



# The Wollondilly Wag

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Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 13 November 2013

Early Tuesday morning our Year 5 arrived at school eager and ready for their camp experience. The camp was originally booked for 3 days at The Blue Mountains camp at Katoomba in Week 3 however with the bush fires in the Blue Mountains the camp was rescheduled for this week and we were able to pick up an extra day to trial some new programs.

I spoke to Mrs Bradley last night and she tells me that the children are having a great time. So far they have been on the steepest railway in the world just under "The Three Sisters" and walked along a lovely boardwalk amongst a rainforest. Last night they were involved in some drama activities that were very popular with our Year 6 group last year. Later this week they will have some abseiling; orienteering and will travel to Bathurst to experience life on the goldfields. Wollondilly was offered an extra day this year free of charge so that some new programs could be trialled and they will be experienced later in the week.

Following up from the Year 6 camp in Week 4 at Berry Sport and Recreation camp, Miss Tilley and I can report that our Wollondilly students had a wonderful experience. It was great to see children meet their personal challenges and to watch their growth in confidence in such a short time. Even Miss Tilley was able to master the kayak (first time experience) and no it was not quite true that Mrs Bradley beat me up to the top of the rock wall. The score remained 1 all. You can certainly see the value of children attending such an experience. Meeting children in other schools and how quickly they connected was an added extra that will hold them in good stead when they go to high school next year.

### Transition to High School

Today we had 15 Wollondilly students travel to Goulburn High School to attend their orientation Day. More information on this experience will be in the next newsletter. I've added some information for parents of children who will attend high school in 2014. See Page 3.

**Mr Armstrong (filling in for Mrs Bradley)**



Year 6 Camp

Miss Tilley meeting challenges of her own.



Team "Boys—The Pirates"



Friends forever



The whole crew



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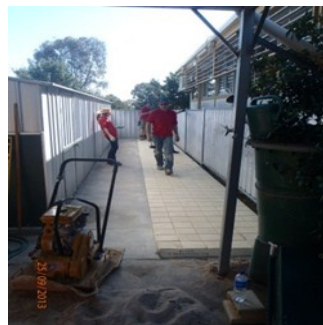
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**News from the Early Intervention Support Class.**

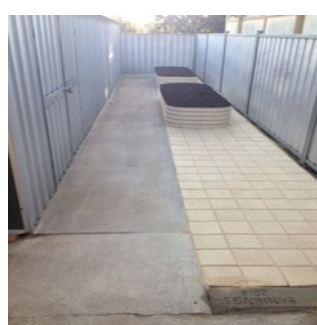
Earlier this year I was approached by a couple of ladies from The Teapot Club. This is a group of ladies who fundraise and support children and families with autism. They offered their support for the class in some way. As the playground was looking a bit worst for wear, I suggested the playground as the main idea for funds support. They immediately went into action. From that initial meeting a number of things have taken place. The Teapot ladies approached Bunnings, they were happy to be a major sponsor through their community grants projects. A staff of 5 worked for an entire day in the holidays to remove old pavers and replace a large section with new ones. They brought in 2 large vegetable gardens and built those, and cemented everything in place for the safety of the children. The sand and soil was kindly donated by Craig's Auto Repairs and Karen from Bunnings returned last Wednesday with a large tray of vegetables to plant with the children. Everything has been kindly donated without a question. A huge thank you goes to Karen who spent many hours organising everything to get the job done.



Before



The rebuild



Our new vegetables.

Once that corner was completed and looking amazing our next task was a very overdue working bee over the weekend. We replaced our very old sandpit with a beautiful natural stone sandpit. We were able access the stones for free and Divalls (Goulburn Sand and Soil) provided the sand for free. Plants and slide were provided by the Tea Pot Ladies. Thank you very much.



We were very lucky to have access to a Kanga loader on Saturday which saved many hours of manual labour. A big thank you to Peter Reardon for working all day on the loader. We were also able to build a new digging pit with timber stepping stones, a built in slippery dip created by many masterminds to get it just right, a banksia rose teepee for the children to take a quiet moment when needed as well as the removal of old tree stumps ready for the next project. We had some wonderful help over a long 2 days. I would like to thank Sue, Andrew & Carson Woolner, Neil and Kerry Fletcher (grandparents), Ben and Megan Rice, Peter and Erin Reardon, Craig and Tyler Young, Tiny and Crowey for their tree lopping skills. Everyone put in an amazing effort where they could. Amazingly we co-ordinated the work the same weekend of the school playground so were lucky enough to borrow machinery from Taralga Earth Trembler and soil which was fantastic. Many plans and ideas came together on the day and the children are now enjoying the efforts. Thank you to everyone involved.



