



# WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 5



Dear Parents, Carers, students and community,

## **High expectations and learning this week**

Our school is regarded as an outstanding learning environment for students and staff. This culture of high expectations is a result of dedication and hard work on behalf of the staff and the students. This week I have had the opportunity to witness the high expectations that we value for all learners and seen the children engaging in many wonderful opportunities across the school. It has been my absolute pleasure to see our students and teachers in action and working together in the classrooms. Across the week I have visited some classrooms and been able to witness buddy classes participating in cooking lessons together, children testing materials for their strength and resilience and even children persuasively discussing everything they know about Humpty Dumpty.

## **Remembrance Day**

On Monday this week our students commemorated Anzac Day. Across the school all students were given opportunities to engage in learning about why and how Remembrance Day is commemorated and the importance of remembering these special events. The children were able to consider aspects about Australia's war history and its significance in our lives today. A special thank you to Jenny Lewis, Oscar Masters and Maeve Bradbury for their involvement in the Remembrance Day commemorations.

## **P&C Trivia Night**

It is not too late to attend the P&C Trivia Night! This exciting school event will be held tonight in the school Hall and the list of prizes on offer is amazing! There is more information later in this newsletter, or visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WollongongPublicSchoolPAndC/>

It promises to be a very enjoyable night out, so please come along and join us for lots of laughter and show off your trivia knowledge!

### **FFL Robotics Competition**

Nine students represented our school in the Lego Robotics competition on Saturday. I am very pleased to announce that the student's robot achieved a personal best (coded by them) on the day. Please refer to Ms Stephenson's full report in this newsletter.

### **Smith Hill High school visit**

This week we saw some excited Year 6 students who will be attending Smiths Hill next year visit the high school. During the visit the students were able to meet and have discussions with some of the teachers in preparation for their transition to high school next year.

### **Debating UOW**

Today our stage 3 debating teams are competing at The University of Wollongong in the SWORDS School Competition for debating. They will be participating in three debates throughout the day with only 45 minutes preparation time allocated for each debate. There will be a grand final at the end of the day. We wish Ava, Maeve, Oscar, Clara, Catherine, Alex and Emma all the best in their competition. We know that they will represent Wollongong Public School proudly.

### **Staff PBL reload training**

The staff at WPS are continually updating their skills in many areas and engaging in professional learning opportunities. This week a team of staff members engaged in the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Re-load training. The PBL Universal Prevention Re-load course is a foundational professional learning and planning activity for schools that have already commenced the implementation of PBL. This course enabled team members to continue the implementation of school-wide student wellbeing initiative through team based training.

### **Kindergarten enrolments for 2019**

There are currently still some vacancies available for our Kindergarten intake for 2019. If you have not already enrolled your child I would encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Please drop in to our school office to pick up your enrolment forms and also make contact with the school if you need support with the enrolment process.

### **Classes for 2019**

Planning has begun for 2019 classes and there are guidelines for class numbers that must be followed. It is imperative that any families who may be leaving us notify the office as soon as possible. It would also be beneficial to inform the school of any new families who may be moving to the area. Your support in this process will make forming classes consistent for the beginning of the 2019 school year. I would also like to communicate the process for you to express any concerns you may have for your child's class next year. The best method is to speak with the current teacher about any concerns you may have for 2019 classes. The teacher will be instrumental in organising classes for 2019, so this is the first point of contact regarding: social, emotional and academic concerns.

### **Building update**

The fit-out of the existing toilet block continues to take place this week and with all progress going well we hope to have that part of the building process complete by the end of the month. Once this block is complete we will see the demolition of the existing COLA toilets.

### Clarification from last newsletter

I would like to clarify that Melinda Bridger our 5OC teacher has started her maternity leave. We apologise if there was any confusion over the name error from last week's newsletter.

Mr Cosier will continue his leave next week and Mr Matt Richards will be relieving as Principal in his absence. I wish you all an enjoyable and safe weekend.

Mrs Neaves

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

## CALENDAR – TERM 4

MONTH		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 2018	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 Gala Day
Dec 2018	8	3	4	5	6	7 K-4 Pantomime at the IPAC
	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

# FIRST™ Lego™ League Robotics Competition

## 3, 2, 1, LEGO!

On Saturday 10th of November, nine students attended a robotics competition (FLL, First Lego League). The theme was “Into Orbit” (space) and our team name is “System Roverload”. We collaborated on our logo and team T-shirt design and then Bhargav compiled our ideas.



*Team members: Holly Phang, Bhargav Jagarlamudi, Liam Perry, Jasper Williams, Alex Murphy, Adam Elgandy, Teerth Khanna, Jayden Tamer and Lawrence Tsui*

There are four different parts of the competition: the Robot Game (building and coding using Lego), robot design, a research project and Core Values (teamwork). The four parts contribute to your total score and the top six teams move forward to the next stage - the state competition.



*Teerth explaining the robot code to the judge*



*Our robot in action on the competition table*

Several problems were encountered but were swiftly solved and overcome. Our robot achieved a P.B. (Personal Best) on the day - 74 points, which we were very excited about. We came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 31 teams in the robot game and had lots of fun!



*Jayden and Lawrence running the table*

Dances, sweets and badges kept our spirits up and the experience was awesome!



*Dancing with Chief Judge, Jack*



*These are the Gong Invaders.*

We collaborated with two other teams: Project Bucephalus and the Gong Invaders - both teams are progressing to the state competition. We were particularly proud when we heard that the Gong Invaders came 1<sup>st</sup> place *for the second year in a row* and made it through to state with flying colours. Four out of five of the Gong Invaders were students at WPS in 2016, before leaving to go to High School. **Congratulations Gong Invaders!**

Written by Jayden Tamer and Lawrence Tsui, 5/6S



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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

# 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 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**



Community members, school groups, families and friends are encouraged to attend a commemorative ceremony and parade as members of the 4<sup>th</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion exercise their Freedom of Entry to the City on Saturday 17 November.

The event will start in MacCabe Park at 1pm where the 4<sup>th</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion will lay wreaths at the Cenotaph.

NSW Governor General David Hurley AC DSC [Ret'd] will attend the ceremony with Wollongong City Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM prior to the march from the Cenotaph in MacCabe Park. The march will proceed into the City Centre, via Globe Lane and finish at the eastern end of the Mall at Kembla Street.

The ceremony commemorates the centenary of the end of World War I in November 1918.

The City welcomes the Battalion exercising their right to Freedom of Entry. The Battalion was granted Freedom of Entry in March 2004. The ceremony and parade on 17 November will recognise the vital role the 4<sup>th</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion has played in the Australian defence forces.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and pay tribute to our local Battalion which has provided assistance to our defence forces for many years.

It is a good opportunity for all community members to see a traditional military parade through the heart of Wollongong where Battalion members will have their bayonets fixed, colours flying and music playing.

The 'Freedom of Entry to the City' is an honour that dates back to medieval times and was granted to military units that earned a city's trust. Citizens of these cities had the power to refuse entry to armed groups unless the citizens were confident of their own safety.

For more information you can contact Council's Customer Service on [02] 4227 7111 or visit our website at [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au)