

WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Message

Dear Parents.

It has been another very busy week at our school as we move towards the end of Term 2 and our half yearly break. Some important activities this week are:

Stage 2 Excursion

On Wednesday Stage 2 students travelled to Minnamurra Rainforest as part of their Mappen Unit on Sustainability. As you will appreciate if you have visited Minnamurra, the rainforest walk is an amazing experience and students were able to observe and experience the interaction between all the various plants and creatures first hand. A student report of the day can be found later in this newsletter.

PBL Launch

On the last day of this term (Friday 5th July) we will be holding the official launch of Positive Behaviour for Learning in our school. You have no doubt seen some of the signs and the large pencils in our playground reminding our students of the values that we aspire to at Wollongong PS: Respect, Safety and Responsibility. More information is available later in the newsletter.

P&C Meeting

On Tuesday evening we held our second meeting for the term at which we discussed issues relating to the school. One item that we talked about was our school uniform. As Lowes are no longer stocking Wollongong's uniform and parents can now buy it on-line through the P&C, we are ensuring that the supplies of appropriate uniforms are available. We also discussed the new building and its progress, and also upcoming fundraising options, particularly our Pie Drive (fliers go out this week), Fathers' Day Stall (August 30th) and the Trivia Night which will be held on the night of Friday November 8th. Please mark that date in your diary, as all funds raised will support our school, with the current focus being Home Readers.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday 19th June at Beaton Park. If you are available to assist on the day please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Building Update

We have finally seen the concrete poured outside our Administration building for the new entrance way which will be from the Western side. Inside, tradesmen are currently installing cupboards and benches and we are on target to be moving in before the end of term!

Refugee Week

Next week is National Refugee Week, and we will be celebrating the richness that refugee families have brought to our country and our local community. Our Community Hub will be hosting a morning of activities on Tuesday from 10.00am and will also be involved in other celebrations throughout the week. We will be holding a **Refugee Week Recess and Assembly** on Thursday from 10.40am to 12.00pm Our Choir has been invited to sing by the Red Cross at an event at Wollongong Youth Centre on Friday as part of the celebrations, but we are still wrestling with the logistics so I cannot give you a performance time at this stage.

Scrabble Tournament

On Monday next week, 5L and 6S will travel to Cabramatta for a Scrabble Tournament. As a keen Scrabble player I am envious not to be participating, but we wish them well with lots of complex words and Triple Word Scores!

Debating Round Robin

Our Debating Team will be participating in a Debating Round Robin competition at Figtree Public School on Tuesday 18 June. We wish them clear minds and good arguments in their endeavours!

Honour at Choral Festival

Two of our students have been selected to be soloists at the District Choral Festival to be held early next term (August 1st). Our choir will be participating on the night with choirs from schools around the district and William and Freya have been chosen to perform solo roles during the performance. Congratulations!

Thinking of you

We have had a number of deaths and illnesses/operations affecting our school community in the last week. While I do not want to invade anyone's privacy, I would like to say that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Have a happy, safe and caring weekend. Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

From the Admin Desk

The office has been encountering some issues with the Skoolbag app in regards to notifications of absences. This problem is being looked into. The Skoolbag is still fine to use as an alternative method to receive these notifications has been identified. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The Best Excursion Ever!

13/6/19

Yesterday Stage 2 went on an excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest. We arrived at school early and lined up. The teachers called our names and we hopped on a large coach.

I sat on the window seat next to my wonderful friend Shreya. It was a great journey because there was so much to see outside. Once we arrived we had fruit break in the rainforest and then we began some activities.

First we matched the colours with the leaves, sticks and plants. Next we made a rainforest out of sticks and some crunchy leaves. While we were making our miniature rainforest, we saw a male lyrebird eating food scraps on the ground. It was also scratching at the dirt to find some invertebrates to eat.

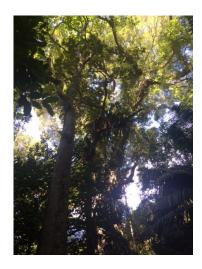
Later in the afternoon we went on a magical walk into the rainforest. We saw a large boulder (rock) staring at us opening its mouth.

My favourite part was walking on the suspension bridge because it was extremely bouncy.

Did you know that the peculiar rock tumbled down in a large storm and landed in that spot?

We also saw The Magic Faraway Tree! (strangler fig).

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CHOIR UPDATE



On Thursday 13th June, our school choir travelled to Austinmer Public School to rehearse for the Annual Wollongong School's Choral Festival.

We had a wonderful time learning and rehearsing along with Figtree, Corrimal, Scarborough and Austinmer Public School.

Throughout the day were solo auditions to accompany the mass choir. A big congratulations goes to William B and Freja on their success. They were both selected and will perform their solo pieces at Town Hall on the 1st August.

Well done everybody!







