

# WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week at our school with students engaged in a range of activities. Of note this week:

#### Information Evening/P&C Meeting

Next Tuesday evening at 6.30 we have decided to hold an information/social evening for parents/community members rather than our more traditional P&C meeting. I have a lot of information about our new building program that I would like to share, and can give you updates on our Visible Learning journey and also the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) program that we are implementing to replace our very outdated student welfare system.

We felt that as a school looking to build links with our community, that it is important for us to engage in a much more appropriate way, so I am very keen to hear ideas from parents about how we can best communicate with you, and also how you feel parents can be involved with our school, given that we spend so much time with your children!

We will be providing some refreshments and there will be plenty of opportunity for people to chat. Please try and come along.

#### **Southern Stars**

Once again our students were magnificent, along with 3000 others! The sheer size of Southern Stars is a spectacle in itself, but when you add the colour, the range of performances and the sheer talent of our students, you can't help but be impressed. A huge congratulations to all our students, and our thanks go to all the teachers (Mrs Nelson, Mrs Sargeson, Ms Clapham, Miss Early, Miss Morley) and support staff (Miss Baker, Mrs Maddock) who attended the event, our staff back here at school, and of course all the parents who supported their children in participating.

#### **Premier's Spelling Bee District Competitors**

On Monday the four winners from our school competition of the Premier's Spelling Bee participated in the District Competition. Alec Frost, Ashley Yang, Jisu Baek and Clara Martin were all worthy competitors, but did not reach the next round of the competition. Congratulations all on being great representatives for our school and being such awesome spellers!

#### **SASS Appreciation Week**

This week is SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Appreciation Week, so on Tuesday we held a special morning tea to thank the unsung (and often unseen) heroes of our school. Many of you already know our Administration Staff in the front office, and appreciate the warm welcome they give to visitors to our school, but we also have other support

staff in classrooms and in the playground, all contributing to our school's operation. Please join us in saying a big Thank you to them when you next see them.

#### Mr Summerfield

Speaking of Support Staff, Mr Brett Summerfield, our General Assistant, who looks after our general maintenance, was not able to join in our celebrations this week as he has been in hospital. Mr Summerfield was very ill with pneumonia, but thankfully is out of hospital now and recovering well. I'm sure you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

#### **CEO Community Hubs Australia Visit**

On Tuesday we received a visit from Dr Sonja Hood, the CEO of Community Hubs Australia. Sonja was here to catch up with our Hub Leader, Evoon Yacoub, and our Hubs Co-ordinator Ann Burbrook, and to chat with the Mums who are regular visitors to our Hub. Our mothers cooked a beautiful meal that they shared with Sonja and it set the scene for a very joyous visit.

#### **Kindergarten 2019**

We are now accepting enrolments for 2019, so if you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2019, please pick up an enrolment pack from the school office. Enrolling students will be able to participate in a full Orientation Program to be held next term.

#### Kindergarten Mini Expo

On Wednesday at Kindergarten and K/1H held their Mini Beast Project and Public Speaking Expo in the hall. The many visitors were able to listen to students speak about their projects and examine them in depth. It was an outstanding event and our thanks go to the teachers and students for their wonderful work.

#### 1/2PC History Visit

Also on Wednesday I had a special treat when the students of 1/2PC invited me to visit their class as an Expert Guest. They have been studying local history, and as I have been at our school for 10 years, they had a range of questions around how the school has changed in that time. It was a wonderful opportunity for me, as it made me reflect on the changes that have occurred in that time – and there have been many, and I was very impressed with how confident they were in their questioning, and how obviously engaged they were in their learning.

#### Stage 1 Spelling Bee

Thursday saw our inaugural Stage One Spelling Bee which was an absolute triumph! An enthusiastic audience of parents were amazed at the awesome spelling skills of these young people, who were all spelling words way above their grade expectation. They were all magnificent, but the final result saw Saanvi Regmi our champion speller, closely followed by Harrison Nicholls, Harper Larnach, and Chelsea Zheng. Congratulations everyone!

#### **Peacekeepers Mufti Day**

Also n Thursday, our Peacekeepers held their Sport themed Mufti Day to support their well-being program, so our playground was full of athletes wearing their brightly coloured outfits!

#### **Early Stage 1 Botanic Gardens Excursion**

As I type this newsletter piece, our Early Stage 1 students are all visiting the Botanic Gardens and working with an Environmental expert. The weather is holding out so far, and I am hoping to make a quick visit to join in their learning!

#### **Beginning School Well**

Our Beginning School Well program continues on Monday afternoons and any 2019 Kindergarten students from Non-English Speaking Background families are invited to come and learn what to expect at school. The sessions are held in our Community Hub.

