



# WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 1



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to Term 4 of 2018. It seems no time at all since we were welcoming everyone to a new school year and now it is almost over. There has already been a lot of activity at our school this week and notable events include:

## **Stage 3 Science Fair**

Yesterday (Thursday) saw the culmination of weeks of work by Stage 3 students in the Science Fair, where all the reports about the many science experiments conducted were displayed on the top floor of A Block. The standard of work was astounding, with students tackling some very challenging topics, and displaying a very good understanding of their subject in both their report, and also in the conversations that I had with many of them. Some of the projects are displayed in this newsletter, and there will also be some added to the school website. The projects voted best by students staff and parents will be entered into the University of Wollongong competition where they will compete with schools from around the region. Congratulations to all Stage 3 students on such high quality research, and thank you to the Stage 3 teachers for organising the activity.

## **Building Program – New and Refurbished Toilets; Admin Refurbishment; Teaching Building**

The two new demountable toilet blocks that were installed behind the canteen are almost ready for use. On Tuesday morning I joined a team from the Department of Education and the supervising Project Management team to check for minor defects before they will be opened for student use probably late next week.

Work has also continued on the refurbishment of the Bottom Grass toilet block, with the entire building now gutted and preparation work happening for the installation of new doors windows and plumbing.

On Tuesday morning the Project Reference Group met and discussed aspects of the administration and teaching spaces, focusing mainly on the joinery – walls, storage facilities window placements and while it was initially proposed that we would be signing off on Admin, Learning Centre and Landscaping areas, the reality was that we only covered the Admin and Toilet refurb aspects of the program.

## Chess

This morning the Wollongong Public A chess team hosted Tudor House in the South Coast Region Final. The four players, each had to play their opponents twice, once as white and once as black. After a hard fought contest Wollongong were victorious by 8 games to 0.

Congratulations to our team who are now South Coast Region Chess Champions!

## Debating

Yesterday our debating team went to Figtree Heights Public School for the quarter final round of the Premier's Debating Challenge.. The topic of the debate was 'Spelling Bees Should Be Banned In All Schools,' and we were defending the affirmative position. Unfortunately, our team was not successful, although we received very positive feedback from teachers, parents from the other school and the adjudicator. Mrs Beckinsale, who accompanied the team reports that our team were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and I'm sure you will join me in saying how proud we are of their efforts.

## Stage 3 Interrelate

As Stage 3 parents are aware, as part of PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) each year we engage an external advisor to teach part of the personal development section of the curriculum. This year the Interrelate company is our provider, and they are teaching appropriate lessons based on the NSW Curriculum about the changes that occur in children's bodies as they get older, and also around keeping themselves safe. Year 5 sessions have already commenced, and Year 6 will commence later in the term. These are very important lessons, and I would urge you to support your children in attending these sessions. The permission note/ payment form is available on the school website.

## Kindergarten and Orientation Program for 2019

We are still 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 are currently able to participate in our Orientation Program which is held each Tuesday morning at 9.30.

Have a safe weekend,

Kind regards,

*Harold Cosier*

Harold Cosier

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***Stage 3 Science Fair photos will be on the website soon.***

## **Second-hand school uniform shop** **(Open hours have changed)**

**The second hand uniform shop is now open on Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.30-9.00 during term 4 at the Community Hub.**

