



The Wollondilly Wag

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Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 30 October 2013

Bushfire Safety

Everyone is obviously very aware of the bushfires in various areas of NSW recently. We hope all our families, especially those living on properties, are ready to deal with any emergency situation, if the need arises, in the coming months.

Last week Mr Crossley responded to a call for St. John's officers to help in the Blue Mountains and he spent 2 days helping to evacuate and transport senior citizens from a nursing home, to various locations. We commend his community spirit and our thoughts are with the affected families, schools and townships.

Camps

Mr Armstrong reports that Year 6 students are having a wonderful time at Berry Sport & Recreation Camp. They are enjoying activities like rock climbing, canoeing, archery, high ropes adventure course, raft building, dancing and orienteering. Mr Armstrong sounded exhausted on the phone!!

I am visiting today and tomorrow just to make sure everyone is going to bed early!

The centre in Katoomba, where year 5 students will stay for their camp, is currently being used as a base for fire crews from interstate. The camp had to be postponed due to the bushfires and has been rescheduled for 12 – 15 November.



Playground Upgrades

There is lots of work happening in our school environment at the moment. The junior playground was becoming dangerous with uneven ground, large dirt patches with rocks and old cement footings poking through and holes. We are having the rocks and cement removed and the whole area resurfaced with top soil. All students Kinder – year 2 are playing down in the large playground, all together, until next year. Hopefully we can get some grass growing in the bottom area over the coming months. This project has been made possible with a grant we received and the sale of our old mower.

Mr Armstrong and Mr Gray are spending weekends, completing the terraced garden area in the back playground. Soil is currently being put into the gardens ready for planting out. The area around the path and the steps leading down to the playground, are now much safer and look great. This project has been made possible with a \$2500 grant from the Environmental Heritage Trust and donations from the P & C, parents and community members.



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Interrelate Program

Interrelate School Services is coming to Wollondilly P.S. again soon **Wednesday 27 November!** The high quality sexuality and relationship education program has a fabulous reputation. The programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1 "Where did I come from?" will be 6 – 7pm – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Session 2 "Preparing for puberty" will be 7.15 – 8pm – Years 5 & 6.

Students in Years 3 & 6 will receive more information in the coming weeks. Please mark the date on your calendar

Dental Assessments

Dental assessments will take place on Monday 11 & Wednesday 13 November, for all students.

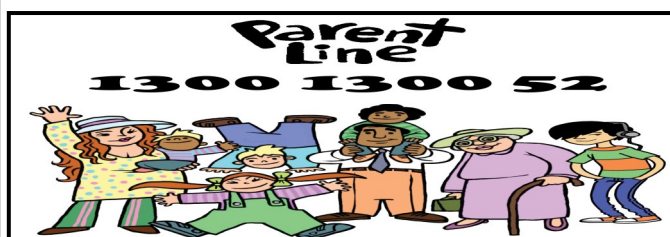
Fundraising for Canteen

The SRC raised over \$1000 for CANTEEN by selling bandannas!! What a fantastic effort W.P.S. Thank you everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Kinder Orientation

Our new Kinders for 2014, and their parents, loved their first taste of 'big school' when they recently visited. They will return again next Tuesday 5 November, to meet their new friends and learn more about their school.

The Kinder Orientation next Tuesday 5 is from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Students attend class on their own. Please ring the school office if you require any further information regarding the sessions. For any families who have not had a Kindergarten interview, please let the office staff know and a time and date can be arranged for you.



DREAM CRICKET

On Friday 25 October, 3-6S attended Dream Cricket in Bowral with Mrs Cooper, Mrs Medway and Mrs Wong. Dream Cricket is a sports day for students with special needs, run by the Bradman Foundation and funded by Rotary and Milo.

The students had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of cricket activities including using some great cricket gear such as sticky wickets and backboards developed by Sticky Wicky.

They were also fortunate to have a photo taken with our Mayor, Mr Kettle and with a former Prime Minister, Mr Howard, who is the Dream Cricket patron. At the end of the day each student was presented with a cricket bag, filled with cricket goodies. It was a great day and our students participated enthusiastically.