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**Mrs Lieschke's Library News**

During the November book fair the team sold **\$5046** worth of books to our school community which is a fantastic effort. This is our best result since moving into the new school library. Our school library collection will be boosted with new books as a result of the fair sales. Thank you to all the parents and staff who support our fairs with their purchases.

Thank you also to our great team of book fair helpers who make these wonderful events possible: Mrs Smereczanski, Mrs Begg, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Wong, Mrs Field, Mrs Davy, Mrs Aveyard, Mrs Walsh, Melissa, Mrs Hockey and Jacqui Lieschke. What a cheerful and hardworking team – we appreciate you giving up your time to help our school.

**This is the last book fair for 3 of our longstanding helpers and we thank them for 9 years of book fair help – take a bow Mrs Smereczanski, Mrs Begg and Mrs McDonald. We will miss you at future book fairs!**

**Book fair lucky door prize winners for November 2013:**

<b>K-2 Winners</b>	<b>3-6 Winners</b>
Mrs Honeyman KH	Tayla Dalton 5-6F
Corey Smith K-1AB	Alex Tomlinson 3S
Brodi Reynolds 1V	Bryn Wood 4C
Nichala Chandler 2W	Josh Carter 4C
Rachel Baird 1CR	Abbey Loader 2-3D
Alex Fuller 1CR	Jayden Dingle 5-6T
Brayden Hedges KH	Allee Paul 3-4S
Ty Hansen 2W	Freya Neilsen 2-3D
Kate Walsh KDE	Jayden Neale 5-6T
Cameron Jerrett 2-3D	Sarah Seaman 3-4S

**Perpetual Trophies**

**All sporting and other trophies are to be returned as soon as possible, to the school front office. This will allow time to have this year's winners names engraved on the trophies.**

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language: [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start\\_ss/rfhsc.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php)

Some added extras

Reading challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download.

To download the app: <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more: <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014.

Enter the competition: [www.aussievault.com.au](http://www.aussievault.com.au)

**Molly Post and Isabella Burton, at Year 6 Camp.**

The giant swing was a huge challenge for some.



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**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013**  
**Dates for your Diary**

TERM 4	
Week 7	Wednesday 20 November - Kinder 2014 Orientation 9:45am to 11:15am.
Week 8	Wednesday 27 November Interrelate Program
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.  Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Movies Party Day
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.
Term 1 2014	
Week 1	Wednesday 29 January - Students from Years 1 to 6 commence school for 2014. Kindergarten students for 2014 will be advised by mail of start time and dates.
Week 10	Monday 31 March - School Photo Day - students are required to wear full summer uniform. Full details and order forms will be sent home earlier in Term 1.

**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.



**P B PARADE**

Positive Behaviour in the Classroom



**6 PB Cards**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Claire Jiang 3-4S          | Sophie Bollen Green 1ND |
| Mikayla Brennan Walshe 1ND | Flynn Beckman 1ND       |
| Elliott Frazer 1ND         | Daniel Bush 1ND         |
| Jae Lockman 1ND            | Jack Yeadon 1ND         |
| Jared Murphy 4C            | Taylor Cooper 4C        |
| Tiana Wills 4C             |                         |

**12 PB Cards**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bryn Wood 4C               | Josh Latham 4C        |
| Kirbie Hoffmann 4C         | Damien Gospel K-1AB   |
| Corey Smith K-1AB          | Brock Cooper KH       |
| Connor Wilding Skelly 3-4S | Charlie McCall 3-4S   |
| Mitch Latham 3-4S          | Drew Thompson 3-4S    |
| Jordan Flood 3-4S          | Ella Kay 3-4S         |
| Samuel Dunn 3-4S           | Lara Karjalainen 3-4S |
| Cody Menzies 3-4S          | Patrick Divall 3-4S   |
| Makayla Jones 3-4S         | Nikea Casey Swan 3-4S |
| Henry Leah KDE             | Talia Hayes KDE       |
| Hannah Blay KDE            | Hamish Berrisford KDE |
| Tristan Bird KDE           | Tayah Thomas KDE      |
| Jake Radmilovich KDE       | Clare Hellessey K-1AB |
| Shannon Pethers K-1AB      | Bradley Winters K-1AB |
| Savannah Powell K-1AB      | Lucy Bell 1ND         |
| Sara Jeffrey 1ND           | Amelia Waters 1ND     |
| Clinton Latham 1ND         | Hugh McCall 1ND       |
| Noah Smith 1ND             | Jack Newing KH        |
| Hannah Sturgiss KH         | Thomas Seaman KH      |
| Kayd Kingsford KH          | Bella Morris KH       |



Purple STARRS Cards Positive Behaviour in the Playground



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

**1ND, 1V, 2W, 2-3D, & 3-4S**



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