



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 8



Dear Parents,

We are rapidly approaching the end of term and indeed the year, and I am busy reading Student Reports before they are distributed to parents and carers. Students have been participating in many end of year activities and are looking forward to more in the coming week. These include:

Surf Education - attached

Chess

As we reported last week, our chess team were Runners-up in the State Championships, and earlier this week appeared in both the print and television media. Yesterday, ABC Radio 97.3 interviewed our No1. Player, Han and I understand that ABC presenter, Nick Rheinberger challenged Han to a game. Unfortunately I had a prior commitment and was away from the school and missed the encounter but I am proud to report that Han won! The interview was aired today on ABC radio.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Also yesterday, teaching staff held a Volunteers Morning Tea to thank the many people from our community who help in our school on many occasions throughout the year. Their support has a significant impact on the operation of our school, whether it be through assisting with reading, helping at working bees, fundraising with the P&C or any of the other little jobs that our parents and carers do for us, and we honour and thank you all for your contribution.

Combined Scripture Assembly

Yesterday was certainly a busy day, as we also had our annual Combined Scripture Assembly in the hall which was attended by students from all faiths. Next week will see the Combined Christian Assemble on Thursday morning;

Spider Fundraiser

Still on yesterday, our Peacekeepers held a fundraiser selling Spiders – not the arachnids but those yummy concoctions made from fizzy drink and ice-cream! It was a great success and funds raised will go to the Peacekeepers excursion to Jamberoo next week.

P&C Christmas Raffle

Tickets are still available for the Christmas Raffle with some huge prizes – further details appear later in this newsletter.

Stage 1 Public Speaking Presentation

I felt very privileged to attend the Stage 1 Public Speaking in the hall on Wednesday. The top speakers from each of the classes gave their speech about Homework should be Compulsory Every Day, speaking either For or Against. All of the speakers were magnificent with some very compelling arguments either way! I would like to congratulate all the speakers, and also thank their teachers for organising such an outstanding event.

Building Program

We held our weekly progress meeting with the builders on Wednesday, and work is almost complete on the Bottom Grass toilet block, with the final inspection scheduled for next Wednesday. Once the facility is handed over, our existing toilet block and the large COLA will be fenced off and demolition work will commence.

PBL Mascot competition

Don't forget to remind your child to submit an entry in our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Mascot Competition. We need an appropriate mascot whose image will be used in conjunction with all our PBL focus areas around Safety, Respect and Responsibility. Please encourage your child to use their imagination in designing an appropriate character.

Alice in Wonderland

Today many students from K-4 are attending the Joanne Grace School of Dance's performance of Alice in Wonderland at the IPAC Theatre. This has become somewhat of a tradition at our school, and always features performances by students from the school. I am expecting to hear from students and staff alike about how they enjoyed the show.

Coming Up

Next week is extraordinarily busy with:

Monday: 6OC's performances of "For the World" – a play written and performed by the class (11.30am & 6.30pm);

Tuesday: School Choir performing in the Mall ((approx12.45); 6OC performing at Smiths Hill HS

Wednesday: Stage 3 Poetry Slam; Stage 2 Stuart Park Excursion

Thursday: Christian Scripture Assembly, Early Stage 1 Excursion; Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday: Excellence Assembly (10.30)

Have a safe and happy weekend

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

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PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR – TERM 4

MONTH		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 2018	3		4	5	6	7
	8		Stage 3 Surf Awareness Beach Day Year 5	Stage 3 Awareness Beach Day Year 6	Peacekeepers Fundraiser Whole School combined scripture	K-4 Pantomime at the IPAC
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10	17	18	19	20	21
	10	Extra Curricular & Sports Assembly 11.30 am – 1.10 pm	Peacekeepers – Jamberoo Excursion	Last day for students	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day

STAGE 3 SURF EDUCATION

On Tuesday and Wednesday Stage 3 students were given the opportunity to attend a surf education session with qualified instructors at North Wollongong beach. Student ability and confidence ranged from seasoned veterans to first time beach goers and despite the unfavourable weather conditions on Tuesday, over 140 students willingly and enthusiastically engaged in a variety of surf activities across the 2 days.



The Surf Education Australia instructors had students involved in body surfing and bodyboarding. Students were also shown how to remain safe and calm in a rip current under the watchful eyes of their instructors. In addition, students were given a presentation on surf safety which informed them of the way waves are formed and how to recognise and handle dangerous surf conditions.

“I enjoyed the activities in the water because it helped boost my confidence in the ocean. When the surf instructors said that we were going to be in a rip, many people were starting to get second thoughts but they passed it quickly enough. Overall, the day was a great experience for us all” - Nina Zhang, 5 OC

At the day’s conclusion, the students had evidently gained an extraordinary amount of knowledge and confidence thanks to the amazing work of the staff at Surf Education Australia. The amount of respect and responsibility demonstrated by all WPS students resulted in the event running smoothly and contributed to the day’s overall success.

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: _____



On Monday the EALD teachers and our new EALD students visited the council chambers. We met the Lord Mayor and had an amazing view of the city of Wollongong. We then visited the library for story time and MS Yacoub read us a story in Arabic.

We then had a picnic lunch at McCabe Park followed by a play on the equipment. It was a great day!!





