



# WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Week 8



Dear Parents,

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

### **Lockdown/Evacuation Drills**

Over the last few weeks, your children may have come home telling you that we have had a "Lockdown" or as it was yesterday, an Evacuation. As part of our Work Health and Safety obligations, we are required to have several drills during each year to ensure that we would respond quickly and effectively if such an event was to occur. We have had several practice drills over the last few weeks and I am pleased to report that the refinements that we have made after each drill have meant that we are now confident that our procedures are now appropriate should they need to be enacted.

### **Information Evening/P&C Meeting**

Last Tuesday evening at we modified our usual P&C meeting and adopted a new format which aims to provide information to parents in an informal and relaxed setting. It also provides an opportunity for you to give feedback or ask questions about aspects of school operation that you may find puzzling.

I believe it was a success as we had a great discussion around several topics relating to the school and its future development growth. We talked about our new building, possible class formations for 2019 and Visible Learning. I found it particularly useful, as it provided me with feedback in several areas that will help us in responding to your and your children's needs.

Please look out for our next meeting early next term, as I think that you will find it a very informative and enjoyable evening.

### **Stage 3 Cyber Safety**

As part of National Child Protection Week, Stage 3 students participated in the Cyberbullying and Blackmail Adobe connect session this week. This involved listening to a presenter online who went through several different scenarios with students reflecting on the choices they would make. We got to share our ideas and discuss various situations that children may encounter. There were many schools from all over the state involved and this was a great experience to help develop our children's awareness around their responsibilities when online.

### Community Hub Computer Skills

Yesterday (Thursday) was the first session in our Community Hub Computer skills course. It was a very busy morning with 15 mothers engaged in developing their skills in technology. Ms Yacoub and Mr Richards tell me that everyone got a lot out of it and all participants are looking forward to continuing their learning next Thursday

### Regional Athletics Carnival

Today our top athletes are in Canberra participating in the Regional Athletics Carnival. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best as they compete in their various events.

### Building Program

I have just been talking to Gary Petersen, the General Foreman from building company HansenYuncken, and he tells me that next Tuesday will see the first lot of safety fencing erected around the old toilet block near our playing fields in preparation for its refurbishment. I will be holding weekly meetings with the building team so will keep you informed as work progresses.

### School Concerts

Next Wednesday you will all be aware that all classes will be performing in our school Concerts – one at 11.00am and the other at 6.00pm. I understand that all the seated tickets for the evening performance are nearly all sold (please contact the office), but there is still free standing room available; there are still lots of seated tickets available for the morning session (\$4.00 each).

### United Nations International Peace Day Celebration

Next Friday students from 5/6B and 5OC will walk to the Crown Street Mall to participate in an event to recognise International Peace Day.

### 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.

### Working Bee Postponed

Our Working Bee last weekend was postponed due to the unpredictable weather. We anticipate that it will be rescheduled early next term.

Have a happy and safe weekend,  
Kind regards,

*Harold Cosier*

**Harold Cosier**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## What Makes a Good Learner?

Visible Learning at WPS is about recognising, understanding and implementing great qualities to be the best learner you can be. We are working towards a shared definition of the characteristics of an effective learner of our school (learner qualities). Below are the top 6 learner qualities identified by students and staff at WPS. We need to decide on a name for each learner quality.

Please access the survey via the link below, or ask your child's class teacher for a paper copy to share your responses.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NXLFTB9>





WPS stage 3

## Science Fair

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

Upstairs 'A' block

### **SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL Entry to Year 7 in 2020**

Applications will open for placement in Year 7 in 2020 from 9 October 2018 to 12 November 2018. The test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019. The information about entry in 2020 will be available to view on <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

### *Wollongong Public School* *2019 Kindergarten Orientation*

*You are invited to a*

## *Teddy Bears' Picnic*

*When: Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

# 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

Jul 2018	1	23	24	25	26 Mosaic presentation	27
	2	30	31 ICAS - English	1 OC Placement Test	2	3 HUB Launch
Aug 2018	3	6	7 Southern Stars Mass Dance Rehearsal At WEC	8 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
	5	20	21	22 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	30 Southern Stars Rehearsal	31 Southern Stars Show
Sep 2018	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
	8	10 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	11	12	13	14 South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival
	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





# Band Slam Competition

Written by Christian Apter

On Sunday, the 9th of September, many Illawarra Music Bus Rock Bands competed in a 'Band Slam Competition'. Five kids from Stage 3 competed and came second in the Open Competition! Everyone had fun and our hopes are high, as a Wildcard position will be offered to the best of the runner-up bands. The next level, is the National level, and we hope to attend along with the first-placers!



Left to right: Keeleigh Stewart-Lowe, Matthew Newling, Will Brown, Christian Apter, Heath Crowther



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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:

### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

**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. During this session, 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. During this session, our 2019 children will again be participating in some fun and engaging activities in the Kindergarten classrooms.

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

Mr H Cosier  
Principal

Mrs S Neaves  
Assistant Principal



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm







# Beginning School Well

## بداية المدرسة حسنا

### Wollongong Public School

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

سيتم توفير شاي بعد الظهر.

## الدورات:

الاثنين 27 أغسطس في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر  
الاثنين 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





## 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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**Wollongong - محور المجتمع -**  
**Public School**

**متى:** كل يوم خميس **9.00-8.30** صباحا  
و **2.00-1.30** ظهرا



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**Evoon Yacoub**  
**عمتجمدا زكرم نء هلوئسمدا**  
**0439898092**



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

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](mailto:suliant@hotmail.com)

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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.

