



# WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 6



Dear Parents, Carers, students and community,

## **Impact of effective Feedback**

Our school prides itself on celebrating students learning and success. Each day teacher's provide feedback to children as part of their learning and this helps to encourage and support their development. Feedback enables students to recognise their strengths as well as areas for development, and to identify and plan with their teacher the next steps in their learning. Students are provided with opportunities to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills through feedback that:

- is timely, specific and related to the learning and assessment intention;
- is constructive and provides meaningful information to students about their learning in a variety of forms;
- focuses on the activity and corrects misunderstandings;
- identifies and reinforces students' strengths;
- provides information about how they can improve;
- facilitates the development of and provides opportunities for self-assessment and reflection during the learning process; and
- informs future teaching and learning opportunities.

I encourage you to discuss the feedback your child receives about their learning as effective feedback is such an important aspect of everyday.

## **OC Orientation**

On Thursday this week, I had the privileged position to welcome the 2019 Year 5 Opportunity Class students and their families to our school. Following an introduction, overview and tour of our school, parents departed and children were involved in activities to help them prepare for life at Wollongong PS. I'd like to acknowledge and thank all the work that Ms Stephenson and her team did in preparation for this day. Although the students started a little anxious, I know they left feeling comfortable and excited about joining us next year.

### **Stage 3 Interrelate Program**

This week was the last week of the Interrelate growth and development sessions for Year 5 and 6 students. It was really pleasing to see the high level involvement of students over the past 6 weeks. This program is something we consider invaluable and the learning that takes place is an integral part of the curriculum at this stage of their lives.

### **Kindergarten enrolments for 2019 (repeat item)**

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 (repeat item)**

Planning has begun for 2019 classes and there are strict 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 also. 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: 1. 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 access to the southern side of the hall has been restricted until possible Wednesday next week. The builders are pouring a concrete slab in front of the toilet block and have needed to move their fence out to enable them to do this. The concrete pouring should take place on Monday morning and then they will restore access as normal.

### **Line marking**

This week we had an opportunity to repaint our handball courts and create a new lining up area for children by the gate. Handball games may now increase in popularity as these courts were well overdue for repainting. The lining up area was part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) targets to help make collecting your children a more efficient process.

### **Trivia Night**

Last week's trivia night was a huge success and lots of fun was had by everyone in attendance. We must thank all the P&C volunteers who contributed to the organisation of this event particularly as \$4500 was raised! These funds will be spent updating reading resources throughout the school to help improve access to quality literature for our children. Also worth mentioning is the fact that the winning table from the trivia night very generously donated the winning prize of \$400 cash directly back to the P&C. If you feel you missed the opportunity to support this cause or would like to contribute even though you were unable to attend, please donate to the P&C via the following bank details: Account name: Wollongong Public School P&C, BSB: 032695 Account: 358717. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in this event and we look forward to purchasing the new reading resources!

### **Important Dates**

As we are heading towards the end of Term 4 I would like to take the opportunity to remind all families to be checking calendar dates for upcoming school events. Information regarding our school events can be accessed through school notes that may be sent home, the SkoolBag app, our weekly newsletter and our school website. Have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Matt Richards

**Relieving Principal**

# CALENDAR – TERM 4

MONTH		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Last day to do Bookclub orders online
Dec 2018	8	3	4	5	6 Peacekeepers Fundraiser	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 – Jambaroo Excursion	19 Last day for students	20 Staff Development Day	21 Staff Development Day

## PAYMENT REMINDERS

Year 6 Farewell	\$20.00
Alice in Wonderland K - 4	\$10.00 ( <i>Last day for payment 30 November at 9.30am, NO late payments will be accepted as numbers need to go to IPAC</i> )
Ice-Cream Spiders	\$2.50 <b>Money due 30 November</b>
Surf Education Yr 5 & 6	\$25.00

*Please make sure a signed permission note is returned to the school office when making ALL payments (cash, cheque and on-line). It stops a lot of stress and confusion in the office and for your child.*

## WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2019??

[Please complete and return to the school office]

If you expect your child will not be attending our school in 2019 please complete the form below and return as soon as possible.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON: \_\_\_\_\_



# Debating News



Our debating teams have attended their last day of competition as representatives of Wollongong Public School. They competed in three debates against local schools last Friday at the University of Wollongong. Teams were afforded the opportunity to prepare for each debate with the guidance of an adjudicator which had an overwhelming impact on the standard of argument presented by all teams. Oscar, Maeve, Ava and Clara managed to win more points than any other team on the day whilst Catherine, Alex and Emma had their fair share of wins. Unfortunately, Teerth was unable to join his team due to other commitments. I congratulate all of these students and their parents on their dedication and commitment to debating in 2018. They have been an absolute pleasure to work with and I wish them all the best as they move into secondary schooling.





# Wollongong Public School

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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/](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



**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	05/02/2019-- 09/04/2019	3	23/07/2019-- 24/09/2019
2	30/04/2019 -- 02/07/2019	4	15/10/2019-- 10/12/2019

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

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.