



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 3



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Wollongong PS with students actively engaged in a range of learning and social activities.

Activities this week and next include:

Movie Night

Friday night saw the P&C hold their Movie Night with a Halloween theme, and it was wonderful to see so many children (and adults!) dressed for the occasion. Once again, it was a very enjoyable night with over 40 families attending, with good sales of sausage sandwiches and various snacks. Our thanks go to the P&C members who organised the event and helped out on the night.

Halloween Mufti Day

While on the subject of Halloween, our Peacekeepers decided to hold an impromptu Mufti Day on Wednesday to help with their fundraising for their end of year excursion. Our playground was full of various monsters and other scary characters as students joined in the fun. Miss Morley asked that I convey her thanks to those who participated and helped fund raise.

Swimming School

Today is the last day of our Intensive Swimming School, and Miss Lopez and Miss Gray report that our students have been tremendous in their efforts in the water and also with their behaviour at the pool and on the bus as they travel to and from the venue. This is always a very worthwhile activity, which provides what could be lifesaving skills to our students.

Kindergarten Orientation

On Tuesday our 2019 Kindergarten students had their first experience of being in the classroom without their parents as they engaged in some real "Big School" learning! Parents gathered in the hall where they were addressed by Mrs Neaves Ms Bugden from NSW Health, a number of Year 5 students and myself, where we introduced them to some of the expectations that we have of them and their children while they are part of Wollongong PS.

The final session is next Tuesday morning at 9.30.

We are still accepting 2019 enrolments, so 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 as the minor defects in our new demountable toilets have been fixed, I am expecting them to be cleared for use next week.

Chess

Having secured the South Coast Region Championship a few weeks ago our school chess team will embark on their next challenge on Wednesday of next week when they travel to Wagga Wagga to play Deniliquin Christian School. Deniliquin won the Riverina Region Championship and the winner of this match will become the Southern Region Champions. We wish the team all the best and know they will represent our school well.

Chicken Pox

Unfortunately we have had 2 confirmed cases of chicken pox in our school. It is one of a number of infectious diseases that still exist in Australia. Below is an excerpt from the Fact Sheet provided by NSW Health.

Chicken pox

Time from exposure to illness - 2 to 3 weeks.

Symptoms - Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.

Do I need to keep my child home? - Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

How can I help prevent spread? Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old.

Afternoon Pickup in Church Street

In an effort to streamline the afternoon pickup, next week we will be trialling a new system whereby students sit in Year groups (youngest closest to the gate) with younger siblings sitting with their older brothers or sisters, so that we can locate students and get them out to parents' cars as quickly as possible. **Please do not double park as you wait for your child, as not only does it disrupt the traffic flow, but it also can cost you a very hefty fine as it is illegal to do so.**

Stop Press! Great Achievement

Last night Ronin Naumovski won the Year 3-4 Working Mathematically Category at the STANSW Young Scientist Competition. He was one of six in the state.

Here he is pictured with the keynote speaker and Australian Local Hero of 2018, Maths teacher, Mr Eddie Woo.

Congratulations Ronin on this great honour!

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 Peacekeepers – Jamberoo Excursion	19 Last day for students	20 Staff Development Day	21 Staff Development Day

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded to

WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

In recognition of your valuable contribution to

WOLLONGONG EMERGENCY FAMILY HOUSING & WOLLONGONG HOMELESS HUB

Signature



19-10-18
Date



Scrabble Tournament

On the 1st of November, students from 50C, 60C and 5/6S travelled to Croydon Public School in Sydney to play in a scrabble tournament along with Cabramatta PS. We departed at 8am in the morning and spent the entire day there. We did a short scrabble workshop where we learnt scrabble skills and rules. We also played two games in teams of two. At the end of the day there were awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the individual competition and the teams. Two teams from Wollongong received awards, for 2nd and 3rd place. We were really lucky to have this opportunity and we all enjoyed it very much. It was clearly a very fun and tiring experience for all of us.





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Kindergarten 2019
Enrol now!**

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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 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