen 99% Juice Cup Small (3 Flavours)	0.50c
Plain or Frozen 99% Juice-Jelly Cup Small (3 Flavours)	0.50c
Frozen Diced Pineapple Small Cup	\$1.00
Frozen 99% Juice Cup (3 Flavours)	\$1.00
Frozen 99% Quelch Fruit Juice Sticks (4 Flavours)	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Bread Sticks x4	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Plain Milk Cup	\$1.00
Plain or Frozen 99% Juice-Jelly Cup (3 Flavours)	\$1.00
Frozen Chocolate Milk Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Strawberry Milk Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Banana Milk Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Watermelon Cup	\$2.00
Frozen Grapes Cup (seasonal)	\$2.00
Frozen 99% Nippy's Juice Cup (3 Flavours)	\$2.00
Messy Monkeys Snack (Chicken, Cheese, Pizza)	\$2.50



WATER - MILK & JUICES

Water 400ml	\$1.50
Water 600ml	\$2.00
Popper 100% juice (3 Flavours)	\$2.50
Milk 300ml (plain)	\$2.50
Light Milk 300ml (3 Flavours)	\$3.00



As required by the NSW government all menu items sold each day, are to be listed as Everyday or Occasional food to allow parents and caregivers informed choices.

The NSW state government states menu items are required to be 75% everyday and 25% occasional.

Made Fresh is proud that we have exceeded this requirement.

We have kept our prices reasonable even after an increase to the levy for the "container scheme fee". Our suppliers have also increased their prices on eligible/quality goods under the new "star system".

Your child's healthy eating is paramount to our business.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Occasional



Everyday