**All donation welcome, either at the community hub or at the main office.**

**Help raise fund for your school!**

**For any further information please contact me on 0439898092**



Kind Regards,

Evoon Yacoub

Community Hub Leader

Wollongong Public School

# CALENDAR – TERM 4

MONTH		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 2018	1	15	16 Kinder Orientation Teddy Bear's Picnic 11.30am-12.30pm	17 Interrelate – Year 5	18 Stage 3 Science Fair	19
	2	22 Intensive Swim School	23 Kinder 2019 Orientation Intensive Swim School	24 Interrelate – Year 5 Intensive Swim School	25 Intensive Swim School	26 P & C Movie Night (see flyer in this newsletter) Intensive Swim School
	3	29 Intensive Swim School	30 Kinder 2019 Orientation Intensive Swim School	31 Interrelate – Year 5 Intensive Swim School	1 Intensive Swim School	2 Intensive Swim School PSSA
Nov 2018	4	5	6 Kinder 2019 Orientation	7 Interrelate – Year 6	8	9 PSSA
	5	12	13	14 Interrelate – Year 6	15	16 P & C Trivia Night PSSA
	6	19	20	21 Interrelate – Year 6	22	23 PSSA
	7	26	27	28	29	30
Dec 2018	8	3	4	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13 Year 6 Farewell	14 School Excellence Assembly 11.30 am – 1.10 pm
	10	17 Extra Curricular & Sports Assembly 11.30 am – 1.10 pm	18	19 Last day for students	20 Staff Development Day	21 Staff Development Day

Smith's Hill High School  
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500

**EXPO**  
**Monday 22 October 2018**  
**3:30pm – 5:30pm**



Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

**Applications for Year 7 2020 close on November 12 2018**

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2020. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2019 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum. Direct all enquiries to the school by phoning 4229 4266 during school hours (8:25am to 3:30pm).





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**Vacancies still available for  
Kindergarten 2019  
Enrol now!**

**Check us out on our website!**

**<https://wollongong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>**



Enrolment forms available at our school office



# BIG BOOK FAIR

Family Day Saturday 20 October 2018 from 12pm – 5pm

Reading is not only great for your education, it is also valuable for your wellbeing and helps children build relationships with those they read with.

To encourage as much reading as possible, we would like to offer you 20% off our purchase when you visit the Book Fair between 12pm and 5pm on Saturday 20 October 2018. WOW!

Write the name of your school here.

Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley.

Entry by gold coin donation and eftpos is available.

For more information, visit [www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events](http://www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events)

Voucher MUST be presented at the event to receive the discount.

Voucher only valid between 12pm and 5pm Saturday 20 October 2018.

## Transition to School

For parents & carers preparing children for school

**FREE!**

WARRAWONG PLAZA

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

9.00am – 1.00pm



Information and helpful tips for families regarding school readiness, out of school hours care, healthy eating, support services and local events.

Free giveaways and activities!

For more details please contact: Emma Montalti  
42 839 943 or [transitiontoschool@bigfatmile.com.au](mailto:transitiontoschool@bigfatmile.com.au)



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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

**Wollongong Public School P & C Association presents an  
Adults only**



(get your baby sitters organised)

Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Starts at 7pm finishing about 10pm



Start saving your gold coins for extra chances to win prizes in raffles,  
silent auctions and games

\$15 per person, up to 8 people per table, book a table with friends,  
family or work mates or we can match you to a table with others

Bring your own snacks and beverages (alcohol is fine)

**Please don't take money to the school office**, instead direct deposit  
into the P & C bank account and email your proof of payment with your  
name to Christine at [pc.wps@outlook.com](mailto:pc.wps@outlook.com)

Our bank account details are:

BSB 032-695

Account number 358717

If you need an alternate payment method, please contact Christine at  
the above email or on 0401601879

Money raised will go towards vital reading resources, particularly  
our home readers which desperately need upgrading.



**Thank you for supporting our school**





# Wollongong Public School Halloween Family Movie Night

**Sausage sizzle from 5.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

\$10 entry per child this includes entry for the movie, a glow stick & popcorn

For families with more than 3 children who have purchased tickets, extra siblings are just \$5

**Children must be supervised** - Supervising adults and children 4 and under are free!

Claim your space from 5.30pm

**Monster House** (PG, 2006) starts at 6.30pm (finish around 8.00pm)

Bring something to sit on, a bean bag or low beach-style chair would be perfect, otherwise camp chairs are fine, but you will need to sit further back or on the sides so other people can see.

A concession stand will be available for extra popcorn, drinks and other treats  
(priced between \$0.50 to \$3.00)

A Halal sausage sizzle will be running between 5.30pm to 7pm, so come in early and grab something for dinner and a chat.

**Tickets are only available at the door!**

**Fancy dress is encouraged!!**



Wollongong Public School Parents  
proudly raising funds for our school  
See you there!

If you are able to help on the night,  
please contact Christine on 0401 601 879