A case of whooping cough has been confirmed in a child from Wollongong Public School

- Whooping cough can be a very serious illness for babies**
- You can still get whooping cough even if you are vaccinated**
- Please take this letter to your doctor if you or your child are coughing**

Dear Parent or Guardian

6/12/2018

It is important to look out for these symptoms in you and your child over the next 3 weeks:

- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Cough often worse at night and comes in bouts
- Runny nose

Note: the "whoop" sound is often not heard in older children and adults

What should I do if my child is coughing?

If you or your child starts coughing please go to your doctor to be tested for whooping cough. **This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 6 months of age living in your household.** Anyone who is being tested for whooping cough should remain at home until the results are available.

Whooping cough can be a very serious illness for small children, especially babies under twelve months old.

How is it tested?

Whooping cough is tested by a throat or nose swab.

How is it treated?

Whooping cough is a respiratory illness which is treated with a course of antibiotics. To prevent the spread to others, anyone with whooping cough should remain at home until they have had the first five days of antibiotics.

How is it prevented?

Vaccination is the best prevention for whooping cough. However, the **vaccination for whooping cough is not 100% effective and you can still get whooping cough even if you are vaccinated.** NSW Health recommends an adult booster vaccine every 10 years to protect from Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Pertussis).

Need more information?

For more information, please see the Whooping Cough Factsheet, visit the NSW Health Website www.health.nsw.gov.au or call the Public Health Unit on 02 4221 6700.

Yours sincerely

Curtis Gregory

Director

Wollongong PHU, Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

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~ FREE EVENT FREE EVENT FREE EVENT FREE EVENT ~

What do you get when you put thirty passionate, intelligent and creative year six students with an actor and writer just crazy enough to think they can all create a play together?

Well, what we got is...
"FOR THE WORLD!"

A full-length play about a bunch of kids determined to save the planet - written, directed and performed by these thirty wonderful young people.

*Come and join 60C as they take you on a journey,
inviting you to stand up for the world and make a difference.*

Monday 10th December 2018

Wollongong Public School Hall

Matinee 11:30am - 1:15pm

Evening Performance 6:30pm - 8:15pm

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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



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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



CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM A STEP CLOSER

Families across NSW will soon be able to access the new **\$100 Creative Kids voucher** unlocking the creative abilities of a new generation across the State **from 1 January 2019** when the program takes effect.

All relevant providers have been asked to register with Service NSW so they can participate in the program.

Parents will be able to use **one voucher for every school-age child per year** to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as **music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design.**

So far more than \$200 million has been returned to households this calendar year through various cost of living incentives. Creative Kids will provide parents with even more hip pocket relief.

There are thousands of organisations out there who could be eligible for the program. I am calling on them to register with Service NSW so that parents can claim their \$100 vouchers with them in the New Year.

This is a fantastic initiative that is only made possible because of the strong economic position of the NSW Government.

We can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

This program compliments the hugely popular Active Kids voucher and for a family with two children, Creative and Active Kids combined will save them \$400 a year.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app.

Further information including guidelines for providers is available at www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids. I encourage parents to speak to the providers of their children's creative activities and ensure that they register.

GARETH WARD MP
Member for Kiama
Parliamentary Secretary for Education

NEW POOL INFLATABLE

Berkeley

Swimming Pool
Free Entry

Tuesday
8 January
9 - 11am

Tuesday
22 January
9 - 11am

Corrimal

Heated
Swimming Pool
\$4.90 per child

Thursday
3 January
10am - 12 noon

Thursday
17 January
10am - 12 noon

Western Suburbs

Swimming Pool
Free Entry

Tuesday
15 January
9 - 11am

Friday
25 January
9 - 11am

Dapto

Heated
Swimming Pool
\$4.90 per child

Thursday
10 January
10am - 12 noon

Thursday
24 January
10am - 12 noon

Beaton Park

Heated
Swimming Pool
\$6.60 per child

Wednesday
16 January
2 - 4pm

Wednesday
23 January
2 - 4pm

Conditions apply: Participants must be under 90kgs, no taller than 170cm.

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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

Tel: 02-9211 1803 Fax: 02-9211 9179

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.

Wollongong City Council's Lifeguard Service



NO FLAGS

NO SWIM

stay safe this summer
wollongong.nsw.gov.au/beachsafety

 City of Wollongong

 @Wollongong_City

Support your school!

By purchasing a raffle ticket in the P&C Christmas Raffle you are donating money that will go directly towards purchasing new home readers for the school. So, you are helping the school **and** you also have a chance to win a prize from over \$800 worth of vouchers and prizes that have been generously donated to our school. Please show your support by purchasing a ticket today!!! Tickets will be available from the school office or from the P&C representatives at assembly (today and next week Friday).



Christmas Raffle
Tickets \$5 each
10+ prizes to be won

Beaton Park - 6 week Gym Membership valued at \$99
Taronga Zoo - 2 x Adult Pass valued at \$94
Alexander Michaels - Gift Voucher \$100
Sydney Living Museum - Family Pass valued at \$40
Australian National Maritime Museum - Family Pass valued at \$79
Fourth Wave Wines - Woods Crampton Shiraz Magnum valued at \$40
Inflatable World - 2 x Double Passes valued at \$32 each
Cockington Green - Family Pass valued at \$56
Blu Orange Cafe - voucher \$25
Kurtosh - voucher \$15
Entertainment Book - valued at \$60

Raffle to be drawn
Friday 14th December 2018
at the Excellence Assembly

FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST

HOLIDAY CLINIC

21 - 24 JANUARY
9.00AM - 12.00PM

For kids aged 5-12 years
Albion Park / Balgownie / Thirroul

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