#### **Working Bee**

Don't forget our school Working Bee on Saturday 8 September between 9.00 and 12.30. Any help you can give would be most welcome.

Have a happy and safe weekend, Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

Harold Cosier PRINCIPAL

Stage 1 Spelling Bee



### 1-2PC History Visit





**Early Stage One at the Botanic Gardens** 

#### SCHOOL CONCERT

Could all parents please note that when ordering tickets for the School Concert (19<sup>th</sup> September) especially when on-line I cannot issue the tickets without the PINK permission form returned to the office. Thank you.



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### Science Fair

Thursday 18th October 2018, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Upstairs 'A' block

### **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS – 2019**

If you know of anyone who is intending to apply to our school in 2019 please ask them to come to the school and pick up an enrolment pack as soon as possible.

Our out of area enrolments close on Friday, 7 September, 2018. Enrolment forms and all documentation must be back by this date.

Please get enrolment packs back to the school office ASAP as information regarding play sessions and orientation days which commence early Term 4. Without all your information we cannot keep you informed.

## **CALENDAR – TERM 3**

		23	24	25	26	27
Jul 2018	1				Mosaic presentation	
	2	30	31 ICAS - English	1 OC Placement Test	2	3 HUB Launch
	3	6	7 Southern Stars Mass Dance Rehearsal At WEC	<b>8</b> Education Week celebration	9	10 PSSA Sport
	4	13	14 ICAS - Mathematics	15 Central Wollongong District Athletics Carnival	16 Central Wollongong District Athletics Carnival	17 PSSA Sport
Aug 2018	5	20	21	<b>22</b> BOOK PARADE	23	24 PSSA Sport
	6	27 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	28 Father's Day Stall	29 Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Southern Stars Rehearsal	31 Southern Stars Show
	7	3 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	4	5 ES1 Mini Beast Project and Public Speaking Expo	6 Stage 1 Spelling Bee 11.30am – 1.00pm	7 PSSA Sport ES1 Excursion - Botanic Gardens
Sep	8	10 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	11	12	13	14 South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival
2018	9	17 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	18	19 School concert	20	21 PSSA Sport
	10	24 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	25	26	27	28





To Celebrate a Winter's Day at your School Canteen we would like to offer you the chance to PRE-PURCHASE a Lunch Pack.

#### AVAILABLE LUNCHES

ON TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER AND NEED TO BE PRE-ORDERED

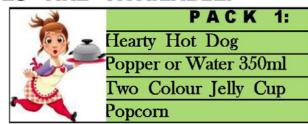
#### PLEASE FINALISE ORDERS

BY FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER AT YOUR CANTEEN

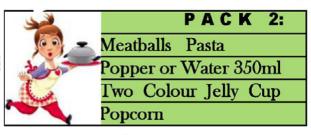
#### THE FOLLOWING CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE:

All for the fantastic price of \$6.50 each

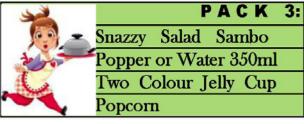














#### PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO THE CANTEEN WITH CORRECT MONEY

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### Wollongong Public School Kindergarten Orientation Notification of Key Dates

Families are invited to attend our Kindergarten Orientation and Parent Information Sessions. It is encouraged that your child attends each of the sessions so they can experience some of the activities that the Kindergarten classroom offers and begin to feel safe and confident in starting school. We would also encourage parents to attend all or as many sessions as possible. The sessions will be as follows:

#### <u>Teddy Bears' Picnic</u> Term 4 Week 1, Tuesday 16th of October 2018

11.30am - 12.30pm

Please report to the School Office where we will escort you to the picnic area. A fun-filled afternoon where you and your child can bring along a picnic rug, a healthy snack and your child's favourite teddy for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. There will be some of our older school children who will also come along to our picnic to play games with your child.

# Kindergarten Orientation School Tour and Classroom Session Term 4 Week 2, Tuesday 23rd October 2018 9.30am – 10.45am

During this session, families will have a tour of the school and have the opportunity to meet with some of our existing students and members of staff. After a tour of the school, you will have the opportunity to join your child with some fun activities in one of our Kindergarten classrooms.

# Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session and Classroom session Term 4 Week 3, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 9.30am – 10.45am

An orientation meeting for parents where you will meet several members of staff, including additional personnel, and as a result have a better understanding of Wollongong Public School and the day-to-day life of our Kindergarten children. Information concerning the Kindergarten program and school organisation will be distributed during this session. <u>During this session</u>, our 2019 children will be participating in some fun and engaging activities in the Kindergarten classrooms.

