



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 2



Dear Parents,

Today is International Teachers' Day, and I would like to acknowledge not only the work that teachers at our school do, but teachers all over the world. Teachers can have a profound impact on the students in their care, and I'm sure that all of you can remember at least one teacher who made that connection with you as a child, that made a difference in your life and learning. Teaching is a critical profession, and here at Wollongong Public School, we continue to strive to not only improve our teaching practice, but also to enrich the quality of learning, so that every student has the best opportunities in their learning journey.

Activities this week and next include:

Swimming School

Monday saw the start of our Intensive Swimming School, which runs over the next two weeks. 60 of our students travel each day to Corrimal pool where they are taught by qualified instructors how to swim, water safety, and general skills in water survival. This is a very important program, as we have so many beaches and pools close by, and the skills our students learn in these classes can mean the difference between life and death.

Staff Safety Training

While on the subject of saving lives, on Wednesday afternoon all our teaching staff attended a training session for Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Anaphylaxis management. This is compulsory training for all school staff and ensures that in the event of an emergency, there will always be someone on hand who knows how to respond to an accident or injury, how to administer CPR (this is where chest compressions are used alternatively with mouth to mouth breathing) to give a patient the best possible chance of survival while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Our training was undertaken by Wollongong First Aid, and we all appreciated how thorough they were in their instruction so that your children have the best care that we can provide.

Kindergarten Orientation

On Tuesday our 2019 Kindergarten students had their first opportunity to visit the Kindergarten classrooms that they will enjoy next year. Parents were able to sit with their children and chat to teachers about their hopes and fears for their first year of formal schooling.

Next week the students will have their first taste of being in a classroom with their new friends while their parents go to the hall to learn more about our school's operation and what to expect from an adult's point of view.

Please, if you know of any families who have children who wish to start school next year, ask them to contact our office immediately.

Building Program

Work has continued this week on the refurbishment of the Bottom Grass toilet block, and electrical wiring and plumbing lines are currently being fitted. I am expecting the new demountable toilets to be in use next week.

Movie Night

Tonight is the P&C Movie Night and with Halloween approaching next week, the movie on show will be Monster House (PG), one that the whole family can enjoy! Tickets at the door (\$10 per child with give-aways! adults and pre-schoolers free). The BBQ starts at 5.30 and the movie at 6.00.

Please remember, all children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Have a safe weekend,

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

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PRINCIPAL

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 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

Year 7 entry to a Selective High School in 2020 (Current Year 5 students)

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

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 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). You must submit only ONE application for each student. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available now at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. 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 9 October 2018.



Ms Leah Early has been nominated as member of the teaching staff to be the school's Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). The ARCO is the contact between students, staff, parents and community members who wish to make a complaint regarding racism.

Contact your ARCO:
leah.early@def.nsw.edu.au
4228 9120



Your ARCO is:
Leah Early

racismnoway.com.au

Wollongong Public School is committed to providing a safe learning environment for every single one of its students regardless of their race or religion. In order to ensure that WPS remains a place of racial and religious equality, an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) functions within the school.

Ms Leah Early acts as the ARCO for our school. If at any time, you have a concern about the school, you are encouraged to contact Ms Early so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students.

For more information, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/multicultural-education/anti-racism-education/complaints-of-racism>



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Quality Learning in a Caring Environment

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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



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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 30th 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

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

WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2018 SPRING SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds)

7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: **Sunday 11-Nov-2018** (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

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

Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS

TBA-Nov-2018 QUALIFIER

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



(get your baby sitters organised)

Friday November 16th, 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

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