Student Absences

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within **seven days**:

1. It must include your child's full name and class
2. It must explain why your child missed school
3. Include how many days your child was away
4. Remember to include the date and dates
5. Place this in your child's school bag
6. Remind your child to give the note to the teacher
7. If your child is going to be away for more than three days please call the school to let the teacher know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns to school.

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Book fair is coming!

**Dates: Mon 4th - Thurs 7
November**

9am, 1st lunch, 3.25 – 4pm.

**Free lucky door prize entry
for every shopper.**

**Do your Christmas
shopping, early!**

**A great chance to promote
reading at home and to
support your school library!**



Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

Wollondilly Public School is now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2014. If you have a child who is turning 5 by 31 July 2014, please collect an enrolment form from the School Office. When you come to school to enrol your child please bring the following documents with you:

- * Proof of student's residential address (e.g. original copies of council rates notice, residential lease, electricity accounts, statutory declaration etc).
- * Birth Certificate or identity documents
- * Immunisation history statement
- * Copies of any family law or other relevant court orders. (if applicable)

Please return any completed enrolment forms together with supporting documentation for processing to the School Office.

Thank you

School Dental Assessment Program

The Greater Southern Area Health Service has advised the school, that the yearly School Dental Assessment Program will be conducted on **Monday 11 November and Wednesday 20 November**, at the school.

School Assessment Dental Program consent forms will be sent home today with the newsletter.

The consent forms need to be returned prior to the assessment date, to your child's classroom teacher. Please ensure that the forms are correctly completed and signed.

Dental Assessments are free and do not involve any treatment. All children who are assessed will receive a note to take home.

If you require any further information on the School Dental Assessment Program, please call the Greater Southern Area Health Service on **4827 3909**.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013

Dates for your Diary

	TERM 4
Week 4	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November Year 6 Camp
Week 5	Monday 4 November to Thursday 7 November BOOK FAIR Tuesday 5 November- Kinder 2014 Orientation 12:30 to 1:30pm.
Week 6	Monday 11 November -School Dental Assessment Program
Week 6	Wednesday 13 November- School Dental Assessment Program
Week 7	Wednesday 20 November - Kinder 2014 Orientation 9:45am to 11:15am.
Week 8	Interrelate Program - see page 2 for times.
Week 8	Friday 29 November Kinder Zoo Excursion
Week 9	Monday 2 December - Sports Presentation Assembly at 2pm
Week 10	Monday 9 December - Presentation Assembly for K-2, time to be advised.
Week 10	Wednesday 11 December - Presentation Assembly for 3-6 commences at 7pm in the school hall.
Week 11	Monday 16 December - Year 6 Farewell Dinner at Soldiers Club.
Week 11	Tuesday 17 December - Christmas Carols
Week 11	Wednesday 18 December - Students last day of school for 2014.



P B PARADE

Positive Behaviour in the Classroom



3 PB Cards

Carmen Langlands 2W

6 PB Cards

Caylee Williams 2W

Chloe Maudsley-Vinton 2W

Josh Carter 4C

Georgia Staines 4C

Ewan McVicar 4C

Lockie Brouff 4C

Nicholas Frey 2W

Brooke Loader 5-6F

Jenna Burgess 5-6F

Holly Flanagan 5-6F

Ryan Wake 5-6F

12 PB Cards

Livinia Bennett K1-AB

Zach Brooker K1-AB

Lil Hazelton K1-AB

Huntah Hedges K1-AB

Darcy Hockey K1-AB

Haleigh John K1-AB

Natahlia Smith-Nye K1-AB

Zac Vaughan K1-AB

Kenny Woods K1-AB

Elliott Thornthwaite K1-AB

Sebastian Gerstner K1-AB

Nicholas Yeadon 4C

Jessmyn Ha 3S

Matthew Dunn 3S

Maddison Hoffmann 5-6F

Wade McCall 5-6F

Jack Smereczanski 5-6F

18 PB Cards

Ericson Ha 4C



Purple STARRS Cards Positive Behaviour in the Playground



Congratulations to the following classes who have achieved their STARR CARD TARGET:

KH, 1ND,3S, 5-6F & 5-6T

We have reached our whole school reward.

Early Arrivals at School

Students who travel by bus are the only students who should arrive at school before 8.55am.

There is no supervision for any other students before 8.55am. Do not drop off or send your children before 8.55am.



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