~ June 2019 ~							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
9	10	11 P & C Meeting 6:30pm	12 Minnamurra Rainforest Stage 2 excursion	13 Choir Cluster rehearsal (Choir only)	14 PSSA Sport	15	
16	17 Scrabble Tournament	18	19 K-6 Athletics Carnival Beaton Park	20 Refuge Week Celebration	21 PSSA Sport	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28 Paper Planes event 2pm	29	
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			~ July 2019	~			
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What's Due:

Rescheduled WPS K-6 Athletics Carnival Permission Note (and Payment if not previously paid) Monday 17th June

PBL News and Celebrations

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.

Wollongong Public School								
ALL AREAS								
RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY						
Use manners Look after our school environment Follow teacher directions	Take ownership of actions Help others	Be in the right place at the right time Keep your hands and feet to yourself Report incidents to the teacher						

PBL Lessons:

Each week, teachers engage students in PBL lessons which reinforce the three school values and expectations within different areas of the school. Our teaching focus for this week focussed on how to respectfully, responsibly and safely move around the school. We appreciate your support in discussing these expectations with your child at home.

Wollongong Public School							
MOVING AROUND							
RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY					
Walk quietly Knock and wait at the door when delivering messages Wait for teacher instructions before entering classrooms	Place closed bags on hooks or shelves Have your equipment ready to learn Have lunch/money ready at eating time	Walk on the asphalt Keep to the left on stairs and in hallways Walk in lines Keep hallways tidy					

AUNCH DAY

COUNTDOWN:

21 days to go!

PBL Launch Day:

Parents and carers are invited to attend the launch of PBL at WPS on Friday 5th July 2019 (Week 10). The launch day will begin with a parent information session at 9:30am in the library followed by a morning tea. Afterwards, parents and carers are invited to visit classrooms to watch PBL lessons in action! At 11am, families can enjoy a picnic recess with their child. This will be followed by a fun-filled day of activities for our students!

Let's Celebrate Refugee Week 2019

Please join us on Thursday 20th June to share a meal and share a story.

Refugee week provides an opportunity for our school community to celebrate the immense courage, resilience and valuable contributions made by people of refugee backgrounds.



10:45am Shared Recess: We ask families to come and share some morning tea with us. Families are encouraged to bring a small plate of food to share with the community. <u>Food can be delivered to the Community Hub before school or</u> delivered to Ms Yacoub at the front of the hall between 10:15-10:35am.

11:30am Refugee Week Assembly: Stories and performances will be shared from students and our local community.

Students are encouraged to <u>wear a scarf</u> on the day and <u>donate a gold coin</u> to local organisation, SCARF (Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families).



P&C UPDATE

WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT & CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

What we do

The P&C is a parent group that meets with the aim of raising money for the school and holding social events to increase the sense of community within the school.

The money we raise goes straight back into the school through the purchase of items such as iPads and home readers.

Get Involved

Meetings are held Tuesday nights in weeks 3 and 7 of each term at 6.30pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome, and children can play quietly during the meeting.

If you can't make it to a meeting, there are plenty of other ways to help out - join our Facebook group to find out more.



Uniforms

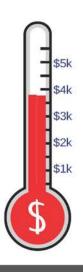
Due to low demand and increasing prices, we will no longer stock the girls' winter tunic and the school will move towards phasing it out. Girls can wear their summer dresses with tights and skivvies underneath, or wear a blue tracksuit with the school polo shirt.

If you would like to purchase the tunic, a similar item is available from poppets.com.au

Calling Green Thumbs

Our urban environment needs some greening. We are looking for interested parents and community members with the time and knowhow to create some natural play spaces and gardens within our school.

If you have ideas, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact PC.WPS@outlook.com



Fundraising

The Money we raise goes straight back into the school through the purchase of books and resources. If you have some ideas of items we can fundraise for, please get in touch. With your generous support, the P&C has already raised about \$3800 in 2019.



We're on Facebook

The Wollongong Public School Family and Friends facebook group is a great place to connect with other parents and find out what is happening in your school. www.facebook.com/groups/WPSfamily

Save the Date: Movie Night Fri Sept 20 | Trivia Night Fri Nov 8

P&C UPDATE

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家委会 —— 我们做些什么

家委会是一个家长们群,一个以增进学校社区环境而筹备各类社交活动的群,一个以增进学生就学环境而 筹集各类募捐集资活动的群。所有筹集得来的资金会交给学校,让学校购买教学用具,例如,平板电脑, 书籍等。

如何参与

家委会每学期开两次会,学校老师和校长也会出席并作报告。具体时间是第3和第7周的周二晚上6点半。地点在教工办公室。欢迎大家参加。你也可以带上孩子,只要孩子能安静的自己玩耍就行。如果你不能参加会议的话,还有其他方式来帮助大家,例如给社交和募捐集资活动的志愿者。你也可以关注我们的脸书了解更多详情。