# Kindergarten Orientation Parents as Learners Session and Classroom session Term 4 Week 4, Tuesday 6th November 2018

9.30am - 10.45 am

During this session, parents will gain an understanding of what happens in the Kindergarten classroom with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Parents will have the opportunity to trial a variety of activities and as a result have a clear understanding of what learning will take place when your child starts school. <u>During this session</u>, our 2019 children will again be participating in some fun and engaging activities in the <u>Kindergarten classrooms</u>.

We look forward to your attendance and welcoming our new and existing families.

Mr H Cosier Principal Mrs S Neaves Assistant Principal

# Wollongong Public School 2019 Kindergarten Orientation You are invited to a

# Teddy Bears' Picnic

When: Tuesday the 16th of October

Where: Playground Bottom Grass area

Time: 11.30am -12.30pm

Bring: A picnic rug, a healthy lunch and your favourite teddy.

There will be some equipment and games that the children can play with our current students and tea and coffee will be available for parents.

We look forward to meeting our new and existing families.

#### Wollongong Public School supports the:

The Wollongong Homeless Hub (WHH) is a multiservice facility in Wollongong that provides meals, shelter and support to people in our community who need help.

If you are able to donate cans of baked beans, soup or a pair of new socks, they would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop them to Ms Boreland (5/6B) Thank you.

'Let's make their Winter warmer!'



### **SHARE the DIGNITY this AUGUST**

There are over 85 000 women and girls that are in need of our help this year.

Due to homelessness, poverty or escaping domestic violence, women in crisis do not have access to the sanitary items they need.

**YOU** can make a difference by donating a pack of pads or tampons. At the end of August they will be distributed to local Emergency Women's Shelters or Local Domestic Violence Services.

Your nearest Collection Point is

#### **WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

For more information you may contact Ms Melinda Boreland (5/6B) Thank you



# **Beginning School Well** بداية المدرسة حسنا **Wollongong Public School**

نشاطات اللعب الشيق و الممتع للأطفال غير الناطقين باللغة الإنجليزية النين تتراوح أعمار هم بين 3-5 سنوات وأولياء أمور هم . المكان: مركز المجتمع (Community Hub) في مدرسة Wollongong Public School سيتم تشغيل مجموعة اللعب من قبل معلمي Wollongong Public School و المسئوله عن مركز المجتمع التي تكون مدربه على التحدث باللغة العربية.

سيتم توفير شاي بعد الظهر.

# الدور ات:

الاثنين 27 أغسطس في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر الإثنين 3 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر الاثنين 10 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر الاثنين 17 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر الاثنين 24 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر











# Beginning School Well Wollongong Public School

Fun and exciting play activities for non-English speaking background children aged 3-5 years and their parents.

Where: Community Hub at Wollongong Public School
The playgroup will be run by Wollongong Public School teachers and
our Community Hub Leader who is a trained Arabic speaking mentor.
Afternoon tea will be provided.

## **Sessions:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.00pm Monday 10th September at 2.00pm Monday 17th September at 2.00pm Monday 24th September at 2.00pm









# Second Hand School Uniform

We have many items of school uniform available.

We are now open

Where: Community Hub- Wollongong

**Public School** 

When: Every Thursday 8.30- 9.00AM & 1.30-

2.00PM



For any further information- contact Evoon Yacoub Community Hub Leader on- 0439 898 092

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أين: محور المجتمع - Wollongong - Public School متى: كل يوم خميس 8.30-9.00 صباحا و 2.00-1.30 ظهرا



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Australia Cheng Feng Education Exchange Centre

#### **ACF Mandarin School --- Mandarin Course**

ACF Mandarin School is staffed by experienced and qualified teachers who have had decades of experience teaching Chinese in NSW.

Our school provides Mandarin language courses to students from Kindergarten to Year 10 levels. We use a very effective method of teaching by immersing the students in the Chinese culture. Our ultimate objective is to develop the students' ability, boost their confidence in learning and raise their interest in the new language, making sure they can apply what they have learned to daily, practical use.







Classes: From Kindergarten to Year 10, (4 terms in a year),

Course Fee: \$200.00/term, Special price: \$180, teaching Materials: \$30/whole Year

Time Table: Tuesday 3:15pm-5:15pm

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Term	Period	Term	Period		
1	06/02/2018 10/04/2018	3	24/07/2018 25/09/2018		
2	01/05/2018 03/07/2018	4	16/10/2018 11/12/2018		

Contact: Principal Ms. Sulian Tang 0404 839 398 Email: suliant@hotmail.com

Tel: 02-9211 1803 Fax: 02-9211 9179

Enrolment: Phone, Fax, Email, or in person are all welcome

ACF Office Address: Level 5, 461/317-321 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Location: School Library – Block D, 67A Church Street, Wollongong Public School

All students get together at School Library Block D at 3:00pm. The parents pick up your child/children at Library at 5:15pm.