馅饼日

请在7月5日前将预订馅饼的表格交与学校。 (有清真选项)

筹款募捐

我们所筹到的资金都会交给学校,让学校购买更多舍河 孩子学习的书籍以及其他材料。如果你有任何众筹的好 主意,敬请联系我们。

今年年初到现在, 我们已经通过几个活动筹集了约

校服

由于需求量少和价格上涨的缘故,会议决定我们将不再销售冬季连衣裙。女学生可以穿夏季连衣裙, 圆领长袖内衣和连袜裤,或者穿蓝色运动长裤和摆设体植。如果你一定要买冬季连衣裙,你也可以在 其他网站上购买类似的,例如:

召集'绿拇指'

我们的社区环境需要绿色!我们希望有园艺兴趣的家长或朋友一起来给学校创造更多绿色的活动区域和花园。如果你有好意愿和好主意的,请联系我PC.WPS@outlook.com

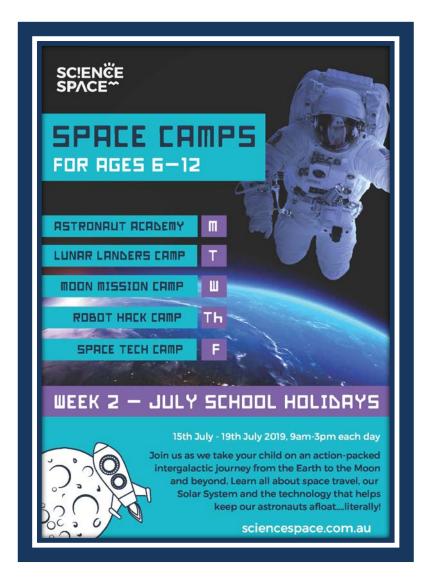


相约脸书

卧龙岗家委会有一个适合大家交友和帮助的平台,我们 也会实时更新学校及家委会的动态。请关注

www.facebook.com/groups/WPSfamily

重要日子: 电影之夜~9月20日| 问答赛之夜~11月8日



WOLLONGONG ART GALLERY

WINTER 2019

TUESDAY 9 JULY

FULL DAY WORKSHOP

FANTASTIC BEASTS

(drawing) for 9-14 year olds \$55 + booking fee Tania Maria Mastronianni – artist and educator 10am – 3pm

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

YAYOI KUSAMA STILL LIFE **PUMPKINS**

(drawing & painting) for 5-8 year olds \$22 + booking fee 10am - 12 noon

INK BLOW DRAWINGS

(ink drawing) for 5-8 year olds \$22 + booking fee

THURSDAY 11 JULY

FASHION FOREST (soft sculpture & wearable art) for 5-8 year olds with intellectual disabilities Free - bookings essential Rosie Deacon - artist

FASHION FOREST

1.30 - 3.30pm

FRIDAY 12 JULY

MATISSE PAPER CUT OUTS

artist and educator 10am - 12 noon

PERSPECTIVE DRAWING & COLLAGE

(painting & collage) for 9-14 year olds \$22 + booking fee 1.30 - 3.30pm

BOOK ONLINE AT: www.eventbrite.com.au (search Wollongong Art Gallery)

Terms and conditions regarding the Gallery's School Holiday Workshop program are available on our website





Corner Kembla & Burelli streets Wollongong
02 4227 8500
www.wollongongartgallery.com
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Dear Parents and Carers

Wollongong Public School has recently partnered with a not for profit organisation called *The Fathering Project*. Originating from the University of Western Australia, their aim is to inspire and equip fathers and father figures to engage with their kids. As a father myself, I know how challenging it can sometimes be to find the time to do special things with my kids and I saw this as a great way to provide an opportunity for our community Dads to join with their kids at school in some kid-focused activities.

If you would like to know more about this organisation, please visit their website: http://thefatheringproject.org/

We are excited to launch our partnership with a **Paper Planes event on Friday 28th June, 2pm-3pm**. An invitation will come home with your child today.

At 2pm you will head to the hall to hear a brief talk from The Fathering Project representatives who will tell you what they are all about and what you can expect to see from them at our school in the future. Your child will then join you for some paper plane making fun and a paper plane throwing competition. We will wrap things up by the bell at 3pm.

Please know that dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures are all welcome. Mums are also encouraged to come along and enjoy the fun. We recognise all families are different, so while we are actively trying to get dads involved at school, of course anyone from your family is more than welcome to come and join in. Please also note that we plan to hold future events at different days and times to accommodate for the varied and busy schedules of those in our community.

There is no need to RSVP. Just join us in the hall from 2pm on Friday in Week 9. We hope to see you there or at another Fathering Project event at WPS soon!

Warm Regards,

Mr Harold Cosier Principal









Red Rock Deli Chips 28g (2 Flavours)



